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Getting A Dollar Out of 15 Cents

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

The Truth Contributor

Having been given, I must give.

— Paul Robeson



An avalanche of levy requests on the November 8 ballot is hitting Lucas County voters hard. The dilemma, for most residents (who, like me, do not have unlimited personal resources), lies in deciding which of several competing worthwhile causes to support.

If we are to get the maximum benefit from our precious, but finite resources, then without a doubt, the Lucas County Children's Services Board's Issue 20 and the city of Toledo's request to renew its 0.75 percent temporary income tax should be at the top of our list.

As I noted last week in *We Cannot Desert the Deserted*, Issue 20 is the most impactful levy on the ballot and carries with it enormous moral significance. We must protect the thousands of local children who have been abused, neglected or traumatized primarily as a result of heroin/opiate, crack cocaine or alcohol addictions.

Equally impactful is the city of Toledo's 0.75 percent temporary income tax as it directly affects our police and fire forces, those working on the front lines of safety in the community. A defeat of the levy would likely halt the momentum of downtown and neighborhood development and trigger extreme fiscal distress for the city. The depth of the resulting financial downward spiral would, in turn, open the door for out of town bureaucratic control of Toledo, a fate we can avoid by a positive vote.

Which of the other levies should we support?

While our top two priorities include preserving a city of Toledo that is not controlled by Columbus-based bureaucratic interests and a Toledo that takes care of the children abandoned by abuse and trauma, additional levies carry less impact but certainly provide help for essential parts of Toledo's quality of life.

The following represents my recommended actions for the next tier of levies:

1. Toledo Zoo, Issue 23. Vote YES.

The Toledo Zoo's Teen Program is one of the most highly regarded youth programs in the country. It is a career development program that begins at age 13 and goes into high school and where college students can become mentors. The zoo also brings in approximately 400 diverse youth each summer for employment. Many continue to also work there during the school year on weekends and evenings. The organization also has the Natural Sciences and Technology Academy, a program that teaches kids about animal care.

In addition, there is a huge culinary preparation department on site. Last

year, approximately 60 weddings took place at the zoo, which provided complete services including the food. Many wedding and social receptions are held on site where there is a bakery and a master chef. The zoo continues to work with Toledo Public schools to involve its students in zoo programs.

I am most impressed that the zoo holds an annual vendor meeting for minorities and includes minimum requirements for minority participation in all of its contracts.

Issue 23 is a 0.75 mill (under \$2 per month) renewal and decrease to be used for animals, animal care, staff, medication, food, programming for education and youth as well as a portion of utilities.

2. Toledo Public Libraries, Issue 22. Vote YES

The Library (TLCPL) provides a high-quality, accessible safe space that is conducive to learning, community, culture, conversation and growth, particularly for vulnerable or underserved populations.

The TLCPL is over 175 years old and one of the first libraries in Ohio to operate with tax money. While the system needs more diversity in top leadership, a new projected \$6-7 million Mott Branch Library is scheduled to begin construction in the Spring of 2017 on 2.9 acres of land inside Smith Park next to King Academy. Currently there are several programs to address disproportionality in digital access for minority groups that include:

- Old fashioned book mobile, the oldest in the country
- Cyber mobile with 12 monitors on board
- Ready-to-Read van that goes wherever people are
- Book mobiles that visit nursing homes
- Homebound services that delivers books to homes
- 19 branch locations, including 14 homework helper "school outside of

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Community Calendar

October 23

Center of Hope Community Baptist Church Worship in Pink Sunday: 11:30 am; Honoring breast cancer survivors and caregivers, raising awareness of screenings, prevention and early identification and promoting a culture of wellness and self-care

St. Martin de Porres: Social justice principles for Catholic social teachings regarding responsibility to vote; Rev. Raphael Karekatt on "God of Justice and Our Responsibility for World Missions; 10:30 am

Search Lite Community Church 3rd Annual Church and Pastoral Anniversary: 4 pm; "A Faithful Leader Guiding a Faithful People:" 419-297-6016

October 29

Calvary MBC 87th Church Anniversary: Gospel musical; 6 pm

Healthy Relationships Conference: Zablocki Center; 11 am to 3 pm; Parents encouraged to attend and bring children ages 10-15; Offices represented – Health Department, UT College of Education, LC Prosecutors, Toledo Youth Commission: 419-245-3334

Garden of Prayer Church "Angels Night:" Games, food, candy; Come in or out of costume; Children up to 14 years old

October 30

Calvary MBC 87th Church Anniversary: NWA Moderator Elect B. Lamont Monford of Phillippians MBC of Lima; 4 pm

Indiana Avenue MBC Fall Harvest Trunk or Treat: Ages 3 to 12; 4 to 6 pm; Horse rides, carnival games, face painting, food and fun

Braden UMC All Saints Harvest Festival: 5 to 8 pm; Games, activities, candy, dinner; Children in costumes welcome: 419-386-2700

St. Martin de Porres: Social justice principles for Catholic social teachings regarding responsibility to vote; Deacon Alfredo Diaz and "People on the Margin;" 10:30 am

November 8

Election Day!

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Locker Room Talk

By Toledo City Councilman Larry Sykes

Guest Column

For most of my young adult life I participated in sports of some sort that caused me to be around or in locker rooms. As a youth, it was at the City Park swimming pool and the Indian Avenue YMCA where I was a life guard, played baseball for Crystal Ellis and basketball for Ben Williams.

Later I was a life guard for the city of Toledo – one of the youngest life guards hired – and I worked there every summer for four years as a life guard and in the locker room as an attendant. I also played high school football and basketball at Scott High School and boxed as an amateur and later as a professional.

My brother-in-law played basketball in Springfield, Ohio and went on to play for Miami University for four years. He also played on the 1968 Pan American Basketball team coached by Bobby Knight. After college, he was drafted by the Cincinnati Royals where he played with Oscar Robinson and went on to play for the Detroit Pistons, Philadelphia Seventy-Sixers, Cleveland Cavaliers and the Buffalo Braves before retiring.

My son is 6'10 and played for St Francis High School. He then played in the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU), Xavier University in Cincinnati for four years and went on to join the NBA teams in Boston, Denver and Portland. He also played in the Continental Basketball Association (CBA) and overseas in Spain. He has also coached high school and college basketball teams.

I say all of this to say that I have been in locker rooms all over this country and all over the world. I know locker room talk first hand!

As a life guard, it's more about saving lives, maintaining the pool, being noticed by the girls, becoming the best swimmer and best diver and

trying to get out of working in the locker room or working at the gate checking, stopping those trying to go inside without proper swimming attire.

On the basketball team, it was always about stopping the man with the winning lay-up, why you didn't pick up the man that was loose, who had a better jump shot, did you see that double crossover dribble that I put on him that made him fall on his butt. Did you see that SLAM DUNK that I did? Did you see that move I put on the man who was guarding me? I faked his jock strip off of him! LOCKER ROOM TALK.

In football, it was always about the fastest runner, best blocker, hardest hitter, best pass catcher, best defense player, who could punt or kick the ball the farthest and last, but not least,

who was hurt and wouldn't be able to play in this week's game or worse, who was out for the season. Locker room talk.

In boxing, it was all about training and getting prepared for the upcoming fight! Under the training of Coach Jim Pettaway and Coach Francisco Reyes, you better not even mention girls! If you did, punishment was running another mile or two, hitting the heavy bag another hour or jumping rope until told to stop. In most locker rooms, there is a creed that certain things won't be said or done. And as a team, we all would suffer for one person's stupidity, so we all held each another accountable. All we did was train, train, train and train some more!

It was okay to talk about each other's mothers and we all played the dozens - I was a master at it! But you didn't talk or ask about someone's sister, talk negatively about someone's girl or discuss sex period. Was there talk going on in the locker room? Yes, there was. Talk like -

'Hey, Ray, how's your mother, did she get those flowers I sent her?'

'No, she didn't, but did your mother get that cab fare I sent her so she can come over to clean my house?'

LOCKER ROOM TALK.

We talked about hitting someone so hard it would knock the snot out of them. We would also talk about our fist as a sleeping pill and "I'm going to put you to sleep, nighty night."

At Soul City Boxing gym, Ernie (Bola) Davis was famous for his saying, "I will whip you like wonder bread! I will beat you 12 different ways." Louis Self let his fist do the talking and represented Toledo in the 1972 Olympics. Verbie Garland won a national Golden Gloves title for Toledo and Liddell Holmes won three world titles for Toledo out of Soul City gym, Bernard Benton won the World cruiser heavy weight title. And of course, we recently had Robert (E-Bunny) Easter, Jr. bring home the Lightweight Championship of the World title.

At Bancroft-Kent gym where I fought, the conversation was always about boxing, whipping each other and what we were going to do in the ring. I was known to brag I would say that I would, "throw a punch through midnight and break broad daylight!"

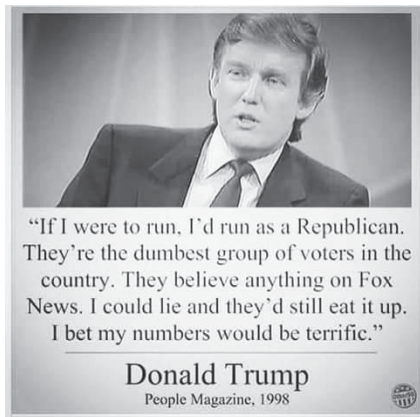
I would tell my opponent, "There is nothing in the drug store that will kill you faster than me" or I would say, "If I don't whip your A.. good, there's not a cow in Texas." I was so bad that I would call up Monday to call Tuesday to tell Thursday to warn Friday that Saturday or Sunday better not show up! LOCKER ROOM TALK.

As a heavy weight boxer, I traveled the country boxing and winning local and state honors. As a

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TARTA Supporters Urge a Vote for Issue 18

Sojourner's Truth Staff

Last week, supporters of Issue 18, the levy ballot request by the Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority, gathered at the TARTA Park Station in downtown Toledo at the intersection of Erie and Madison, to voice their support for the levy and to urge area voters to vote yes.

Issue 18 is a renewal of an existing 1.5 mil levy – not a new tax, as the speakers emphasized.

Ray Wood, president of UAW Local 14 and president of the Toledo Branch NAACP, spoke first. "Today, we want you to concentrate on TARTA and the lifeline provided to those in this community."

He asked his audience to think about three things with respect to the TARTA levy request. "First, a healthy TARTA is an absolute necessity," said Wood. "Second, for our community to remain healthy, your vote for Issue 18 is an imperative and, third, Issue 18 is a renewal, not a new tax."

Shelley Papenfuse, an Ability Center retiree and TARTA trustee, noted that "our buses do a lot for our community – they provide economic opportunity and drive community revitalization and they provide access to job opportunities."

Cheryl J. Conley, program director for the Alzheimer's Association, Northwest Ohio Chapter, told the assembled that "many, many seniors who cannot drive depend on TARTA."

Carly Allen, who represents TARTA/TARPS drivers and mechanics as the business agent for Amalgamated Transit Union Local 697, spoke of the common interest that various parts of the Toledo population have in making sure that TARTA is well funded.

James, Gee, TARTA general manager, said that that the levy, last passed in 2007, provides 25 percent of TARTA's operating budget.

"Why support TARTA?" he asked. "Because of the economic development and the quality of life."

"Being able to drive is a privilege but not everyone in our community has that privilege," said Gee. For so many others who do not have that privilege, he said, the access to transportation should be a right.



Shelley Papenfuse addresses Issue 18



James Gee addresses Issue 18




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Souls Are Already at the Polls

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As early voting started on Wednesday, Hillary for Ohio supporters and volunteers hosted grassroots events near early voting sites in communities across the state as part of the campaign's commitment to an 88-county strategy that takes nothing for granted. Supporters at these events will be the first Ohioans to cast their ballots for Clinton in this historic election. The Hillary for Ohio early vote kickoff events across the state highlighted the convenience of early voting and encouraged voters to go to the polls to make their voice heard in this critical election.

Here in Toledo, first in line to vote last Wednesday was Toledo City Councilwoman Yvonne Harper, followed by the second and third voters, Cerssandra McPherson and Kelly Westmoreland, respectively. Harper arrived at 4:30 a.m. in order to earn the honor of being the first to cast her vote in Lucas County.

By 8:00 a.m. and the opening of the early polling place at 1301 Monroe Street, an estimated 70 people had gathered in a line that extended halfway around the block. Clinton supporters gathered across the street for most of the day shouting encouragement to early voting arrivals.

To mark the kickoff of early voting in Ohio, Hillary Clinton released the following statement last Wednesday:

"Starting today in Ohio, voters are casting their ballots in the most impor-

tant election of our lifetimes.

"Tim Kaine and I want to make a real difference in the lives of all Americans – no matter where you live, what you look like, or who you love. We've traveled all over the country talking about our plans – and there are a lot of them – to create an economy that works for everyone, not just those at the top. We'll continue our lifelong fight on behalf of kids and families, with new solutions that reflect the way we live and work today. We'll work with our allies to keep our country safe. And we'll bring Americans together to take on all the challenges we face.

"So as people across the state head to the polls, we hope you'll join us. Thanks to early voting, it's easier than ever to make your voice heard. Bring your friends and family with you. We can't afford to let anyone sit this out.

"In case you think your vote probably won't count, in 2012, Ohio was decided by an average of just 18 votes per precinct. And in a close election like this one, yours could make all the difference.

"You can find your polling location at HillaryClinton.com/OHVotesEarly. Let's reject the cynicism and division that Donald Trump is offering once and for all, and remind each other that we truly are stronger together."



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Leaders of African-American Faith Community Endorse Library Levy

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Representatives of African-American faith-based organizations and churches have endorsed the Toledo Lucas County Public Library's levy.

The endorsement was presented in Smith Park across Dorr Street from the current Mott Branch Library and adjacent to the site where a new Mott Branch is scheduled to be built.

The event was organized by Rev. Cedric Brock, pastor of Mt. Nebo Baptist Church and president of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Toledo and Vicinity (IMA). The IMA had previously endorsed the levy.

Area ministers in attendance included Pastor James A. Willis of St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, Pastor Shirley Sparks of Walls Memorial Chapel AME, Pastor Tim Clark of Harvest Christian Church and Bishop M.C. McGee of Serenity Church. Also present to endorse the levy were City of Toledo Councilman Tyrone Riley, District 1, and Cecelia Adams,

councilwoman-at-large.

The Library's 3.7 mill levy is 80 percent renewal and 20 percent new. It would result in a tax increase of less than 8 cents a day for owners of a home valued at \$100,000.

The levy accounts for more than half of the Library's operating budget. The Library is currently operating at the 1997 level of funding from the State of Ohio's Public Library Local Government Fund.

Passage of the levy will:

- Guarantee your library continues operating
- Improve Library hours throughout the system
- Build the Library's collection of (books, DVDs, digital streaming, databases, etc.) to meet the community's needs
- Maintain current staffing levels and high-levels of service
- Protect the taxpayers' investment in the Library.

Clyde Scoles, director and chief fiscal officer of the Toledo Lucas County Public Library, spoke to the group and thanked the participants for their endorsements.

For more information contact: Pastor Cedric Brock at 419-269-8545, or James Funk, Campaign Volunteer, at 419-367-6391 or at j.funk@bex.net



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Christine Mayle: Candidate for Judge for the Ohio Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals

By Fletcher Word

Sojourner's Truth Editor

"I want to make a difference and this is really where I'm best suited," says attorney Christine Mayle when asked why she decided to undertake a run for a seat on the Ohio Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, her first try for elected office.

"And I can make a difference by working hard and writing the best opinions – the law shouldn't be a mystery to the public. Clear guidelines should be available – I feel a passion for that."

Mayle, a native of White, Plains, New York, earned her undergraduate degree from Providence College in Rhode Island and her law degree from Notre Dame University, where she would meet her future husband, a northwest Ohio native.

Mayle moved to New York City after law school and worked for a prestigious law firm but returned to the Midwest after a few years and joined a downtown Toledo law firm.

The candidate feels she is taking an unusual path as a private practice attorney vying for a judgeship. "What I represent – I am not the status quo, I'm a fresh perspective," she explains. "The judiciary has become a political stepping stone for lawyers coming out of the prosecutor's office – the [constitution's] framers never envisioned that process. I believe it should be about hard work and intellect."

The appellate court which reviews decisions of lower courts is right in Mayle's wheelhouse, she says, since she is a self-described fanatic about research. "The legal research and writing – for the past 15 years, those are my favorite tasks," she says. "Every single case needs



Christine Mayle

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Social Security Column

Don't Be Scared of Using Our Secure Services

By Phil Walton, Social Security Manager in Toledo, OH

Guest Column

Autumn is the season of dressing up as monsters and watching scary movies in the dark. Even though most of these tricks and treats are just for fun, some of them can be scary, and for good reason. One of the most common threats we face is identity theft. Just imagine someone stealing your information and pretending to be you. You'd have no control as this person acts in your name, spending money — and possibly, ruining your credit. That's one trick you can do without, which is why we've added an extra layer of security for our customers when they interact with us online.

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Christine Mayle... continued from page 6

to be given a fresh look, it has unique circumstances. I would approach each case with a real intellectual curiosity and desire to see all sides of the issues.

"I would need to get it right not only for the parties before me but also for common law," she adds. "I never want to do anything less than my very best."

Mayle has served on the cabinet for the Joint Justice for All Campaign, benefiting civil legal aid provided by the Advocates for Basic Legal Equality (ABLE), Legal Aid of Western Ohio (LAWO) and the Toledo Bar Association Pro Bono program and is the current chairman of the ABLE/LAWO Development Advisory Council and received an award from the Toledo Bar Association for pro bono service.

She has lectured at a variety of legal seminars and has served as the editor-in-chief of the American Bar Association Section of Litigation's Women Advocate Committee's award-winning newsletter, The Woman's Advocate. Mayle is a member of the Toledo, Toledo Women's, Wood County, Ohio State, Ohio Women's and American Bar Associations.

For Mayle, a seat on the appellate court would be an ideal blend of her abilities with her aspirations. "I want to focus on the positive and serve the eight counties that are represented [by the Ohio Sixth Circuit]. I'm a genuine person — fair and all about reaching the right result. I would just do the work — I really want to make a difference."

place to do business with us. On July 30, 2016, Social Security implemented a new layer of security, asking account holders to sign into their account using a one-time code sent via text message. This second layer of security requires more than a username and a password is known as "multifactor authentication." Although we have always provided the "extra security" option to account holders, we implemented this new process to comply with the President's Executive Order on *Improving the Security of Consumer Financial Transactions*.

As before July 30, current account holders will be able to access their secure account using only their username and password. We highly recommend the extra security text message option, but it will not be required. If you are uncomfortable with texting, we will be creating an option where you will receive a code via email.

We strive to balance security and customer service options, and we want to ensure that our online services are both easy to use and secure. The my Social Security service has always featured a robust verification and authentication process, and it remains safe and secure. There's no requirement that you access your personal my Social Security account as a result of the steps we are taking. However, when you do access your account, we encourage you to sign up for the extra security text message option. You can access your account by visiting www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount.

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Simply D'Vine Boutique: Two Years and Still Going Strong

Sojourner's Truth Staff

In August 2014, Terrie Cook opened Simply D'Vine Boutique and brought to life an idea she had been nurturing for 19 years – a stylish boutique that offers something for every pocketbook and a variety of tastes.

During a tour of the boutique – located in the Marketplace West Shops, 3606 W. Sylvania Ave – Cook directs customers past shelves containing styles she labels “Young at Heart” to “Moderately Chic” to “Sophisticated” – something for every whim. There is also a “Curvaceous” rack for the plus-sized customer.

In addition to girls and women's clothing, Cook also carries men's apparel – shirts, socks and ties. Men's suits are available to order. It's a small, tidy shop with an abundance of goods.

“This is something I always wanted to do,” says Cook. “I did a lot of research to see what was in this area.” The plan Cook came up with was to offer different and unique items and make them available to all. “You can come in with \$10, \$15, \$20 and still buy something,” she points out.

As a result of her planning business has been good – growing during her second year, with a lot of repeat clients.

Cook, the director of the Upward Bound program at Bowling Green State University, has been with the program all of her adult life. She was, first, a student in the program as an undergraduate at BGSU and, during those years became a paid employee. After graduation, Cook remained with Upward Bound, steadily climbing the ladder up the organization until her appointment as director several years ago.

Since Cook is fully engaged with her daytime gig, Simply D'Vine Boutique is a labor of love for the entrepreneur, the fulfillment of a long-time dream. In two to three years, if all goes as planned, she envisions that the boutique's continued steady growth will enable her to expand the products and services offered to her customers – new and repeat customers.

Terri Cook and Simply D'Vine Boutique can be reached at 567-455-5940 or by email at simplydvinebtq@gmail.com. You can also view the shop's products by going to the website or Facebook page – Simply D'Vine Boutique.



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How to Make a Successful Offer in Today's Housing Market

Sojourner's Truth Staff

Prospective homebuyers can get encouraged by the current market. Nearly 68 percent of homes sales today are to individual buyers compared to 53 percent in 2011 when investor and cash deals were at their peak. Still, competition for housing is hot.

"In a competitive market, your offer may be one of many. But you can take steps to increase your chances of success," says Chris Bowden, senior vice president of HomeSteps, the real estate sales division of Freddie Mac.

The experts at HomeSteps and Bowden are offering homebuyers five important tips for making an offer in today's market:

- Understand your finances. While it's not nearly as fun as house hunting, fully understanding your finances is critical to helping you determine your price limit and whether your budget can cover necessary upgrades, as well as monthly expenses for general upkeep and utilities, which can run hundreds of dollars monthly.

- Act fast. When home inventory is low, the sooner you can make an offer, the better. Get pre-approved if you know you'll need a mortgage to buy. It will help you act fast and make a confident offer.

- Make a solid offer. A strong offer will be comparable with other sales and listings in the neighborhood. A licensed real estate agent who is active in the neighborhoods you're considering will be instrumental in helping you put in a solid offer based on recent sales of similar homes, the condition of the house and what you can afford.

Always ask the seller for a home warranty as part of your initial

offer. That way, you'll be covered if appliances or mechanicals fail or break down after you're in the home.

Set your offer apart from the competition by including a letter to the seller, or offer the seller the ability to rent back their home for some period of time after closing. This can be your chance to connect beyond just dollars. Talk to your agent about other ways to make your offer resonate.

- Prepare to negotiate. Be prepared for counteroffers. The two things most likely to be negotiated are the selling price and closing date. Given that, you'll be glad you did your homework first to understand how much you can afford. Your agent will aid the negotiation process, giving you guidance on the counteroffer and making sure that the agreed-to contract terms are met.

- Get a home inspection. Once you've signed the purchase contract, always get an independent home inspection so you know the true condition of the home. If the inspection uncovers undisclosed problems you can typically re-negotiate the terms or cancel the contract.

More tips, insights and home buying resources can be found by visiting myhome.freddie.com.

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Ohio Minority-Owned Businesses See Continued Growth Through State Purchasing Program

For the second consecutive year, the State of Ohio has exceeded the goal of its Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) program by purchasing 23.63 percent of eligible goods and services through certified minority-owned businesses, while spending a record of nearly \$298 million. Ohio's MBE program, established in 1980, mandates that state agencies set aside 15 percent of their annual purchases for goods and services for certified minority-owned businesses.

"Under the leadership of Governor Kasich, Ohio remains committed to expanding its base of suppliers by encouraging qualified minority businesses to work with the state to supply the goods and services we need to operate," said Gregory L. Williams, state equal employment opportunity coordinator and deputy director of the Equal Opportunity Division of the Ohio Department of Administrative Services, which certifies businesses into the MBE program. "As entrepreneurs utilize this program to grow their businesses, we are continually looking at ways to enhance the program to ensure that it better supports business development."

Out of the eligible expenditures for goods and services purchased during Fiscal Year (FY) 2016, a total of 21.29 percent were set aside for MBE-certified businesses. Another 2.34 percent of eligible goods and services were purchased from MBE-certified businesses through open-market contracts.

Ohio's MBE-certified supplier base remains steady with 282 businesses receiving work in FY 2014, 325 businesses in FY 2015 and 316 in FY 2016, which ended June 30. During this period state spending with MBE-certified suppliers continued to grow:

- \$165 million in FY 2014
- \$228 million in FY 2015
- \$297 million in FY 2016

Ohio's Equal Opportunity Division oversees the MBE program and helps to ensure equal opportunity access to and fair treatment in government contracting. It strives to maximize contracting opportunities through certification of minority-owned, women-owned and socially and economically disadvantaged businesses.

"We are excited about the increased spending with Ohio minority-owned businesses," said Jeffrey L. Johnson, chief of the Minority Development Division of the Ohio Development Services Agency. "Our momentum is strong and we will continue to help develop and grow Ohio small, minority-owned and disadvantaged businesses."

Background

On Dec. 17, 1980, House Bill 584 was signed into law, establishing the MBE program, which mandated that state agencies set aside 15 percent of their annual purchases for goods and services for certified minority-owned businesses.

As a member of the General Assembly in 1980, Governor Kasich voted to support House Bill 584 and after becoming Ohio's governor made its achievement a priority of his administration.

Since 2011, the state has made steady progress in identifying set-aside opportunities, certifying minority-owned businesses and matching them with state contract opportunities. State agencies, boards and commissions now produce annual spending plans that project set-aside contract and procurement opportunities for qualified MBE-certified businesses, the aggregate value for which is at least 15 percent. In 2015, Ohio reached the 15 percent goal for the first time.

In addition to MBE set-aside contracts, many minority-owned firms have secured state contracts through the open market by bidding against non-minority firms.

State Rep. and President of the Ohio Legislative Black Caucus (OLBC) Alicia Reece (D-Cincinnati) applauded last week's announcement that Ohio met its MBE certification goals for the second consecutive year since the program was established over 30 years ago.

"I am proud that we have been able to move a thirty-plus year law championed by the OLBC from goals and aspirations into results and reality for Ohio's African-American and minority businesses," said Reece. "This record level of investment is historic and demonstrates that OLBC's advocacy and partnership with the governor and state is leading to a stronger promise of prosperity and economic opportunity for our entrepreneurs and business leaders who create jobs and pay taxes."

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school" sites

Issue 22 is for a 2.9 mills (\$7.29/month) renewal and a 0.8 mill addition (\$2.44) to be used for continuation of general operations, including current staffing levels and to improve library hours.

3. Imagination Station, Issue 21; Vote YES

More than ever, we need to "Make Science Great Again." Imagination Station continues to do its part, averaging 200,000 visitors to its downtown Toledo site over the past seven years. Local and out-of-town residents have been able to take advantage of inspiring hands-on science opportunities generated by the organization's zeal in providing informal science education that is not only impactful, but also fun.

Imagination Station attempts to provide "community growth opportunities and educational partnerships" along with activities to foster STEM education by supplementing students' classroom or home learning activities.

The .17 mill renewal is the smallest of the Lucas County levy requests (\$0.43/month), providing approximately 27 percent of Imagination Station's annual operating budget.

Each of the above organizations is a valuable community asset and vital resource that is critically important to the long-term success of northwest Ohio.


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Why We Need a Fair Housing Lawyer as Vice President

By Stephen M. Dane

Guest Column

There is no shortage of domestic and foreign challenges facing our nation in this presidential election year. The list is long and all of them deserve serious debate.

There is one sobering domestic issue, however, that has not received the attention it deserves: residential housing segregation.

Hillary Clinton's running mate for vice president, Tim Kaine, understands this serious problem. As a fair housing lawyer, he knows the unfair obstacles that African-American and Hispanic communities face as a result of housing segregation. He has seen firsthand the pain suffered by people who are fully qualified to rent, buy, or insure a home, but are barred from doing so for no reason other than their skin color, their ethnic background, or the racial composition of their neighborhood.

A fundamental purpose of the Fair Housing Act, passed in 1968, was "to replace the nation's ghettos with truly integrated living patterns." Although there have been successes in the 48 years since the Act was passed, this core purpose has not been fulfilled. In almost every major metropolitan area in the country, blacks and whites and Hispanics do not live near each other.

It might surprise many that housing segregation is not a legacy of slavery. Indeed, even during periods when slavery was legal in many states, and after the Civil War when Jim Crow laws were prevalent, blacks and whites generally lived near and interacted with each other on a daily basis. The nation was still rural, and cities were small. It was not until the 20th century that overt racial discrimination in the real estate industry, the banking industry, and local government zoning became the norm. The federal government actively promoted segregationist policies and, perversely, through decades of national housing policy, virtually guaranteed that blacks and whites would live apart.

The negative effects of segregation are beyond dispute. Study after study have demonstrated a causal connection between racial segregation and lack of opportunity, unemployment, poor housing, inferior education, increased health problems, inability to accumulate wealth, and other social ills. Racial tension in Ferguson, Baltimore, Milwaukee, and Chicago is directly linked to housing segregation in those communities. No responsible policy wonk, Democrat or Republican or Independent, claims that segregation is good for the country.

Recently the federal government has stepped up its efforts to dismantle the root causes of segregation. The Department of Housing and Urban Development has issued regulations requiring state and local jurisdictions who receive federal funds to affirmatively further fair housing in their communities, and to remove impediments to

fair housing choice, or risk losing those funds. HUD has also issued regulations defining the contours of disparate impact discrimination, a concept embraced by the Supreme Court last year as a valid legal tool for enforcing the Fair Housing Act. The Department of Justice is suing local zoning boards and communities that, through their zoning decisions, erect artificial and unlawful barriers to integration in their communities.

Together in the 1990s, Kaine and I worked with private fair housing groups to eliminate discriminatory business practices in the homeowners insurance industry. As a result, homeowners in predominantly African-American and Hispanic neighborhoods throughout the country can insure their homes in the same way and for the same price as white neighborhoods, thereby eliminating at least one of the negative consequences of racial segregation. Much of Kaine's fair housing work has resulted in legal precedents that fair housing advocates still use today. I can attest to Kaine's deep commitment to ensuring justice for those who are treated unfairly.

Segregation and housing discrimination at all levels must be eliminated if we are to come together as a nation. With Tim Kaine as Vice-president, we can be assured that the current pro-integrative efforts will continue under a Hillary Clinton administration.

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Amalgamated Transit Union Local 697 Members Offer Free Rides to the Polls to Residents in Lucas County

Transit Union Members Gear Up to Get-Out-The-Vote during Early Voting and on Election Day
Special to The Truth

Lucas county residents now have a free way to get to the polls during early voting and on Election Day. Amalgamated Transit Union Local 697 who represent the workers at the Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority (TARTA) will be offering free rides to the polls starting on Wednesday, October 12 through Election Day to help get out the vote.

"Our members take pride in providing this vital service to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to vote," said Financial Secretary/Business Agent of ATU Local 697 Carly Allen. "As transit workers, we are emphasizing the important role public transportation can play in helping people get involved in the voting process and have their voices heard during this important election. We're also supporting Issue 18 which would provide \$7.86 million in revenue to fund TARTA services and encourage everyone to vote yes."

ATU Local 697 will also work with local churches and allied groups throughout Lucas County to help mobilize residents to vote during early voting. The Amalgamated Transit Union represents 197,000 transit workers across the United States and Canada, with more than 500 TARTA drivers, mechanics and paratransit throughout Lucas County.

For more information on ATU Local 697's rides to the polls program, please contact Carly Allen at 419-260-6079.

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national runner-up in the Eastern Olympics tryout in Cincinnati, I lost to Larry Holmes by a split decision in the finals. Over 1,000 fighters were there from around the world: Aaron Pryor, Sugar Ray Leonard, Kenneth Hilmer and many others who went on to win world titles. **Not one of the guys there talked about female private parts, dating or kissing while I was there.**

Ask any amateur or professional athlete and she/he will tell you unequivocally that there is no discussion about women and sex in the locker room in the manner in which Donald Trump described in his conversation with Billy Bush. Even Billy said it was wrong. As I stated previously athletes brag on how they played or what and how they did something to a fellow teammate or to an opponent, but never about sexual exploits they were supposed to have been involved in.

As a gym rat (someone who spends more than five days in a gym) I still go to the gym at 6:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., and even at the fitness center where I go, I have never heard one of the hundreds of males there to work out, by walking, swimming, lifting weights, on the tread mill can be found talking about stupid stuff like Donald said.

"Why would I run for President with all the women that I have been involved with? Can you imagine what would be said?" (Donald Trump, 1998 MSNBC). Trump tried to say that his comments about women were just locker room talk. Well, it was hardly locker room talk because most athletes, amateur or professional, don't talk like that in locker rooms. Donald Trump is an insecure male and a paranoid liar. It's clear that he doesn't respect women. He is not fit to be president in a country populated with more women than men.

Either way Donald loses this debate, if he did say it, it is inexcusable and if he didn't say it, he projects himself to the world as one of the biggest fabricator of a lie this country has seen or heard since the WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION lie.

Donald states that he wants to save and make America great again. Advice is like cooking, you should try it before you serve it to someone else. What Donald is learning is that experience is a hard teacher because she gives the test first and the lesson afterwards.



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Truevine: Two Brothers, a Kidnapping, and a Mother's Quest: A True Story of the Jim Crow South by Beth Macy

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

The Truth Contributor

Life these days is a three-ring circus.

The clowns at your job dominate Ring Number One. Ring Number Two features The Juggler (you) and your checkbook, schedule, chore list and family obligations. And in Ring Number Three, there's a wild combination of the other two. Run away and join the circus? Yeah, that's already happened but in the new book *Truevine* by Beth Macy, it was far from voluntary.

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Harriet Muse was nearly beside herself with worry.

According to legend handed down from mother to child for generations, Harriet's sons were snatched away from their field chores on a warm day in 1899 – kidnapped in broad day light by a white man with candy because Willie and George, ages six and nine, were not like other African-American children of their day. The two Muse boys were albinos, with white hair, pale skin, and pink eyes.

Perfect, in other words, for the sideshow.

But was the legend true? For Macy, a modern-day journalist, it

was an intriguing tale. She wrote a story on it for her newspaper and then started to dig some more, but she was thwarted by a great-niece intent on protecting an elderly uncle. Even so, lots of people remembered the Muse boys, but nobody knew what had happened to them nor did dates or details explain how the Muses end up as sideshow exhibits.

Circus memorabilia collectors may recognize Willie and George from old postcards. The boys had supposedly been “discovered” by “freak hunters” in a country du jour and, through the years, were mostly captive to a series of handlers, circuses, and managers who paid them nothing. Still, the boys seemed to have embraced circus life although, from town to town, their names often changed, as did their stories and racial stereotypes they were forced to enact. In truth, they were just two uneducated boys with a genetic anomaly who'd been told all their lives that their mother was dead.

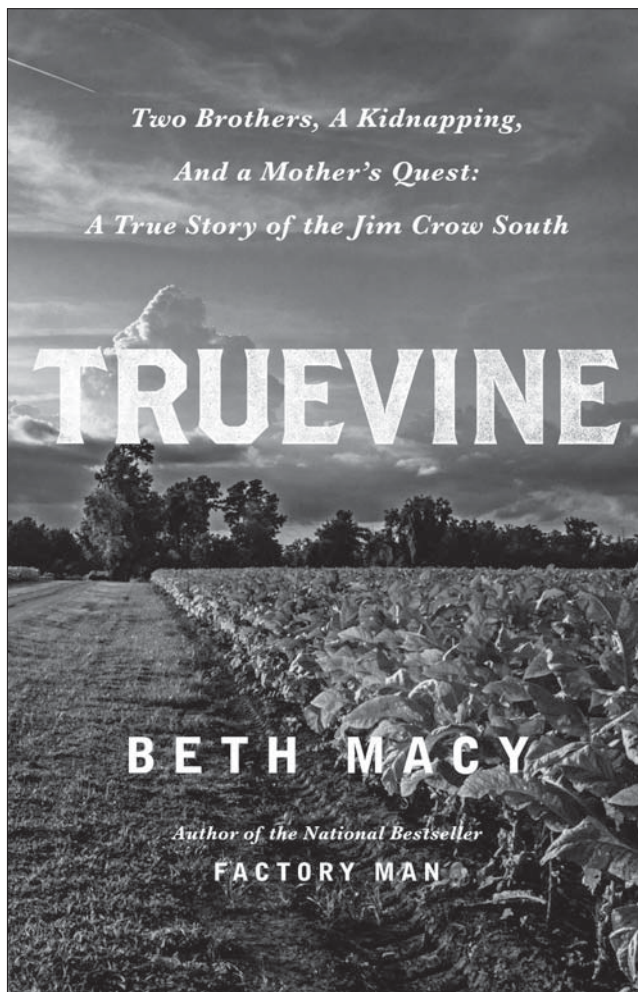
The boys were men before they knew that she wasn't...

And therein lies the most difficult unknown in this book: what was the role of “dear old mother” in what happened to the boys? Author Beth Macy presents evidence that's sometimes contradictory, and which leads to more questions.

That's not a bad thing, though. In *Truevine*, Macy patiently puts things into perspective through an overall sense of the times; a micro-look at one area of Virginia, a century ago, and peeks into circus life. More importantly, we feel the crushing despair of Jim Crow laws and the despair Harriet Muse must've felt. When her Mother-Bear power emerges, we're surprised, but not too much.


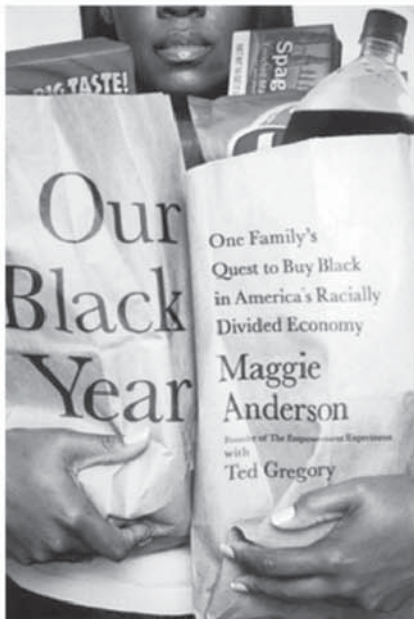
Through all this, Macy forces readers to see things as they were, to consider what survival means, and to be open to the idea that maybe today's unthinkable was yesterday's possibility.

While this book is a little on the long side, it's got a story that's overdue in telling, and that will appeal to historians and circus buffs alike. If *Truevine* sounds like a winner, then ring this one up.



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Mt. Nebo Baptist Church held the 80th Ushers Anniversary on Sunday, October 9 with guest preacher Pastor Andrew Maize of New Hope Baptist Church



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