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We strongly believe and agree that Danny Brown is the victim of "innocence denied".



Donald Lynn

Were the courts only right recourse is to acknowledge their error and provide just compensation? Why did the case not go to the court of claims?

In Mr. Brown's case, the state has legitimized the notion an innocent person who has endured the most degrading and appalling injustice, must now eliminate that injustice, by proving his innocence when there is no way of proving his innocence. Perhaps, a writ of mandamus as a court order commanding an official to perform a min-

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Toledo Lawmakers Announce \$440,000 for Local Technology Program

Special to The Truth

State Reps. Michael Ashford (D-Toledo) and Michael P. Sheehy (D-Oregon) last week announced the release of \$440,000 in state funds to the Center for Innovative Food Technology (CIFT) to advance its Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) program. The funding was approved by the state Controlling Board, a panel tasked with oversight of state spending.

"In a 21st-century economy, encouraging technological development is vital to maintaining Ohio's competitive edge in the industry," said Ashford. "I am glad to see the state support projects that will foster innovation, create jobs and establish new opportunities for economic growth in our community."

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Community Calendar

September 17

Monroe Street United Methodist Church Concert Series: Opening Concert "Afternoon Music with Friends;" 3 pm; featuring local artists Allison Klein, Gwen Senerius, Amanda Stierman, and Karen Vollmer
St. Paul MBC Women's Day: "Women Walking Worthy;" 9:30 to 10:30 am
Sunday School – speaker Rev. Marcia Dinkins; 10:45 am service – speaker Min. Crystal Dixon
Calvary MBC Roses of Calvary Ministry 8th Anniversary: 4 pm; Guest speaker Pastor Charles McBee of Family Baptist Church

September 17-24

St Paul AME Zion 100th Church Anniversary Celebration: Sunday Sep 17 – Sunday School at 10 am, Service at 11:15 am; Monday – Service at 7 pm – guest speaker Rev. Charles Allen and Tabernacle of Faith; Tuesday – Service at 7 – guest speaker Apostle Joseph Pruden and New Hope Fellowship Church of Cleveland; Wednesday – Service at 7 – guest speaker Rev. Cedric Brock and Mt Nebo; Thursday – Service at 7 – guest speaker Rev. Al Hamilton and John Wesley AME Zion of Southfield; Saturday – Community Service Activities; Sunday – Service at 7 – guest speaker Rev. George Maize

September 20

Small Business Resource Day: 2 to 7 pm; Main Branch Library; Featuring a resource center with representatives from local programs and agencies; A presentation on financial management: To register – <http://www.ecdi.org/events/toledo/658/>

September 24

Warren AME Unity Day: 10:30 am; "Unity in the Church and the Community;" Guest speaker Rev. Gerald Cooper of Wayman Chapel
Greater St. Mary's MBC Women's Day: "A Walk Worth Taking;" 5 pm service; Guest speaker First Lady Teresa McGee of Family MBC: 419-973-4157

September 30

Flanders Road Church of Christ Clothing Give Away: 10 am to 1 pm; Clothing for men, women and children

October 1

St. Mark's Baptist Church Women's Day: "Christian Women Washed, Covered and Sealed by the Blood of Jesus;" 11 am service – guest speaker First Lady Estelle Barringer of Christ Congregational; 4 pm service – guest speaker Bishop Pat McKinstry of Worship Center

October 8

Organ Study Scholarship Audition: Students in grades seven to 12 and adults; 3 pm; Our Lady of Lourdes Church: 419-473-1167 ext 230 or dmthias@monroestumc.com

October 14

Calvary MBC Women's Ministry Cancer Awareness Luncheon: 11 am; Agencies with information, vendors, free luncheon

October 22

Calvary MBC 88th Church Pre-Anniversary: 4 pm; Guest speaker Pastor Perry Harris of United Vision MBC

October 29

Calvary MBC 88th Church Anniversary: 4 pm; Guest speaker Brian Lamont Monford, Northwest Ohio Missionary Baptist Association Moderator

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Consider The Following...

By Lafe Tolliver, Esq

Guest Column

Note One: Well the primary election is over and there are no surprises. The in group stays, for the most part, in ... and any outsiders will have a Herculean task to upset the apple cart, which needs to be upset for the good of the city.

So, there was a low voter turn out...eh? What else is new in Toledo politics? It is not like it is exciting to watch the slow drum roll of the politicians go through their standard lines of how they are going to make your life so fantastic and better, but only if you vote for them.

From the way some of them yammer away, it is like if you vote for them, you will be immediately transported to Fantasy Island where all of our dreams will come true: clean streets ... safe streets, more jobs ... clean water ... great parks ... fantastic public schools (more about that later on) ... a thriving downtown ... lower taxes ... highly competent city governance ... (ha..ha..on that one!) ... Age of Aquarius! well, you get the drift.

Sorry to say, but the above "stuff" won't happen under any administration without a bigger tax base and more innovative and aggressive city hall leadership ("in Toledo...you say!").

As you can see, most if not all of the leadership and new ideas of development are not coming from the moribund city hall or mayor's office, but rather from the private sector.

Why? They saw the handwriting on the wall and decided to step up and step out and let the city fathers (and mothers) play catch up.

What drives innovation and creativity? Ideas! ideas! ... ideas and the guts to put them into action and not the utterance of mealy-mouthed public service statements about what needs to be done but what will be done.

Sadly, the presently constituted group of city politicians are abysmally clueless as to grabbing the bull by the horns and going for a ride. They play it safe and put in the requisite number of lame chicken dinner speeches to the Rotary Club and VFW Posts and call it a successful day.

They follow an old, outdated political playbook that says that you do not rock the boat or offend anyone and you do not make waves that will upset the status quo, or, if you do, you better have a day job as your default position.

Question? Have any of the current crop of politicians asked the mayor about the offering of the 11 low-hanging fruit ideas for growth and development that were offered for her consideration some months ago and, if so, what happened to those ideas?

So, when the general election rolls around, expect the same ol' same ol' and you will not be disappointed! No surprises there.

Note Two: Well, well. It appears that the Ohio Department of Education has come to Toledo, peeked inside the school system and what they saw caused them to give Toledo Public Schools a good caning...almost to the point of child abuse.

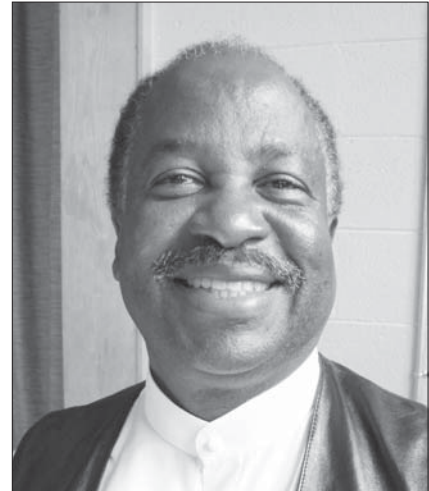
TPS got another, "F"! (I say, "another" since it is in a long line of distinguished F grades over past years). By the way, the "F" grade does not stand for fine or fabulous.

It means, TPS is not meeting the benchmark in educational standards of excellence.

Did you see the full page Toledo Blade ad that the board put out the day before the report card grades came out? They knew that they were in for a whipping and wanted to minimize the damage by putting their spin on their accomplishments.

I know, I know ... Toledo, being an urban school district, has a

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host of problems with its students: homelessness, hunger, poverty, one parent households and downright apathy including the perennial problem of young teachers cutting their educational teeth on inner city school kids (as if they were being experimented upon).

But, did you also notice that the overwhelming number of past superintendents have been in-house or in-grown products? Where is the needed mix of bringing in superintendents and staff from outside of Toledo or Ohio?

Why the need to always circle the wagons and have John Doe or Jane Doe always take the head honcho position instead of a Darren Greaves from Austin or a Karen Mysong from Seattle coming in and tossing out the dead weight and equally dead teaching materials or slacker teachers?

Someone said, and I do not know who said it but, "There are no un-teachable kids, there are teachers who just can't teach!" There! Is that throwing down the gauntlet?

Sure, Romules Durant is seemingly a great cheer leader for TPS. His zeal is catchy and inspiring. He is a dynamo in trying to single handedly carry TPS on his back.

But, there comes a time when it might be time for Mr. Durant to say adios to TPS and farm out his considerable skills to other school districts around the country.

I know, I know...I will catch the devil for these comments but so what. Catch me if you can!

Note Three: Well, it seems that President Trump is impervious to any instruction regarding his woefully appalling lack of American history in regards to civil rights and white supremacy in America.

When he met with Senator Tim Scott, the only black senator in Congress, for a grand total of 40 minutes, Senator Scott, to his credit, was trying to pour water on a rock and hoping against hope that the rock would absorb it. Fat chance!

A obtuse person like Trump, who hails from NYC and is old enough to know, or should know, the basic rudiments of the civil rights struggle and the history of the KKK, acts as if all of this is news to him.

Granted, 40 minutes to educate an old white man who is set in his ways about the pernicious effect of him constantly making any statement that gives aid and comfort to white nationalists or the KKK or white supremacists is a gargantuan task at best.

One would think that being from NYC, Trump, by mere accident of association or osmosis, would have had a better understanding of these United States including Jim Crow, slavery, de jure segregation and police misconduct.

But, alas, he appears to have intentionally missed those junior high and high school history classes wherein he could have been told the real deal about the reasons for the Civil War and the effects of post Civil War slavery and racism, both seen and unseen.

Trump is intractable about his views on race and racism in America. We have seen that many times in his buffoonish statements about Charlottesville and the Central Park Five and birtherism and the Wall and a host of other mind-numbing dumb statements that he puts forth as being true.

So, kudos to Senator Scott for his effort to try to re-orient this President. What Trump needed was to be locked in at Camp David (without his Twitter account) for 72 hours with Andrew Young, Michelle Alexander, Tim Wise, John L. Lewis, Cornel West and Roland Martin.

Now, that would have been an education!

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isterial act that the law recognize as an absolute duty and not a matter for the officials discretion as a judicial remedy. The state's definition of "ongoing investigation" is often an abuse of power, as in Danny Brown's case.

This is not just about Danny Brown, but about a failed and corrupt justice system with devastating consequences for thousands of black & brown men who are targeted as criminal's without receiving the basic rights and legal protection.

To honestly be guilty of anything you have to damage someone or something through negligence or otherwise. And then you have to refuse to make the damage whole or good. The legal system in Lucas County has abused Mr. Brown and other Black and disenfranchised people. Since Mr. Brown has been acquitted of the crime, why is his case still open and hanging over him and preventing him from receiving just monetary compensation, as well as other entitlements. An unethical standard of prosecution is "false justice". Please do the "right & just thing" and release Danny Brown from this unfair judicial harassment.

If you have any questions or concerns, you may call me (Donald L. Lynn) at 419-509-0751, email me @ toledodonald@aol.com, or write me @ 804 Searles Road, Toledo, OH 43607-2849.

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Mayor Hicks-Hudson Places First in September Primary

Sojourner's Truth Staff

Mayor Paula Hicks-Hudson surprised a number of observers with her strong first-place finish in the September 12 primary for a full four-year term for mayor. She garnered almost 39 percent of the vote in her race against two well-known opponents – Lucas County Treasury Wade Kapszukiewicz and Toledo City Councilman Tom Waniewski. Kapszukiewicz, a Democrat, earned 33.54 percent of the vote to move on to the general election in November. Republican Waniewski finished with 26.75 percent and is out of the running.



Mayor Paula Hicks-Hudson

Hicks-Hudson, who had been president of Toledo City Council representing District 4, ascended to her current position upon the death of former Mayor D. Michael Collins in early 2015. She won the right to complete that term in a special election in November 2015.



Larry Sykes

Two months ago, the prospect of Hicks-Hudson finishing in the top two seemed distant to a variety of insiders, said one Democratic elected official. The work of local unions, particularly the UAW, helped push the mayor's totals over the top of her two opponents, the official told *The Truth*.

Of primary concern to the mayor's campaign as the race moves into October, is where Waniewski's mostly white, Republican voters will land on Election Day.

However, the election enters a brand new phase now that the primary is over. A total of 24,894 votes were cast in the mayoral primary and, if past election totals are any indication, twice that number of votes will be cast in the

two-person general election.

In the Toledo City Council contest, the primary featured 13 candidates vying for 12 general election ballot spots. The filed of 12 aspirants for at-large seats on Council will be narrowed to six in November. Only candidate Tom Names was eliminated in the primary – he earned a scant 2.83 percent of the total.

Finishing in the two top positions – as expected – were the incumbent council members Sandy Spang, an independent, at number one, and Republican Rob Ludeman. Finishing next were the two endorsed Democratic incumbents, Larry Sykes and Cecelia Adams, PhD. Sykes is running for a second term; Adams, who was appointed to council in April 2015 upon the death of Jack Ford, is running for a full four-year term. Sykes and Adams both



Cecelia Adams, Ph.D

finished with slightly more than 10 percent of the vote.

Harvey Savage, an unendorsed Democrat, and Gary Johnson, endorsed Democratic candidate rounded out the top six vote getters, each with over eight percent of the total. Savage is the executive director of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Kitchen for the Poor. Johnson, the owner of American Flooring Installers, is a long-time Democratic operative. Both are first-time candidates. All four Democratic candidates in the top six are African American.



Harvey Savage, Jr

Three endorsed Democratic candidates – Nick Komives, Sam Melden and City Councilman Kurt Young – finished seventh, eighth and ninth,



Gary Johnson

respectively. Komives is the executive director of Equality Toledo – an organization focused on ensuring equal rights for the LGBTQ community. Melden is director of growth and advancement for Leadership Toledo and Young, an attorney and Old West End activist, was appointed to City Council upon the resignation of Theresa Gabriel.

Endorsed Republicans, Patricia Robinson and Alphonso Narvaez, and unendorsed Democrat Clyde Phillips finished, 10th, 11th and 12th, respectively.

The general election is scheduled for November 7 and early voting begins on Wednesday, October 11 at the Early Voting Center, 1301 Monroe Street.

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MEP is a manufacturing assistance program that delivers services to companies nationwide. CIFT will serve as one of MEP's regional service partners in Ohio.

"CIFT serves as an important resource for new and growing businesses in our region," said Sheehy. "It is exciting to see a partnership between CIFT and MEP, and I look forward to our community benefiting from the technological and manufacturing improvements this collaboration will create."

The state funding provided to CIFT will be used to deliver MEP services to small and medium-sized manufacturers in northwest Ohio, as well as provide expertise in agricultural products and food processing throughout the state.

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A.N.G.E.L.S. Outreach – Neighbors Helping Neighbors During the Holiday Seasons

By Fletcher Word

Sojourner's Truth Editor

Twenty-two years ago, a life was saved, promises were made and an agency was founded. Twenty-two years later, thousands of families have found a bit of comfort during the holiday seasons as a result of those events and the A.N.G.E.L.S. Outreach Program, which provides such comfort, continues its mission of helping neighbors every Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter.

On September 28, 2017 the A.N.G.E.L.S. Outreach will hold its annual fundraiser at Caper's Pizza Bar in order to bring even more holiday joy to its Toledo-area neighbors.

The unanticipated origins of the program date exactly to September 26, 1995 when Lisa Canales, now a Washington Local School Board member and Democratic Party activist, went into labor with her third child. Canales and her husband – parents of two young sons – were expecting a daughter but had not yet selected a name for the new-born. All had gone well during the pregnancy, says Canales, without any sort of complications and, in fact, the initial hours of labor also proceeded without any problems. However, the situation changed after a couple of hours and the labor brought on an unexpected pain to Canales – a pain that the attending physician recognized immediately. That recognition, recalls Canales, seemed to panic the doctor who shouted to his colleagues in the delivery room “we’re losing this kid.”

The doctor had diagnosed the problem as umbilical cord prolapse – a condition that disconnects the umbilical cord from the uterus while the fetus is still in the womb. When this occurs, the fetus is deprived of oxygen and it is only a matter of minutes until the life of the unborn is threatened.

“Now, I’m scared,” Canales recounts, as she realized that her daughter might not have a chance at life. After taking what few precautions he could in the delivery room, the doctor shut down the procedure and got everyone relocated to the operating room, telling Canales to concentrate. All the while he was counting the seconds on his watch as he got staff and patient moving, trying to minimize the time the baby would be without oxygen. The odds of survival, as Canales would later discover, were slim.

As she was being wheeled into surgery, a distraught Canales offered a prayer: “Please send your angels to save my daughter’s life and if you do, I

will spend my life giving back to the community.”

When she came out of the anesthesia, Canales found out from her own mother that her daughter was alive but there was little else she could immediately discover. It wasn’t until two days later that the doctor told her: “I think she’s going to be okay.” To which Canales replied: “I know she’s going to be okay.” The doctor then informed Canales of just how precarious a situation the little girl had faced: “There’s no medical reason she’s here and healthy,” he said.

The promise Canales had made prior to the birth did not go unfulfilled. Within days of the arrival of Angel Mia Flores, Canales had started A.N.G.E.L.S. Outreach and within two months, Thanksgiving holiday baskets were being donated to needy Toledo residents. Over the following 22 years, well over 5,000 baskets on Thanksgiving, Christmas and, in recent years, Easter have been delivered.

Canales says her program is unique for two reasons. “We are neighbors helping neighbors,” she says. “We don’t ask for income statements or proof of income.” And second, “We will hand deliver our baskets – we take the embarrassment of standing in line out of the equation.” This year, she adds, Toledo Police Chief George Kral, a long-time supporter of the program, has volunteered to have some of his patrol cars deliver the baskets.

As for Angel Mia, her birth 22 years ago this week, was only the start of her involvement with the program. An Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) with ProMedica Air and Mobile, Flores is vice president of A.N.G.E.L.S. Outreach and has been helping the effort for as long as she can remember – assembling baskets, shopping for supplies. She began to understand the reason for her mother’s promise before she was 10 years old and started helping with deliveries shortly after that. As vice president, she is now an integral part of the planning and operations of the program – a program that has no paid staff.

The Wine Tasting With A.N.G.E.L.S. will take place at Caper’s Pizza Bar on Thursday, September 28 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. For ticket information contact 419-917-5289 or 313-515-1075.

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Angel Mia at birth



Angel Mia Flores

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Five Home Maintenance Projects to Tackle this Fall

Special to The Truth

Fall is the perfect time to complete those pesky home maintenance projects left on your to do list. If you've been putting off these chores, you're not alone, but it could cost you. In fact, a national survey from Erie Insurance shows many Americans are putting themselves and their homes at financial risk by delaying important home maintenance tasks.

Make sure you're protected by focusing on these five areas:

- **The Roof.** Twenty-three percent of homeowners admit they never inspect their roof or have it inspected unless there is a problem, according to the Erie Insurance survey. Unfortunately, replacing a roof is also one of the biggest expenses a homeowner may have if not maintained properly. Nationally, the average homeowner spends about \$6,600 to install a new roof, but prices can soar upwards of \$20,000.

Don't be stuck with a hefty roof repair bill. Have it inspected to see if any shingles are damaged and need to be replaced. The fall season is the optimal time to do so, since roofing is best installed when temperatures are cooler. Plus, you'll catch any problems before winter weather kicks in.

- **The Gutters.** Make sure downspouts drain away from the foundation and are clear of debris. Clogged gutters can lead to major issues like uneven floors, cracks in walls and interior water damage. This type of claim, also known as seepage, is a maintenance issue and often not covered under your home insurance policy. To prevent any major issues, clean gutters at least twice a year in fall and spring.

- **The Dryer Exhaust Duct.** Does it take you two to three cycles to dry a load of laundry? If so, you may need to clean your dryer vent. One in five (21 percent) admit they never clean their clothes

dryer ducts, unless they have a problem. But lint build-up can catch fire easily. Over 15,000 dryer fires occurred nationwide from 2010-2014, with the majority being ignited by dust, fiber and lint, according to the National Fire Protection Association. Avoid this disaster with a thorough cleaning at least once a year.

- **The Fireplace Chimney.** Erie Insurance found nearly half (46 percent) of people who own a home with a fireplace never have their chimneys cleaned. However, uncleaned chimneys are a leading cause of structure fires, reports the National Fire Protection Association. So, get the chimney cleaned before the cold weather hits and you find yourself tossing logs in the hearth to keep the house toasty, and then have it cleaned annually.

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Public Transit Forum

A listening session hosted by TARTA General Manager Jim Gee

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St. Paul MBC Celebrates Women's Day

Sojourner's Truth Staff

"Women Walking Worthy" was the theme of this year's Women's Day at St Paul Missionary Baptist Church which, earlier in this busy church summer, celebrated its 100th anniversary. On Sunday, September 17, the congregation – women dressed in white and gold – welcomed guest speaker Crystal Dixon back home to Toledo to address the theme.

"Today, we celebrate the women of St. Paul and all women across the world who have chosen to 'walk' in a manner worthy of their calling," wrote First Lady Linnie Willis in this year's program. "Every woman who is a follower of Christ must possess certain attributes if she strives to walk worthy."

This year's service opened with the devotion/praise & worship led by Sisters Debra Gardner and Lynnell Jones and Deaconesses Maren Cook and Marvine Brown. Then followed the Call to Worship, the Lord's Prayer, the Women's Day Litany, Poem and Song. First Lady Willis introduced the speaker.

Dixon, a Toledo native, is an ordained minister and published author who spent a number of years working at the University of Toledo and then with Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority. She is currently a resident of Avon, OH, a suburb of Cleveland, and is a member of The Word Church of Warrenton Heights, OH. She works with businesses, organizations, ministries and individuals with strategies to become more authentic and effective for good in the world.

This year's Women's Day chairperson was Sharon Hubbard who offered remarks at the close of service. Co-chairpersons were Tiffany Dent-McDole and J'Vann Winfield.

St' Paul's pastor, James H. Willis, Sr. has been the congregation's shepherd


for 13 years. "Women of St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, it is a blessing as well as an honor to be part of another great Celebration," wrote the pastor in this year's program.







Tiffany Dent-McDole, Crystal Dixon, First Lady Linnie Willis, Rev. James Willis, Sharon Hubbard, J'Vann Winfield



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Family and Friends Honor Perryman-Clark's Achievements

By Tricia Hall

Sojourner's Truth reporter

The Perryman family legacy in the city of Toledo can be described as faith-based, family-focused and community empowerment. Recently, the family gathered to celebrate the birthday and recent research accomplishments of Staci Perryman-Clark, PhD, associate director at Western Michigan University's Office of Faculty Development, associate professor of English and Gender and Women's Studies at WMU and director of First-Year Writing at WMU. Her research focuses on institutional and pedagogical practices that systematically reduce retention among black students.

On September 16, 2017, a celebration was held at the historic Toledo Club, located in downtown Toledo. Glitz and glamorous center-pieces decorated every table filled with smiling guests and family members of the honor. Attendees enjoyed the menu of fine dining options, a live band and heart-felt presentations. Perryman-Clark was surrounded by family and friends during the festivities organized by her sister and supporter, Tracee Perryman, PhD.

Perryman-Clark's doctoral dissertation focused on diversity and inclusion in a higher education setting. "I wanted to work with teachers and faculty, not just teachers' assistance and students. In the current format, something was missing. We hosted a two-day seminar at a convention center, and focused on defining diverse students. This includes international, disabled, and second language writers. I enjoy serving the entire university, instead of

just a department," explained Perryman-Clark.

In addition to her academic accomplishments she has authored one book as a solo author, co-edited two additional published books, developed and presented training based on her research, and delivered keynote addresses at several major universities including Purdue.

Geneva Smitherman, PhD, Michigan State University distinguished professor emerita of English and co-founder of African American and African studies, has offered a positive recommendation for one of Perryman-Clark's publish books: "Afrocentric Teacher-Research: Rethinking Appropriateness and Inclusion, is an innovative, intellectually bold work by one of the most talented and brightest thinkers in the emerging generation of scholars in Composition and Rhetoric," wrote Smitherman.

"I would like to pursue additional opportunities where I could work to impact change across the university," said Perryman-Clark.



Staci Perryman Clark, Randall Clark and daughter Jamison



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Dayton Contemporary Dance Company Highlights 2017 Senior Safari at the Toledo Zoo

Older Northwest Ohioans who came to the Toledo Zoo on September 12 to be a part of this year's Senior Safari were in for a memorable experience.

Having been a question on the game show Jeopardy and making multiple appearances on the Public Broadcasting Station (PBS), the internationally known and nationally recognized Dayton Contemporary Dance Company provided entertainment for all to enjoy. The culturally diverse contemporary dance company has performed in China and Chile, and prides itself on extraordinary dance art in conception and execution.

The Area Office on Aging's Senior Safari was held at the Toledo Zoo's Nairobi Pavilion from 10 a.m. – 2p.m. Those age 60 and over received free parking and admission to the zoo as well as have the chance to purchase lunch tickets for \$2.50. For those under the age of \$60, lunch tickets was available for \$5.50.

The Area Office on Aging is one of the 618 Area Agencies on Ag-



ing across the country. Priding itself on health and the well-being of older adults, everyone who attends the event got the opportunity to get free blood pressure checks and health screenings from some of the 45 exhibitors. To aid in transportation services, Century Equipment provided golf carts at designated pick-up stations throughout the zoo.

The 2017 Senior Safari was sponsored by the Toledo Zoo, ABLE, Black & White Transportation, Simply EZ Meals, StoryPoint Senior Living and Buckeye Broadband.



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Senator Brown Appointed to Assisted Living Program Workgroup

This week, Senator Edna Brown (D-Toledo) announced her appointment to the Assisted Living Program Workgroup. The workgroup was established during the recently-enacted state budget (House Bill 49) to review Medicaid-funded and state-funded components of the Assisted Living Program.

"I'm pleased to have been appointed to the workgroup," said Senator Brown. "Assisted living provides more intensive care than home care services, but at a cost that can be burdensome. The program works to help offset some of these expenses. We'll be identifying potential barriers to the enrollment process, ensuring that it's as accessible as possible."

The workgroup will conduct a review of the following:

- Possible obstacles to enrollment in the program and providers' participation, including those related to payment rates for assisted living services
- Tier levels to which enrollees are assigned under the program and the



Edna Brown

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Social Security Column

A Calculated Retirement

By Erin Thompson, Social Security Public Affairs Specialist in Toledo, OH

Guest Column

Calculating when you should retire requires evaluating all sources of your retirement income. There are many factors to consider, including your personal retirement goals. With multiple factors affecting your decision, sometimes it's difficult to see the big retirement picture. Social Security secures your today and tomorrow by offering a webpage of calculators to help you plan your Social Security retirement benefits. You can access our online calculators at www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/benefitcalculators.html to get started planning.

Visit our calculator page and fine-tune your benefit estimate by using the *Retirement Estimator* if you have the required 40 work credits. Changes in your personal circumstances may cause changes in the number of years you work before you retire. Suppose you had planned to work an additional 10 years before retiring, but now you are considering moving that up to the end of this year. How can you determine how much the difference in dollars in the monthly benefits will be? You can create one estimate with your projected earnings through this year and another including the next ten years. These are estimates, but they will give you an approximation for each retirement age to help you make your decision.

You can also use our *Online Calculator* if you don't have 40 work credits.

You need to enter all of your earnings manually, but you can project future earnings through your potential retirement date. Again, this is an estimate based on your future estimated earnings, but it provides you with planning numbers. These three calculators will meet almost everyone's pre-retirement planning needs. But, wait, there's more. Use the *Life Expectancy Calculator* for a rough estimate of how long you might live. The *Retirement Age Calculator* determines your full retirement age and shows the differences when benefits are taken early. The *Early or Late Retirement Calculator* can show the differences in benefit amount if you file early or wait until later to start benefits. You can use the *Benefits for Spouse Calculator* to find out how your spouse's benefit changes if taken early. You can access all of these at www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/benefitcalculators.html.

Another great planning tool is the Social Security Statement. Get yours today with a my Social Security account at www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount. With our calculators doing all the number crunching, we make the big picture easier to see. The road to retirement is in the viewfinder and you have your resources ready. Now that you know which calculator to use, you can start figuring your best retirement option for a calculated retirement.

Senator Brown... continued from page 10

use of the tier levels in setting the program's payment rates

- Statutory and administrative requirements providers must meet to participate in the program

- The feasibility and desirability of making community-based services that are similar to assisted living services available under other programs that the Department of Aging currently administers or under a new program.

For more information about Ohio's Assisted Living Program, visit <https://aging.ohio.gov/services/assistedliving/>.


Maintenance Projects... continued from page 7

- The Sump Pump and Pit. Sump pumps remove excess water from homes that would otherwise cause property damage. It's important to clean a sump pump and its pit annually to keep basements dry and help prevent mold growth and water damage. Do this maintenance project in fall to help protect against heavy rainfalls and accumulated melting snow and ice of winter.

For more information on how you can protect your home through the seasons, visit www.ErieInsurance.com.

Now that you have your checklist, it's time to roll up your sleeves while it's still nice outside. Whether you're a DIYer or prefer hiring a professional, crossing these projects off your to-do list will help ensure you're safe and secure before temperatures drop.

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In Memoriam

Earnestine Harris – April 24, 1961 – September 10, 2017

Earnestine Lynette Harris was born on April 24, 1961 in Toledo, Ohio to Luther and Lula Harris. She departed this life on September 10, 2017 at ProMedica Hospital of Sylvania. Earnestine never met a stranger. Everyone who knew her loved her. She had a fun-loving nature and a generous spirit. She was always the life of the party and she would literally give anyone the shirt off of her back.

She was affectionately known by many nicknames including Ernie, Erna, Auntie Busia, Peaches and Stine.

She graduated from Rogers High School and ultimately received a bachelor's degree in business administration from Lourdes College at the age of 47. She was determined to be a college graduate by any means necessary and had a passion for learning. She also worked for several local companies, including GM Powertrain, Libbey Glass and TARTA. For several summers she even drove an ice-cream truck around town!

As a professional counselor, Earnestine relished her role as a mentor and advisor to young people while working for behavioral agencies including Connecting Point and A Renewed Mind. She often went above and beyond for her clients and cared deeply about their progress.

Earnestine met the love of her life when her son, Mario Rosser, was born on July 2, 1991. She and Mario's father, John Rosser, devoted themselves

to their son. Earnestine dedicated her life to ensuring that Mario received an outstanding education and exposed him to people from all walks of life.

She was a long-time member of Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church and accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and savior at an early age while attending Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church.

Earnestine was also a well-known leader in the recovery community of Toledo. She organized and led meetings in various locations. She often spoke about how the principles she learned in recovery helped to shape her life and aided her in her Christian walk.

She was also a great athlete and enjoyed multiple sports. During her high school years she was on the basketball, track and volleyball teams. Additionally, she participated in various softball teams in Toledo for many years during the 1980s and also was a member of Toledo's semi-professional women's football team for a few years – the Furies.

Earnestine believed in supporting community events. She was a member of the committee that organizes the local Kwanzaa celebration. Additionally, she cared about local and national politics and volunteers on campaigns.

Earnestine loved life and enjoyed spending time with her friends and family. She could talk on the phone for hours and she made everyone feel like they mattered. She was everyone's best friend.

She will be greatly missed by her family and all of her many friends who came to love her. She was preceded in death by her father, Luther Harris; brother, Tommie Lee Graham; sister, Lutherine Poston and her beloved pet dog, Jubilee the First.

Left to cherish her memory is her son, Mario Rosser; mother, Lula Harris; brothers and sisters – Andrew (Marion) Graham, Vernice Blanchard, Marlene (Darrell) Taylor and Lindsey Harris; sister-in-law Sharon Graham; brother-in-law Steve Poston; former brother-in-law Pete Blanchard, Jr. and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Earnestine was interred at Woodlawn Cemetery on Saturday, September 15 after services at Mt. Pilgrim during which acknowledgements were offered by sister Marlene Harris Taylor and reflections were presented by friends Annie Banks, Frani Washington and Rev. Stanley Clark, brother Lindsey Harris and son Mario Rosser.

Rev. Raymond Bishop Jr – senior pastor at Mt. Pilgrim – addressed the mourners with the Word of Life.



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Mario Rosser and mother Earnestine Harris



Marlene Harris Taylor and Earnestine

Rise of the Jumbies by Tracey Baptiste

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

The Truth Contributor

What lives beneath the waves?

Fish, of course. Seahorses, clams, lobsters and whales, turtles and mermaids, too. You'd be surprised at what lives under the sea, but in the new book *Rise of the Jumbies* by Tracey Baptiste, there are also things that you don't want to know about...

It'd been bright and sunny on the day the waves thundered.

Everyone along the beach scurried inland toward the village. Parents snatched their children and ran, but Corrine wasn't scared. She knew instantly what was happening. She'd been through something like this before.

As she watched Papa's boat rock in the waves, Corrine recalled the undersea battle she'd had just months before. Her mother's sister, Severine, was a jumbie, and she'd threatened the people of Corrine's Caribbean island home. Corrine fought Severine and won, but it hadn't been easy. She knew in her heart that Severine could return.

And then the children started to disappear.

At first, her neighbors thought she was to blame; Corrine was half-jumbie, and everyone knew it. She had to make them believe that she wasn't bad, that it wasn't her fault when the sea took children. To do that, to fix everything, the island's white witch said Corrine had to go beneath the water.

As the villagers presented gifts to the sea, Corrine let the waves take her to Mama D'Leau, the powerful ruler of the jumbies. The white witch said that Mama D'Leau does what she wants. Never ask more than one question, Corrine was told. Don't try to be

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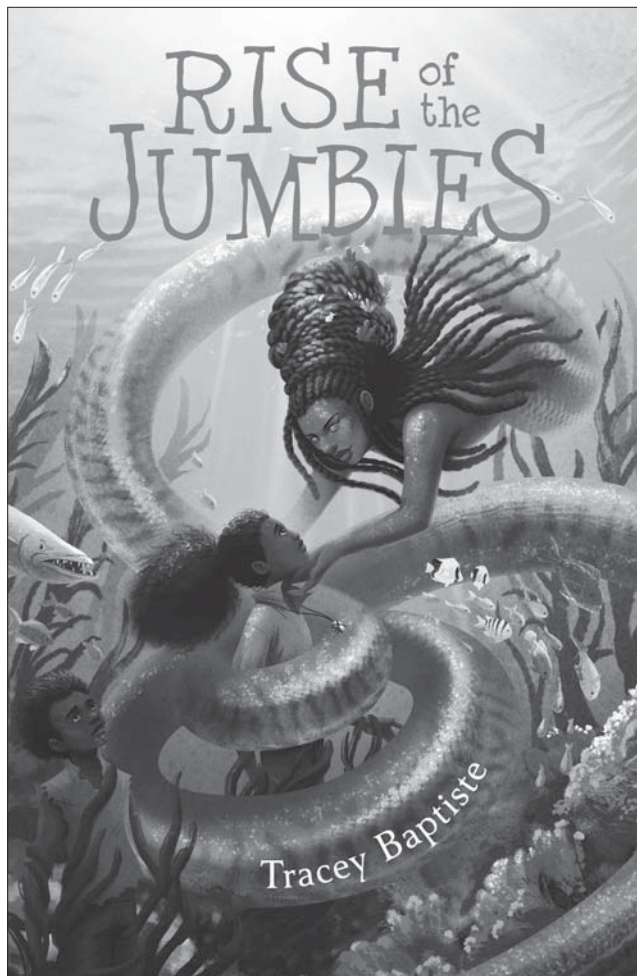
clever, and be ready to grant her wishes. Corrine knew that Mama D'Leau could be generous, but not often.

She only wanted the safe return of the island's children, who'd been snatched by someone – or something. She didn't want to meet with the fearsome Mama D'Leau, but there was no other way. Corrine had to risk her own life and memories, but could she risk her friends' lives, too?

Put *Rise of the Jumbies* against your ear, and what do you hear? Not the ocean, but you may hear your child ask for this adventure-filled book. Just be aware that you might need to dive in to help with it.



Rise of the Jumbies author Courtesy Latifah Abdur Photography



Packed with West African and Caribbean tales, this book takes young readers both underwater with mermaids and to a forest of enchanted beings. Kids who can't get enough of legends or fantastical stories will be wide-eyed at both story and action, the latter of which is truly heart-pounding but can also be confusing: there are many fine characters in author Tracey Baptiste's tale, but when several of them swirl in a single scene, it can be messy and in need of sorting. Parents may also want to guide youngsters to an understanding of subtle slave ship references that constitute a well-done story-within-a-story.

Savvy readers ages eight-12 may be able to jump into *Rise of the Jumbies* feet-first without reading its predecessor, *The Jumbies*, but I'd recommend starting there anyhow. Try that, and your child can wave "hello" to her next favorite series.



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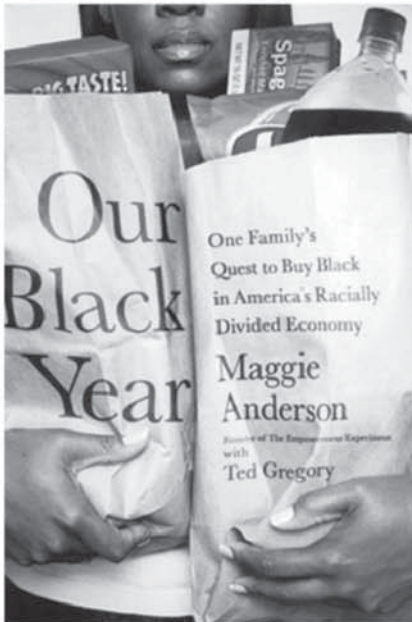
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Facilitated by an expert grief counselor, the group will provide participants with information on coping with unexpected loss including healthy coping skills, understanding loss and setting realistic expectations of one's self.

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The Board of Commissioners of the Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority (LMHA) is preparing to submit its Annual Plan 2018, to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2018. In addition, LMHA shall submit the Capital Fund 2018 5-year Action Plan and a significant amendment to the 2017 5-year Action Plan. These plans are available for review at LMHA's Website (www.lucasmha.org). LMHA invites you to submit comments during the next 45 days. Please submit comments to cmorgan@lucasmha.org.

You are invited to a public hearing on Tuesday, October 3, 2017 at 4:00 p.m., McClinton Nunn Community Bldg., 425 Nebraska Ave., Toledo, OH 43604. Interested citizens will be provided pertinent information regarding strategic goals and program activities of the LMHA. Citizens are encouraged to attend this public hearing and provide additional comments on the Annual Plan 2018.

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A LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY.

Last week, the Ohio Department of Education released its report card for public schools.. Toledo Public Schools welcomes transparency about its performance, but believes the State Report Card gives a woefully incomplete picture of public education in this and other urban districts.

The State Report Card is overly broad and fails to accurately capture our progress. That is why we feel compelled to tell a more complete story. The summary below is supported by a full set of performance data which can be found at www.tps.org.

TPS still has work to do, but our students, teachers and staff are making tremendous strides. We invite the entire community to discover even more about our continuing momentum at the 2017 State of the District address on Wednesday, October 11, at 5:30 p.m. at Scott High School.

Sincerely,

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DISTRICT ENROLLMENT AND TRENDS

- Number of preschool students has tripled
- Number of economically disadvantaged students has increased to 86%
- Number of homeless students has increased 29% in the last three years
- TPS is becoming more diverse over time

2014-15 **21,359**

2015-16 **21,983**

2016-17 **22,807**

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND PRE-K

- In the Rogers, Scott, Waite and Woodward learning communities, the average kindergarten readiness scores of students who attended Head Start were significantly higher than those of students who did not attend Head Start
- 80% of children who came to TPS without participating in Early Childhood programming needed intense intervention

3RD GRADE READING GUARANTEE



- Students who started a grade "not on track" were back "on track" at an increased rate over the previous year (up 5.4%)
- 86% of third graders were promoted to fourth grade based on test scores

STUDENT DISCIPLINE

- Discipline occurrences, number of students disciplined, and total days from suspension all decreased from the previous year WITH an increase in enrollment.

GRADUATION RATES



- Increased graduation rate by 8.1% over 3 years
- Graduating more TOTAL students each year
- The graduation rates of students with disabilities has increased by 6%
- When students stay in the same school, their graduation rate increases significantly
- Career Tech students had a 98% graduation rate

STUDENT PROFICIENCY



- In total, 11,124 tests were deemed proficient, advanced or accelerated
- Average increase of 4.9% proficiency across the board
- Students increased in 33 of the 41 tested grades/subjects
- TPS showed growth in reading and math for all student groups

TPS STUDENTS PREPARED FOR SUCCESS - 2016 SENIORS



- Advanced Placement course participation increased from 80 to 203
- Dual Enrollment/College Credits earned increased from 72 to 186
- ACT participation increased from 1064 to 1115
- Students earning an Honors Diploma increased from 36 to 81
- Nearly 15% of 2016 graduates were enrolled in AP or college courses
- 75% of CT students went on to take post-secondary courses, entered the workforce or joined the armed forces
- In addition, all TPS students have earned more than 750 college credit hours

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT



- TPS has developed nearly 400 partnerships with community agencies
- Approximately 13% of students are directly connected with an expanded learning partner

OUTSTANDING SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS



- Glendale-Feilbach Elementary School, 8th grade Mathematics (**Up 58%**)
- McKinley Elementary School, 3rd Grade, Mathematics (**Up 47%**)
- Whittier Elementary School, 7th Grade, Mathematics (**Up 44%**)
- Harvard Elementary School, 6th Grade, Mathematics (**Up 40%**)
- Larchmont Elementary School, 5th Grade, Science (**Up 36%**)

SCHOOLS MEETING 80% PASSAGE RATES IN CERTAIN SUBJECTS

- Elmhurst Elementary (9)
- Toledo Technology Academy (5)
- Toledo Early College (4)
- Grove Patterson Academy (3)
- Beverly Elementary (2)
- Old West End Academy (2)
- Ella P. Stewart Academy (1)

TPS STUDENT POPULATION

- The graduation rate of economically-disadvantaged students has increased 9.5% over the last three years but is still 10% lower than for economically advantaged students
- Homeless students have increased 29% in the last three years
- Homeless students graduate 8.6% less

