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The Kids Got This!



Tough Decisions Require Mental Strength

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

The Truth Contributor

Water issues are a problem of power and control. Water has replaced oil as the international bargaining chip. However, you can live without oil but you cannot live without water

- Detroit Faith Leader



Whether to cede control of Toledo's water supply to a regional water authority is a challenging question. The decision becomes even more burdensome when based upon not entirely rational and hardcore assertions spoken with the intensity of road rage. These appeals often drown out saner counter proposals based on facts and common sense.

For me, making the decision to join or not join the Toledo Area Water Authority (TAWA) comes down to having the mental strength to separate indisputable facts from the uproarious myths and fiction perpetuated by proponents of the status quo.

The facts are:

- Water rates have increased 43 percent over the last four years under the status quo gang – 13 percent in 2015, followed by an additional 13 percent in 2016, 13 percent more in 2017 and another four percent in 2018. This lack of rate stability hurts overall economic development and has viciously battered our income-challenged and working residents.
- Forty percent of Toledoans are being “ripped off” by Toledo's water department via policies that require citizens to pay for a minimum usage of 2,000 cubic square feet of water, even though four in ten are likely to consume a mere 1,000 -1,400 cubic square feet. The city's purpose is likely a backhanded plan to generate extra funds to help manage water plant operations and to cover the \$20 million in uncollected debt on bad water accounts that people could not afford to pay for their water.
- The city currently has no water affordability bank or program such as HEAP or PIP (percentage of income plan) to help those who have difficulty paying their water bill to make arrangements while keeping their water from being shut off. The regional system, in contrast, and mostly paid for by the suburbs, is designed to create such an affordability bank to help “income-challenged” persons to keep their water on.
- Currently, 75 percent of Toledo's water lines are lead and pose a public health hazard that could possibly, one day, cause our city to become another Flint, Michigan. Conversely, the TAWA agreement replaces all of the lead service lines in the City of Toledo, the financing which, is also provided by those who have few or no lead lines such as Sylvania, Sylvania Township, Monclova, Monroe, Maumee and Perrysburg.

The plain hard truth is that none of these benefits take place without Toledo's participation in the TAWA or under the status quo. Based on a

meeting held on March 20, there seems to be a real possibility that all the suburban communities could leave the Toledo agreement over the next 10 years leaving Toledo to fund \$185 million in federally mandated upgrades to its plant. In this case, water rates in Toledo are expected to triple or rise at least 300 percent.

In addition, and only spoken about in hushed tones, is the urgent need for Toledo to treat their own – the citizens who live within its boundaries – better. Particularly its low-income residents, who, in effect, are subsidizing or paying for large commercial and industrial customers who receive preferential low water rates for high volume usage. Residential customers receive a surcharge, in effect, for lower usage, and a higher rate for average usage, while commercial customers receive a lower rate for higher usage. This policy smacks with injustice and has nothing to do with the suburbs.

Not only that, but the city requires one to be a property owner to have the water bill placed in their own name. Standard practice has been to put water accounts in the landlord's name. So theoretically, you can pay your rent every month thinking that the water bill has been getting paid and possibly come home to find a hangtag or notice of water shut off because you assumed the landlord was paying the bill.

Another fact:

- A major myth has been that joint MOU is binding and final. However, the truth is that this document is merely an aspirational framework that is used to obtain an interim order to “form” the TAWA. Once the order to formulate the authority is obtained, then board members can be ap-

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Community Calendar

April 5

Kwanzaa Park Neighbors and Black Watch Meeting: 6 pm; The Padua Center; Speaker is Gary Arbuckle of the Board of Developmental Disabilities; Discussion on razing of St. Anthony Church
Race and the Criminal Justice System: A Conversation: 4 to 6 pm; St. Timothy Episcopal Church in Perrysburg; Moderator UT's Shelley Cavalieri; Presented by the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio Commission for Racial Understanding

April 25

Heart-to-Heart Conversation on the Success and Sustainability of Black Business in Toledo: 1 pm; 2200 Jefferson Ave, 1st floor conference room; Lunch served; Like minded group for candid talks about business opportunities for black business owners: 419-251-9870

April 27-28

Calvary MBC Women's Ministry 21st Women's Retreat: Holiday Inn in Lima on Leonard Road: 419-531-9443 or 419-865-0019

May 5

The Toledo Plant Exchange, in its 14th year, begins with plant drop-off from 8:30 to 10 in the parking garage of Main Library downtown. Bring labeled, weed-free plants and gently used gardening paraphernalia. There will be informational booths and experts to answer questions. Plant give-away begins at 10 and continues until about 10:45. Attendees will receive five free plants, while those who bring items to share will receive more. Enter the garage from Adams off of 11th street, and drive to the garage's far end. It's a collaboration of the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library, OSU Extension Lucas County Master Gardener Volunteers, and community gardeners. FREE. Facebook and 419-578-678

Area Youth March to Put an End to Gun Violence

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Youngsters from around the metropolitan area held a rally on Saturday, March 24 at Promenade Park and then joined the worldwide March for Our Lives to One Government Center to drive their pint home. Toledo's march was one of an estimated 844 worldwide such events as youth from around the nation and around the world gathered to tell elected officials that it is time their voices were heard and that they be released from the fear of gun violence.

Since the infamous Columbine shooting in 1999, 187,000 students have experienced shootings in 193 primary and secondary schools in the United States. The last federal law to ban any sort of firearms was the Federal Assault Weapons Ban that banned semiautomatics that looked like assault weapons and large capacity ammunition feeding devices. The law expired in 2004.

The March for Our Lives was organized by the student-survivors from Parkland, Florida who were in their school. Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School on February 14, when a former student used an AR-15, which he legally purchased, to kill 17 students and teachers and wound an additional 17. The Parkland students themselves held their march in Washington, D.C. which attracted an estimated 800,000 attendees.

Among the speakers in Toledo was Jeremiah Hunter who drew some of the loudest applause of the day. Here's what Jeremiah had to say:

This Isn't Just Some Past Time – Jeremiah Hunter 's Speech at the Toledo March for Our Lives on March 24

A 17 year old in a neighboring city had breakfast with his friends in the school cafeteria and then went into a bathroom and shot himself with a .22-caliber handgun. March 5th, 2018.

- 5 dead 1 wounded - Chardon High School
- 7 dead 3 wounded - Oikos University
- 26 dead 2 wounded 20 Children 6 Adults - Sandy Hook Elementary
- 6 dead 4 wounded - Santa Monica College
- 9 dead 9 wounded - Umpqua Community College
- 2 dead 0 wounded - Aztec High School
- 1 dead 1 wounded - Huffman High School
- 4 dead 1 wounded - Pilchuck High School
- 17 dead 14 wounded - Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School

But as you can see, this isn't a pastime

50 – The number of mass murders or attempted mass murders at a school since Columbine.

141 – The number of people killed in a mass murder or attempted mass murder at a school since Columbine.

17 – The number of kids aged 15 or younger who have committed or attempted a mass school shooting since Columbine.

270 – The number of shootings of any kind at a school since Columbine. The numbers have only risen since these were released in 2016.

Not only will we have to fear the actual gunman but threats as well. Between February 5th and February 27th, copycat threats have risen across the U.S.

According to USA Today 638 copycat threats were reported.

- Texas - 55
- California - 37
- Florida - 35
- Pennsylvania - 32
- Ohio - 47

We're the second highest in these threats.

So here we are. And we're here.

We're here marching for NO Violence in our communities;

We're here marching asking for adults to help every student to graduate;

We're here marching to end youth homelessness;

We're here marching for our future, the same future taken away so swiftly, from our peers;

We're here marching for the dead;

We're here marching for the wounded, the afraid, the bullied, the helpless, the families. OUR FAMILIES;

We're here MARCHING FOR THE ONES WHO DIDN'T AND WILL

NEVER GET TO

WALK ACROSS THAT STAGE AND HAVE THAT SENSE OF FREEDOM TO

FINALLY GRADUATE, TO FINALLY SUCCEED THE ONE OF MANY GOALS WE STRIVE TO REACH.

We're here. And we are not leaving.

Because this isn't just some pastime.

We're Marching for OUR Lives.

And if you can't see that..... I have nothing more to say.



Jeremiah Hunter



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Local Elected Officials Honor Congresswoman Kaptur: The Longest-Serving Woman in U.S. House History

State Rep. Mike Ashford (D-Toledo), along with the Lucas County Commissioners, held a press conference, Friday, March 23 to honor Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur on making history as the longest-serving woman in the United States House of Representatives.

“For more than 35 years, Congresswoman Kaptur has been a strong advocate and voice for communities throughout Lucas County in Washington,” said Ashford. “As a Toledo native, she has always advocated for policies and legislation that benefits women and minorities through her selfless leadership and service and I’m proud to call her a friend and to recognize her for this distinct honor.”

Joining Ashford to recognize Kaptur’s accomplishment were: Lucas County Commissioners Pete Gerken, Tina Skeldon Wozniak and Carol Contrada; State Rep. Michael Sheehy; Lucas County Clerk of Courts Bernie Quilter; Lucas County Treasurer Lindsay Webb; Lucas County Recorder Phil Copeland and Toledo City Councilwoman Sandy Spang along with other county officials

On March 18, 2018, Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur (D-OH-09), the Dean of the Ohio Delegation and senior Democrat on the House Appropriations Committee, became the longest-serving woman in U.S. House of Representatives history. Kaptur surpassed the record previously held by Rep. Edith Nourse Rogers (R-MA).

“It is my great honor and privilege to represent the people of Ohio’s Ninth Congressional District, and I thank them for putting their faith in me for so many years and inspiring our work to



make America a better place.” said Kaptur. “Whether it is pension and retirement security, peace and stability throughout the world or fighting for a fair playing field where working people have a chance to get a leg up and achieve the American dream - our work continues.”

Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur is the daughter of Stephen and Anastasia Kaptur, a Polish-American working-class family in Toledo, Ohio. She still lives in the same neighborhood where she grew up and her parents’ hard work allowed her and her brother Stephen to advance. Kaptur was the first member of her family to graduate high school and college, earning degrees from the University of Wisconsin and the University of Michigan. She then worked to revitalize cities across America and as an advisor for President Jimmy Carter.

While pursuing a doctorate at MIT, Kaptur was encouraged by people back home to run against the Republican in her home district, Ohio’s Ninth. Her campaign focused on the deep recession in Ohio and resulted in an upset victory that was powered by grassroots volunteers and bake sales.

Kaptur’s blue-collar roots drive her dedication to her fight for good jobs, fair trade agreements and against predatory abuses by large financial institutions. Her District first approach informs her work every day, including her decades-long struggle to build the WWII Memorial which was inspired by a constituent veteran. After tough internal elections, she secured a seat on the powerful Appropriations Committee where she ranks among its most senior members. There she focuses on economic growth, financial stability and defense and energy security.

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Deadline for Lead-Safe Certification Approaching

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Toledo City Councilmen Larry Sykes and Peter Ujvagi, along with Toledo Lucas County Health Commissioner Eric Zgodzinski, held a press conference on Tuesday, March 20, the first day of spring, to remind homeowners that the summer deadline is rapidly approaching for a number of properties to be registered for their Lead Safe Certificates. By June 30, 2018 approximately 12,500 rental properties must be registered, or approximately 112 per day by the 106 registered lead inspectors.

"We want to stress that the city is very serious about this issue and helping to solve it," said Ujvagi. "It is a national critical crisis with its impact on our children."

"Anyone who has lived in a lead-infested home is going to have some serious medical issues," said Sykes.

The lead safe law was passed in August 2016 with a deadline for compliance for all rental properties of September 2017. The ordinance was amended in April 2017 to phase in the rental properties over a three-year period with the deadline for Phase I being June 2018.

A website is available at lucascountyhealth.com with information on the lead safe law and other resources for preventing lead poisoning. Deferments are available for owners with more than 10 properties and there is a hardship extension program as well through the City of Toledo Department of Neighborhoods.



Health Commissioner Eric Zgodzinski, Councilmen Larry Sykes and Peter Ujvagi

Portman, Brown Announce Full Funding for Great Lakes Restoration Initiative

U.S. Senators Rob Portman (R-OH) and Sherrod Brown (D-OH) announced full funding of \$300 million for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) in the final FY 2018 appropriations bill Congress is expected to pass this week.

Last year, the president proposed eliminating GLRI and the senators worked together to ensure it was fully funded in this appropriations bill for the rest of the fiscal year. President Trump's most recent budget proposed cutting GLRI by 90 percent. The Obama administration also proposed cuts to the program. The package Congress is expected to vote on this week will ensure GLRI is fully funded through the end of the fiscal year.

"The Great Lakes are an invaluable resource to Ohio, and the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative has been a successful public-private partnership that helps protect both our environment and our economy," said Portman. "I am pleased that the final bipartisan funding agreement fully funds this critical

program, and I will continue to work Senator Brown to protect and preserve Lake Erie and all the Great Lakes."

"Efforts to slash funding for GLRI were met again with fierce opposition from all the Ohioans who rely on Lake Erie for a job, a source of water or a place to be outside with their families," said Brown. "I'm glad to continue working with Senator Portman to ensure GLRI has its full strength as communities continue their important work to keep Lake Erie clean."

Portman and Brown have worked to strengthen the GLRI – a highly successful program that has targeted the most significant problems in the region and jumpstarted restoration efforts to protect, maintain, and restore the chemical, biological, and physical integrity of the Great Lakes. Last year, the two helped ensure that the measure included \$300 million for GLRI for the remainder of the fiscal year, battling back reported attempts to cut the GLRI.

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Kickboxing

Kaylyn Hornbeak: Toledo's World Champion

By Betty Valentine

The Truth Contributor

Toledo has long been known for the number of star athletes emanating from the city. We have had leaders in the fields of boxing, football, baseball, basketball and hockey and now emerges a new star in the combat sport of kickboxing.

During a recent conversation with friends, I heard a young man excitedly describing the skills of a young Toledo student who was a world champion in the field of kickboxing. Having not seen or heard of this person before, I took the opportunity to attend one of her sparing sessions at the American Martial Arts Center on Heatherdowns Boulevard. The Center was crowded with both participants and spectators (many were parents of the students). As I settled in to watch some of the matches in progress, I heard a loud scream and a young man quickly leaving the sparing area holding his nose which was bleeding profusely. A young lady was accompanying him as they left the center sparing area. I soon learned that the young lady I had come to see was the person who had injured her sparing partner and was accompanying him to the rear area to receive medical attention. Then came the myriad comments about the skills and power of that young lady.

Her name is Kaylyn Hornbeak and she is a 5'1" sophomore at Springfield High School.

After making sure that her sparring partner was not seriously injured, she returned to the sparing floor to continue training.

Not really knowing a lot about kickboxing at the time, I was surprised to see a young girl sparring with a much older and physically larger male opponent, but to my surprise she handled the adults as formidably as she would an opponent of her own age and size. After the session ended, her sparring partner, McKantz Archer, came over and elaborated on the young girl's skills. "She's very good," he said. He continued praising her for several minutes before returning to the sparring floor.

At the end of her session I had the opportunity to speak with Kaylyn

and her mother, Chervonne Curry. I learned that Kaylyn began her career in kickboxing when she was in the third grade at Wildwood Environmental Elementary School. At that time they didn't have a gymnasium so they provided karate lessons for the students. The Sensei [Japanese name for teacher] contacted Kaylyn's Mom asking that she consider kickboxing for Kaylyn as she showed a great potential for future success as a kickboxer.



As we were talking her current Sensei, Brandon Allen, joined us. I asked if it was true that Kaylyn was a two-time World Kickboxing Champion. The answer was a resounding YES.

She won in 2016 in Ireland and again in 2017 in Orlando, Florida. She is a member of Team USA for 2017-18. In order to be a member of Team USA you must place 1-4 in both regionals and nationals. On several occasions Kaylyn has gone up into Michigan to train with other Sensei. Sensei Allen said that kickboxers have become the pool from which super heroes and stunt doubles are selected.

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Fros, Fashions & Finds

Sigma Gamma Rho's Youth Symposium

By Megan Davis
The Truth Contributor

The Iota Theta Sigma Alumnae Chapter of the Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. held its annual Youth Symposium on Saturday, March 10th at the MLK Academy for Boys. With the theme "Creating Connections: The Building Blocks of Leadership", the focus was equipping youth with the competencies necessary for strong leadership, enhancing their understanding of being accountable and inspiring. The sorority, whose sisterhood is founded on the principles of being "Intentional, Impactful and Measurable," reached nearly 50 young ladies and young men during this event.

As a part of this one day program, James Devine, a teacher at MLK Academy, was awarded the 2018 Seven Founders' Educator Professional Development Award for going above and beyond the call of duty to provide quality education for students of color. In addition, Devine will receive

funding to support professional development programming or supplies for his classroom.

Founded on the campus of Butler University in Indianapolis, Indiana by seven schoolteachers, in 1922, the organization became incorporated in 1929. The Sigma Gamma Rho, Inc. mission is to enhance the quality of life for women and their families in the U.S. and globally through community service, and civil and social action. Their goal is to achieve greater progress in the areas of education, health awareness, and leadership development. This annual youth symposium supports their overall mission and vision and because of the partnerships with the YMCA and the Youth Opportunities Program (YOP), they were able to continue their efforts in keeping this mission and vision alive.



The Glass City Natural Hair Symposium Brings Curls, Culture and Commerce to the Local Community

By Megan Davis
The Truth Contributor

The Glass City Natural Hair Symposium, a celebration of Curls, Culture and Commerce, is being held on April 28, 2018. The symposium focuses on natural hair, whose curls and texture defies gravity and is deeply rooted in self awareness and self sufficiency and will provide an engaging experience, from the crown to the soul. In addition, model Meeche El and the University of Toledo's Natural HAIRitage group will host the Young Naturalistas corner with activities for tweens and teens.

The luncheon and panel will feature Urban Farmer, Sonia Flunder-McNair, keynote speaker, whose personal testimony of healing began with the fruit of the Earth followed by the panel of esteemed professionals, Dr. Hope Mitchell, Dermatologist, TiAnna Anderson, Branding Guru and Master Barber, TaWann Gaston. Topics of discussion will speak to the importance of how the natural hair movement has inspired many to live a more holistic life; and powers the multi-billion dollar beauty industry. Further, the panel will address common concerns and issues with African American skin and hair care such as hair loss, style trends, and finding your personal style. Each panelist and vendor represents the millions of African Americans around the world who have bypassed the social norms of what beauty should be, embracing their roots and using their abilities, skills and passion to become entrepreneurs, which is what makes the marketplace unique and valuable to the event.

GCNHS will be held at the Heatherdowns Country Club from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., with the luncheon at noon. The vendor marketplace and ongoing activities will be open for the duration of the event. There are 2 admission levels of \$5 for general and \$25 for VIP Naturalistas. VIPs will have access to the lunch panel and receive swag bags with items from sponsors Oyin Handmade, TGIN, Avlon, Optimistic Movement, The Kitchen Salon, Sincerely Natural, Taylor Made Dreams and others. Registration information is available at www.thenaturalexpo.com or by calling 419-984-0395



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The Toledo Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. held their first Naturally You Expo on March 10 at the UT Driscoll Center. This one day event featured local vendors and workshops ranging from Natural Hair Care, to fitness, skin-care, makeup and style branding. Proceeds from the event were donated to their scholarship fund.

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The Cotillion Etiquette Seminar and Luncheon

The (NANBPWC) National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Club Inc - Toledo Club, presented an Etiquette Seminar and Luncheon on Saturday, March 17, 2018 at Indiana Missionary Baptist Church.

These high school ladies learned many things that will guide them through college, career, and family and interactions.

Denise Cardwell discussed why etiquette is important. Her program entitled "Between Us Girls" emphasizes the inner and outer self and how others see you and how you see yourself.

Cardwell also discussed the importance of first impressions, body languages, attire, attitude and several other topics.

The 28 Debutantes had an opportunity to get to know each other, ask questions, and participate in interactive activities.

Cotillion Chairman Wilma Brown and Co-chairman Karen Jarret concluded with a questions and concerns session.

Frances C. Collins, PhD, Toledo Club president; Denise Black-Poon, first vice president and program chairman; and Barbara Tucker, financial secretary and parliamentarian also attended the seminar.

The Cotillion Scholarship Program Presents "Safe Encounters"

The National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. - Toledo Adult and Youth Clubs, Maumee Bay Adult and Youth Clubs presented a special workshop entitled, "Safe Encounters" to

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Scott Alumni Association Holds Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

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On March 24, 2018, the Jesup W. Scott High School Alumni Association welcomed 11 graduates into its Hall of Fame with a luncheon and induction ceremony at The Pinnacle.

The Hall of Fame program began in 1981 in an effort to honor Scott alumni who had achieved notable success in a range of areas - business, the arts, the professions, government an community service.

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Theresa M. Gabriel



Spring 2018 updates effective March 18.

On Sunday, March 18, 2018, the TARTA spring route schedule will begin. As some routes will be affected by routing and time changes, new timetables and maps are available at TARTA.com/Spring2018

TARTA Mobility Management
ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK



- **1 Ottawa Hills/Sylvania/Sylvania Twp Call-A-Ride**
- 1/4 renamed to 1; Saturday and Sunday hours adjusted to 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
- **2 Franklin Park via Toledo Hospital**
- ProMedica Health added Wellness Center via Starlite Plaza added; no 11 a.m. weekday lineup
- **3 North/South Crosstown**
- adjusted schedule: 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- **5 Dorr via UT Main Campus/Walmart**
- Dorr/Reynolds timepoint added; schedule adjustments
- **6 King Road/City of Sylvania**
- adjusted schedule: 9:00 a.m. to 5:50 p.m.; Holland-Sylvania/Brint/McCord/Sylvania loop added
- **8 Maumee/Waterville Call-A-Ride**
- 8/29 renamed to 8; Monday through Friday hours adjusted to 6:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday hours adjusted to 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
- **10 Rossford Call-A-Ride**
- downtown routing updated: Erie/Jackson/Summit/Washington to/from I-75; Monday through Friday hours adjusted to 6:00 a.m.-9:15 p.m.; last return trip to downtown 9:45 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday hours adjusted to 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.; holidays 7:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- **12 Front/Starr**
- **14 East Broadway/Oak**
- schedule adjusted for new weekday 12:30 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. trips to downtown
- **15A Summit/Suder/Alexis**
- **15E Summit/Point Place via Alexis**
- no 11:00 a.m. weekday lineup
- **16 Alexis via Meijer**
- no 11:00 a.m. weekday lineup
- **17B Lagrange/Bennett via Miracle Mile**
- **17E Lagrange/Eleanor via Miracle Mile**
- no 11:00 a.m. weekday lineup
- **19F Cherry/Franklin Park**
- no 11:00 a.m. weekday lineup
- **19S Cherry/Secor/Franklin Park Mall**
- schedule adjustments; 19S via Franklin Park to/from Alexis/Secor timepoint only on Secor Rd
- **19T Cherry/Talmadge/Franklin Park Mall**
- no 11:00 a.m. weekday lineup; schedule adjustments for 19T via Franklin Park to/from Alexis/Secor timepoint only on Talmadge Rd
- **20F Central Ave/Franklin Park Mall**
- **20M Central/Meijer Drive**
- no 11:00 a.m. weekday lineup; service every day
- **20W Ottawa Hills via Westgate**
- no 11:00 a.m. weekday lineup; three 20W trips added: 7:30 a.m. inbound arriving downtown at 7:55 a.m., 10:25 a.m. inbound arriving downtown at 11:10 a.m., and 11:10 a.m. outbound arriving 11:55 a.m. at Westgate; Executive Pkwy 20W routing eliminated; weekday-only service
- **22 Bancroft via UT Campus/Franklin Park**
- no 11:00 a.m. weekday lineup
- **26D Berdan/Douglas/Miracle Mile**
- **26L Lewis/Alexis/Miracle Mile**
- no 11:00 a.m. weekday lineup; schedule adjusted for Saturday and Sunday lineups and to end after the 1:30 p.m. lineup; no holiday service
- **27H Nebraska/Hill-Reynolds**
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- no 11:00 a.m. weekday lineup; schedule adjustments; discontinuation of the McTigue/Nebraska via 27N replaced by all trips via Walmart, Central Ave
- **28 /Indiana/Smead/Oakwood**
- schedule adjusted for weekday trips prior to 8 a.m. and following 7:30 p.m. lineups; new weekday 12:30 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. trips to downtown
- **29X Waterville Express**
- downtown routing updated: Erie/Jackson/Summit/Washington to/from I-75
- **31G Glendale/Southwyck**
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- **34 Detroit/Byrne/Western via UTMC**
- no 11:00 a.m. weekday lineup; schedule adjusted for weekday trips prior to 6:30 a.m. and following 6:00 p.m. lineups; no holiday service
- **35 Airport/Maumee-Arrowhead**
- schedule adjustments for new starting times at 6:15 a.m., ending at 11:30 a.m.; new starting time for trips starting at 3:10 p.m. and ending at 9 p.m.
- **39 Franklin Park/City of Sylvania**
- **39M Monroe/Sylvania-Centennial**
- trips reduced to an adjusted schedule starting at 6:00 a.m. and ending at 8:40 a.m.; new afternoon starting times at 4:00 p.m. and ending at 6:00 p.m.; new downtown routing: Erie/Jackson/Summit/Washington to/from I-75
- **41 Glendale-Southland/Maumee-Arrowhead**
- trips reduced to an adjusted schedule starting at 6:25 a.m. and ending at 10:25 a.m.; new afternoon starting times at 2:00 p.m. and ending at 6:00 p.m.; new downtown routing: Erie/Jackson/Summit/Washington to/from I-75
- **43 Maumee-Arrowhead/Western via UTMC**
- schedule adjusted and trips reduced to a new starting time at 7:37 a.m., ending at 6:57 p.m.
- **44X St. Luke's Hospital**
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students participating in the Cotillion Scholarship Program on Wednesday, March 7, 2018, at 6:00 pm at Keyser Elementary School.

Trevor Black introduced both club presidents, Frances Collins, PhD, of the Toledo Club and Linda Collins from the Maumee Bay Club. The presidents greeted the guests and started the workshop.

Patti Poston, first vice president and program chairman from Maumee Bay Club, shared the purpose of "Safe Encounters." This program is designed to promote safe interactions between police and citizens, particularly youth and young adults. In view of the rise in police shootings, it is essential that the clubs help young people learn how to respond when approached by law enforcement.

The anticipated outcome is to build or re-establish wholesome relationships between young people, especially minorities, and law enforcement personnel.

Toledo Policeman and Sheriff Deputies, Michael Byrd, John Hicklin and Matt Luettke, partnered with NANBPWC Inc., to bring awareness and

answer questions to help high school students become more knowledgeable. Over 80 students from the Cotillion Debutantes, Deb's N Waiting, Escorts and Youth Club members were present to hear very important facts about ways to respond if stopped by the police. Twenty adult club members also attended the workshop.

Toledo Youth Club President Jordan Collins, Maumee Bay Youth President Kennedy Harpe, and Toledo Youth Club Vice President Jada Collins gave the "Do's and Don't" when interacting with police officers.

Denise Black-Poon, Toledo Club first vice president and program chairman gave pointers on "What to do if you are stopped by the police."

Questions were addressed and the officers gave suggestions, life stories, scenarios and lots of insight that helped paint a better picture on what could happen in different situations.

Wilma Brown, Cotillion scholarships/education chairman, Karen Jarrett and Denise Caldwell continue to bring quality workshops for the youth each week and encourage them to be courteous, responsible and set goals. Officer John Hicklin also asked youth to set goals and be overachievers. Each officer believes mutual respect is the biggest part of "Safe Encounters"

The officers received certificates from the Toledo and Maumee Bay Adult and Youth Clubs for their special commitments and service to the community.



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This third induction ceremony in the revived series featured a welcome by hosts Tara Ali, class of 1977 and the Membership Committee Chairman, and Richard Eppstein, class of 1965 and the vice president of the Alumni Association who also presented a brief history of the school.

This year's inductees included: Allan Jerome Chabler, Jerry Chabler, Vallie Bowman-English, Theresa M. Gabriel, Juanita Greene, Frank D. Jacobs, Gus Nicolaidis, Clarence R. Smith, Jr, Larry Sykes, Roy Treuhaft and Henry Triplett.

Allan Jerome Chabler (Class of 1953) became an attorney who became an assistant Ohio attorney general under two administrations and a staff attorney for the Lucas County Recorder's Office, during and in between his 51 years in private practice.

Jerry Chabler, Allan's twin, was a member of the Toledo Police Department before entering real estate and forming the Greater Toledo Development Company – owner of numerous apartment complexes. Jerry Chabler, an active member of the Lucas County Democratic Party served in numerous positions in city, county and state governments, receiving appointments from Mayors Carty Finkbeiner and Jack Ford, along with Governors Gilligan, Rhodes, Celeste and Strickland. Most recently he has been a member of the Ohio State Lottery Commission, the Ohio Casino Control Commission and the Ohio State Racing Commission.

Vallie Bowman-English (1987), an attorney, earned her law degree from the Ohio Northern University College of Law and joined the Lucas County Prosecutor's Office. In 2003, she was elected the City of Toledo Clerk of Court and has held that position ever since. During her tenure she has implemented real-time data entry in courtrooms, increased public access to the court's records and developed a mobile court app. In 2016, she became the first minority president of the Toledo Bar Association in its 138 year history.

Theresa Gabriel (1955) has a long history of public service. Currently the deputy director of the Lucas County Board of Elections, Gabriel has served

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Dr. Marceda Wilson-Coleman, MD; Bessie Mack; Bertha Richardson; Toledo City Councilman Larry Sykes and Dr. Tanya Baldwin, MD of Mercy Health.

After lunch on Saturday, members of the Lacks family were invited to speak.

During the sorority's last national convention in 2017, a resolution was presented. "We presented a resolution and continue to advocate for legislation. We don't want what happened to Mrs. Lacks to happen to anyone else," said Toledo Alumnae President Angela Siner.

"It's an honor to have the Lacks family here this weekend. The family will discuss Henrietta's life and contributions to the medical field," explained Siner.

Jeri Lacks Whye, Henrietta Lacks' granddaughter, and Veronica Robinson, great granddaughter, along with interviewer Doni Miller, discussed Lacks' life, how the family uncovered the fact of her donation to science and the status of the family's relations with Johns Hopkins University currently and over the decades.

Lacks had cervical cancer when she went to Johns Hopkins seeking medical assistance. Unfortunately she did not live for more than a few months after being diagnosed but her cells lived on forever and were of use in such medical advances as the vaccine for polio, in vitro fertilization, radiation treatments, medications to control HIV and HPV infections.

Lacks died at such an early age that, beyond her children, following generations did not have first hand knowledge of her. She died at such an early age - 31 - that even her own five children could barely remember their mother as the years passed. What subsequent generations learned of their now-famous ancestor, they learned from the book, *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*, by science author Rebecca Skloot that was published in 2010 and later turned into an HBO film starring Oprah Winfrey as Lacks' daughter Deborah.

So much about Lacks' death was shrouded in mystery said Whye and Robinson because even though Johns Hopkins, a research hospital, made it a point to treat people of color and those of low-income, the African-

American community in Baltimore never felt comfortable with the institution. Rumors abounded of tales of people disappearing and other nefarious occurrences.

After Lacks died in 1951, her cells, named HeLa cells, were harvested and the family, said Whye, was not told about the extraordinary discovery. Some 25 years later, they uncovered the truth. "My aunt was at dinner at a friend's home," said Whye, "and another guest heard the name 'Lacks' and he talked of research being done at Johns Hopkins with that name."

Lacks' daughter-in-law went home and reported the exchange to her husband, Lacks' son, who went to the university and confronted authorities. The secret was out.

Unfortunately, the secret being known - around 1976 - did nothing to benefit Lacks' descendants. The family, many of whose members are plagued with high blood pressure and diabetes, could not even obtain health insurance. Even today, while the late Henrietta Lacks has been celebrated and memorialized in many places in the United States and around the world, even by Johns Hopkins University, a simple apology has not been forthcoming from the research hospital. "No, if they say 'I'm sorry' it opens up grounds for a lawsuit," said Robinson. "They want to appease the family but they don't want to compensate the family."

In addition to the cancer awareness and advocacy focused activities, the weekend included several social events for sorority members.

The local chapter executive officers and state meeting committee chairs are: Angela Siner, president; Linda Ewing, first vice president; Rochelle Hall-Rollins, PhD, second vice president; Jazmeika Spinks, recording secretary; Tene Jackson, corresponding secretary; Gina Thompson, financial secretary; Stacey Jackson-Jones, assistant financial secretary; Tonia Pace, treasurer; Janaver Kyser, assistant treasurer; and Ardenia Jones Terry and Linnie Willis, Statewide Founders Day co-chairmen.



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as a City Councilwoman, assistant chief of staff in the Finkbeiner administration, director of the Department of Human Resources, Clerk of Toledo Municipal Court, director of Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry, among other positions during her many years with the City of Toledo. She is also a past president of the Toledo NAACP.

Juanita Green (1968). A former banker, Greene began her career with Toledo Trust Bank and eventually became a loan officer with Society, now Key Bank. She entered public service as Housing Commissioner during the Finkbeiner administration, then Economic Development Director, before being named executive director of the Board of Community Relations.

Frank Jacobs (1953), an attorney, is also a CPA. He ultimately became a partner with Eastman & Smith, Ltd, Toledo's oldest law firm. He has been a member of the Toledo Community Foundation, Toledo Law Association, Toledo Lucas County Public Library Legacy Foundation, Toledo Opera, UT Foundation and Toledo Symphony Orchestra Board.

Gus Nicolaidis (1963), a restaurateur, started his career working with his father at Nick's Hot Dog on Dorr Street. Over the years he has owned and operated 11 restaurants in the Toledo area including the Hungry I, Avenue Bistro and the City Diner. His last venture is La Scola Italian Grill on Airport Highway.

Clarence Smith (1965) is an educator, musician, director, producer and consultant. In 1976 he founded the Clarence Smith Community Chorus dedicated to the perpetuation of the Negro Spiritual. The Chorus is the oldest functioning artistic organization in the Toledo African-American community.. Smith has also served as chairman of the board for WGTE Public

Radio and Television, board member of the Toledo Zoo and board member of the Toledo School for the Arts.

Larry Sykes (1967) is one of the most active, visible members of the Toledo African-American community due to his many years of service with community organizations and as an elected official. A former boxer in his youth, Sykes was the community affairs officer for Fifth Third Bank for more than 30 years. He served on the Toledo Board of Education for 12 years and is currently a Toledo City Councilman. He has served on boards such as Metroparks, Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority, Lucas County Children Services, St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center, among many others.

Roy Treuhaft (1934) was a realtor for a number of years, retiring in 1991 as president of Michael Realty, the largest commercial-industrial real estate firm in northwest Ohio. He was involved in numerous civic, professional and religious organizations – a board member of the Medical College of Ohio, the Toledo Board of Realtors, the Toledo Development Committee, among others. He died in April 2017 at the age of 100.

Henry

This year's scholarship recipients were: Ayden Braziel, Keyonna Carnes, Nikaija Colbert, Zhane Crockett, Kennedy Harper, Tiana Jones, Tiara Jones, Antonia Mitchell-El, Ramona Stephenson and Jayona Wren.

Avie Dixon, Scott Class of 1964 and a long-time teacher at her alma mater, is president of the Alumni Association. The Hall of Fame Committee consists of: Zahra Collins, chairwoman; Rochelle Dunning, co-chairwoman; Doris Jones, correspondence & sales; Tara Ali; Vernice Blanchard; Donald Steve Cole; Richard Eppstein; Susan Hirsch, Patricia Squire and Stan Odesky.

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pointed and a detailed plan of operation with input from the community is required to be developed. This process is likely to take approximately one year to complete and the court is expected to monitor what is going on. This is also a period that any of the participants, including Toledo, can withdraw if they are not happy with the detailed plan of operations or policies.

What shall we do?

We need to do more than talk and act tough. We must instead become informed and mentally strong. And we need to do it quickly if we are to obtain urgently needed stable water rates needed to eliminate double digit rate increases, create a water affordability account and help replace lead service lines and the other unfair policies preserved by the status quo.

We must also ensure that the right people are appointed to the TAWA board, those who can secure all of the things that are needful and fair and who can make certain that these things will actually get accomplished or hold the TAWA accountable.

We can also talk with people like Gary A. Brown, the City of Detroit's representative on the Great Lakes Water Authority, which is comprised of the City of Detroit, the State of Michigan, and Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb counties. Brown is a retired deputy chief of the Detroit Police Department also currently serves as the director of the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department.

Finally, once the MOU has been approved in court, the process calls for community members to participate in a court-monitored development of a detailed plan of operation. Making sure that the right people from the community, government and nonprofit world are available to contribute what the utility needs in order to be operationalized is paramount.

Contact Rev. Donald Perryman at drdperryman@centerofhope-baptist.org

Rep. Ashford Opposes House Bill 506, Says Bill Does Not Go Far Enough to Protect Animals

State Representative Michael Ashford (D-Toledo) last Wednesday voted against House Bill (HB) 506, legislation to revise laws governing high-volume dog breeders. The bill passed the GOP-controlled chamber. Critics of the bill say it does not go far enough to fully address unethical standards of producing, selling and providing substantial health protection of dogs and cats.

"This bill continues to allow puppy mills to sell to dog retailers and pet stores," said Ashford. "Members of the House of Representatives are often divided by political philosophies, but HB 506 misses the target altogether and does little to provide adequate care to animals and make real, effective change to eliminating puppy mills."

HB 506 defines a high-volume breeder as having a minimum of six breeding dogs, but does not address a cap on the number of breeding dogs one breeder can own. The bill also allows dog breeders to keep up to sixty puppies younger than six months on the premises

each year. High-volume breeders must also secure a license from the Director of Agriculture, and in exchange sell a minimum of 40 puppies per year.

The Animal Legal Defense Fund recently ranked Ohio 27th in the U.S. in terms of the strength of its animal-protection laws.

After passing the House, HB 506 moves to the Senate for consideration.

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It all started with a stack of pancakes.

Marley Dias and her mother were having breakfast one afternoon, when Marley's Mom asked what *one thing* Marley would change in the coming new year.

It happened after Marley just had finished "a ridiculously amazing book" that "opened a whole new world..." That, and a required-reading list that was badly lacking in diversity led her to say that she would change how "classic" books are viewed in schools. To be exact, schools needed more Black Girl books on their shelves.

"How can educators expect kids to love, instead of dread, reading," she asks, "when they never see themselves in the stories they're forced to read?"

And so, with the help of her parents, Marley created a hashtag (#1000blackgirlbooks) to match the idea she'd envisioned: to collect and donate to schools and libraries a thousand books featuring Black girls in the stories. Her parents started using the hashtag on their social media accounts and it spread. And spread, and soon, Marley's campaign really took off. By now, she's collected well beyond her original goal of 1000 books, and she's donated them all.

But there's more to *this* book, as you'll see by "the very last word: You!" Yes, you can make change, and the first step is "get woke." Look around: what are the biggest issues facing your com-

munity and how can you be the activist that's needed?

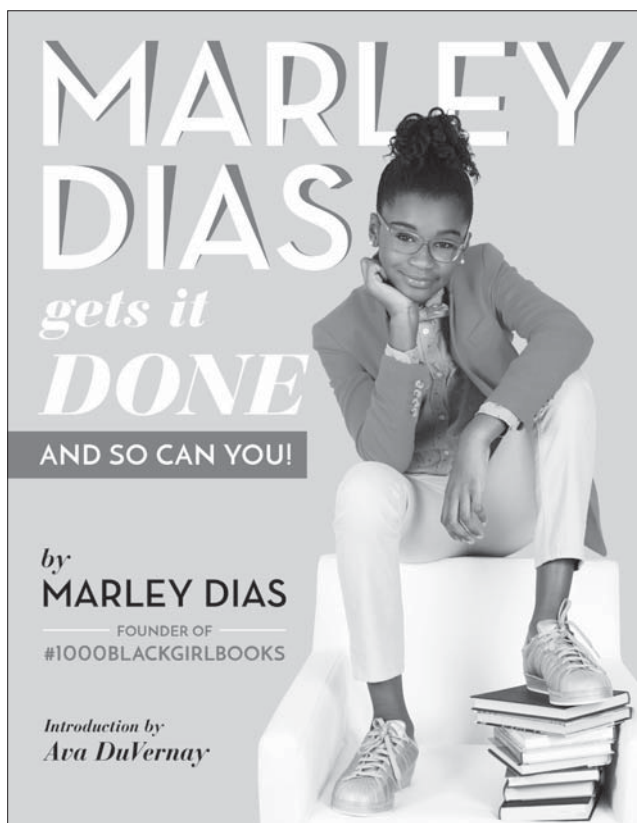
Then, learn to listen and respect others' thoughts. "Start small," says Marley, and "Pace yourself." Tell people about what you hope to accomplish and find your tribe. Ask your parents, teachers, and other trusted adults for help and counsel, please.

And finally, educate yourself by reading. If you don't know what to read, ask. Librarians, says Marley, are "super-helpful partners."

Although the claim is that it's really, really not a memoir, "Marley Dias Gets It Done and So Can You!" is a memoir. But that's okay - its life-story theme doesn't detract one bit from the bubbly can-do attitude that oozes from its pages.

As we've seen lately, kids can make change and author Marley Dias is a great activist ambassador for that. Readers will not only get advice on getting involved, they'll also get chipper, gossipy information that make Dias approachable, like any normal teen. Parents should also note that Dias tackles the bad parts of life online, including trolls and haters, and she stresses to young readers that parental involvement is absolutely key.

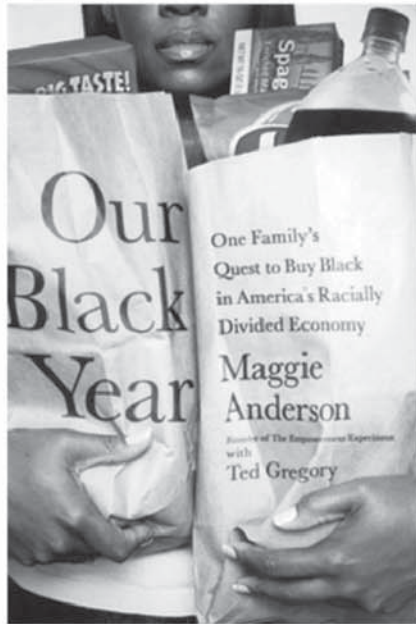
For the 11-to-14-year-old who frets about being too young to create change, this book may spark some action. For sure, it'll open young eyes to old issues and for that, *Marley Dias Gets it Done* is a book you'll both like.



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Over 200 Deltas Visit Toledo For Regional Founders' Day Conference

By Tricia Hall

The Sojourner's Truth Reporter

The women of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, Toledo Alumnae chapter organized the sorority's bi-annual Founders Day statewide meeting for Ohio sorority members. The gathering was held the weekend of March 16-18 at Toledo's Renaissance Hotel.

"It is an honor to be here and deliver greetings on behalf of our city. I felt warmth and energy as soon as I walked into this meeting room. Welcome to the Glass City, ladies of Delta Sigma Theta. Thank you for gracing our city with your presence and have a wonderful weekend," said former Mayor Paula Hicks-Hudson during opening ceremonies.

The weekend's focus was cancer health awareness and the contributions of Henrietta Lacks. On Friday, the sorority held a book discussion on The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks and a screening of the movie based on the book.

On Saturday, the events included a panel discussion on cancer prevention and detection which featured Rochelle Hall Rollins, PhD, of Mercy Health;

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Angela Siner (left) presenting gift to Veronica Robinson and Jeri Lacks Whye



Candace Garmon, Jamee Temple, Tene Jackson



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