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Columbus in Her Blood

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

The Truth Contributor

Employment is the big issue the government needs to be dealing with.

- Della Simmons



Perhaps the most consequential local 2018 electoral race will be the fiercely-contested May 8 primary battle for Ohio Senate District 11 between Michael Ashford, the endorsed Democratic Party candidate and his challenger, the long-term Ohio legislator, Teresa Fedor.

The word on the street is that, for some unknown reason, the Party hasn't shown Ashford "the love" typically expressed for an endorsed Democratic candidate, particularly from the black community, given his reputation for bringing State funding back to Toledo and the area's African-American community.

I was able to track Fedor down for a straightforward one on one talk about her candidacy. The legislator, who has served continuously for the past 18 years, is determined to return to Columbus despite the lack of her Party's endorsement. She appears to "have Columbus in her blood."

Perryman: Please tell me a little bit of your history of service to the community?

Fedor: Sure. I'd like to start out talking about what I think is a basic question and that is my reason for running, which is always the most important question I think of someone who is going into politics and wants to represent people. As an Ohio legislator and also former chair of the Ohio House Democratic Women's Caucus, I've partnered with my colleagues over the years to fight back to provide a better future for Ohioans every step of the way. I have insisted on better education funding, more accountability for charter schools and for increased funding for infant mortality. We, unfortunately, have a very disturbing ranking in the United States and I do believe if we focus on what's going to work we can get that ranking to improve. And we've advanced the cause of paid sick and family leave, which is so important in today's life, where everybody's working but we still have to maintain a quality of life, and I think paid sick and family leave is so important for that and for families to stay strong. I also stood up for civil rights, voting rights, women's rights and equal pay for women and so I'm so grateful to continue to build on these successes, and that's why I am running for the State Senate.

Perryman: If you had to crystallize your message into a short one or two sentence statement, how would you state it?

Fedor: Well protecting our most vulnerable young Ohioans has been a driving force for me, and I have a record of introducing legislation, curbing the growing problem with cyber bullying and schools, honoring the literacy and educational attainment among children of Hispanic heri-

tage, creating physical and health education standards in Ohio schools, background checks for volunteer coaches. The list goes on as far as putting in initiatives to help protect and ensure that Ohioans are safe.

Perryman: So tell us about your history. How long have you served at the state level? Have you served at the city or county level?

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Community Calendar

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

April 28

But What Does It Pay? Music Distribution in the Age of Streaming : 4:30-6:00 pm; The Attic on Adams side room; The Arts Commission will present a free community workshop facilitated by local musician, attorney and Arts Commission board member Larry P. Meyer. The workshop will discuss topics including: licensing, potential revenue streams, and distribution tactics. The workshop is recommended for start-up record companies, or area musicians with self-released product, interested in a better understanding of how Spotify pays and strategies to maximize that payment. Come prepared to ask questions or to share your personal insights in a casual setting. The workshop will conclude with a brief informational session on Arts Commission accelerator grants, available to visual, musical and literary artists alike: www.theartscommission.org/forartists. 419-254-2787, ext. 1015, mearlson@theartscommission.org

May 2 & 6

United MBC 15th Pastoral Anniversary Celebration: Pastor Robert and First Lady Anita Bass; May 2 - Pastor Robert Lyons and Greater St. Mary's MBC at 6:30 pm; May 6 - 10:45 am service with guest Pastor Dana Darby of Detroit and 5 pm service with guests Pastor Floyd Smith and Calvary MBC congregation: 419-242-1455

May 2/May 30/June 28

Main Library Community forum about the ways the renovated Library space can best be used to provide lifelong learning and opportunities: 6 to 8 pm; Huntington Room; Each forum will build on community discussions from preceding forum/s, so attending all three forums will provide you with the broadest understanding of the renovation. However, if you are only able to attend one or two forums, your input will still make a difference! Areas of discussion will include:

- Overview of project and key decision points
- Serving community needs during Main Library's temporary closure
- How to use the new spaces following renovation

Discussions will be interactive, including the Library sharing information and seeking information from participants. The information shared and feedback provided will be shared on the Library's website (LINK) along with a tool for people unable to attend the meetings to submit feedback

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

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Fedor: I was in the classroom of Toledo Public Schools, so I essentially went from the schoolhouse to the state house and had never run before. Knocked on 10,000 doors and under Jack Ford as a minority leader, I beat an incumbent. I had never been to the state house until I got sworn in and so it has been an amazing journey.

Perryman: When was that?

Fedor: That was 2000.

Perryman: Well, let's drill down a little bit deeper on the message "From the Schoolhouse to the State House. Polly Fox Academy - you talked about your work for the most vulnerable. It appears that Polly Fox may be closing. What are your thoughts?

Fedor: Polly Fox is very special to me, because shortly after I became a legislator I went and visited, and lo and behold I fell into a former student that I just loved and cared for so much, and so reuniting with her was fantastic. I know she had challenges, but she is an incredible individual and that's what I want people to understand. People have challenges, children have challenges and we must do everything to keep that solid ground for their feet to land on, and I believe it's the community's obligation to do everything possible to help our children stay on the right path. And so that's the least that we can do is to keep Polly Fox open and I'm totally in support of this and have been talking with them and throughout the years have helped them, so Polly Fox is very important to me and I believe to the community as well. I also believe once we stand together, stay focused and everyone does their part, problems will have a solution and that is a perfect example of how we can pull together to keep that school going.

Perryman: Do you have any tangible solutions to keep Polly Fox open?

Fedor: Tangible solutions?

Perryman: Yes, or recommendations?

Fedor: Yes, recommendations. I believe the tangible solutions to keep Polly Fox open is to have, number one, a community discussion where everyone comes to the table and we look at what's happening. We just don't leave it up to the people who are officially in charge, but we have active community involvement and discussions and define why this is important. Why is this school important to stay open? And that we must pull together and do what we can, so I don't have specifics, but I do believe in that process of building onto issues like that. They're the building blocks to solve problems.

Perryman: What are your thoughts on Planned Parenthood and where do you stand as far as prochoice/prolife?

Fedor: Well, I stand up for women's rights and reproductive rights. I also believe that Planned Parenthood provides so many services for women. The examinations, appointments, access to healthcare and they are a vital element for our community.

Perryman: Alright. Have you done anything to help minority business enterprises or MBEs?

Fedor: I have supported bills that increase MBEs in all of our communities. I believe that it's absolutely critical that we promote minority businesses and being involved in our community, because they are our community.

Perryman: Can you provide any specifics of your support?

Fedor: There have been bills in the past, I don't have the bill numbers, throughout my time where we have had votes on the floor, also amendments attached to bills. We've had to fight on the house floor to get amendments passed and many times they have not been passed, they have been rejected. That issue has been brought in through bills that go through revisions, go to another chamber, bills that are going through conference committee and there have been some improvements, especially under Governor Strickland.

Perryman: There is a sharp racial divide between people of color and whites and even a class divide within the whites, by income and education. For instance, even here in Toledo we recently had an incident with a swastika and a racial slur drawn on a notepad left in a city vehicle. How do we address these struggles and what have you done as far as eliminating or reducing this racial and class divide?

Fedor: I support measures that allow our budgets to address communities to make sure that there are good jobs, education, healthcare, retirement security, and that, there must be an effort at all times to ensure that people are treated fairly, that human rights are upheld and whatever other measures are necessary. That is, for example, having sensitivity training, diversity training, passing resolutions, just like the sexual harassment bill that I co-sponsored. I believe that we also should require mandatory training for state employees. So, I have supported many measures along

the way where it's inserted. I absolutely believe it needs to be addressed immediately. It also takes a community pulling together and standing together and saying that this is not going to be tolerated.

Perryman: Have you taken the lead or sponsored any bills related to minorities, including business or even the racial divide that I just spoke of?

Fedor: I don't have a list on hand, I apologize for that, but I stand with people who fight for human rights, protect human rights, protect individual rights to be treated fairly and upstanding citizens of this community.

Perryman: Where do you stand on the regional water issue?

Fedor: Well, it's going through a process of community conversations and what I've heard about the water issue is that we want to make sure that Toledo has a level playing field, and right now the way that it's proposed, Toledo representation is not where it should be.

Perryman: Finally, you are running against the endorsed Democrat, Michael Ashford, who has a well-known and recognizable name in the African-American community. Why should our readers decide to vote for you rather than for your opponent? I would just like to hear it from you.

Fedor: Well, as someone who has voted for millions of dollars, even billions of dollars in budgets to ensure that we bring our fair share back to Toledo and fight for that, Michael and I stand together. There hasn't been any difference in that matter. I also want to state that I've come to understand that one vote impacts 11 million people statewide and I know today that I found my voice in politics, that I have a passion to lead and I have done so, and have been successful at it. It is a passion that's allowed me to inspire and empower people to work together to get things done and that's what I do. I build bridges. I understand that partnerships and collaboration are so important to get things done. The people that I serve and our accomplishments together are a driving force in my winning this election.

Perryman: Okay. Thank you very much.

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Michael Hood: Democratic Candidate for Lucas County Board of Commissioners

By Fletcher Word

Sojourner's Truth Editor

"I am running for Lucas County Commissioner because I want to affect the quality of life in Lucas County and specifically in the city of Toledo," says Michael Hood, a Democrat and candidate for the commissioner's post being vacated by incumbent Carol Contrada. Hood, a member of the Spencer Township board of trustees for 25 years, has deep roots in the township and many familial ties in the city of Toledo. For Hood, his number one job as an elected official is fostering economic development by investing in people, first and foremost.

Hood's opponent in the May 8 primary if he endorsed Democratic candidate, Gary L. Byers.

"Commissioners serve at the behest of the people," Hood says of the job he is in contention for in the May 8 primary. For Hood, he sees the prospects of public service at the county level as continuing the commitment to constituents he has maintained in the township since being first elected to that job in 1986.

"I want to invest in people rather than in buildings," he says. "I want to reward citizens and taxpayers." Hood's passion during his years of leadership in the township is economic development, a strength he believes will translate into the commissioner's office. He was a major force in bringing the Joint Economic Development Zone to the township in 2010 creating jobs and revenue, he says.

"We've been able to pave six to eight different roads; we have the best roads in the county; we've cleared up brown fields," he says. "I'm a public servant and not a politician." Spencer Township, he adds is a beacon of

cooperation with its neighbors, particularly Swanton and Whitehouse, "collaborating on fire protection, road repair projects and equipment purchases. We know how to do more with less through cooperation and dialogue. We treat our citizens as equal neighbors when the needs arise to keep public service levels up to par."



Hood has also worked closely with Habitat for Humanity, the Port Authority and in Democratic Party politics for over 20 years and has been engaged with the Lucas County Board of Commissioners for as long as he has been on the board of trustees for Spencer Township.

"We transferred \$1.5 million to the Port Authority back for investment into Spencer Township for businesses that reside in the township, that stimulated growth and created jobs," says Hood.

"My experience engaging with Lucas County and the City of Toledo on hundreds, if not a thousand issues, gives me the insight and expertise in many if not most of the county's activities," he says. "I think I can be a valuable asset in bringing people together and balancing the needs of citizens with the requirements of governance and large scale community project management."

Hood, who earned an associate's degree from the University of Toledo's Scott Park Campus is a supervisor at Martin Technology. As he ponders the next step in his life – a life on the Board of Lucas County Commissioners, he ticks off some of the positions that he feels are in the best interests of those citizens he will be serving – smarter water use by holding on to the Collins Water Treatment Plant rather than giving it away as proposed by the recent Memorandum of Understanding proposed by a group of area representatives ("the MOU needs to be renegotiated"); increase the capability of converting to solar energy ("through community-owned solar energy, we can slash utility bills"); place the county jail where citizens want it not forcing it down the throats of a community that doesn't want it ("in downtown it's not in anyone's neighborhood").

Above all, that which benefits the citizens of the county is all important. "My passion is the economic part ... commissioners don't create jobs but they set the climate and atmosphere to attract companies; if we can grow our economic base we don't have to keep taxing outrageously."

Commissioners also need to remember who put them in office, cautions Hood. "Better make sure you are listening to people."

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It's the Function at the Junction...

By Alicia Smith, Junction Coalition Director

Guest Column

The Junction Coalition (JC) is on the move and doing great things in the community. The next few weeks will prove to be quite busy but rewarding with work being done on community beautification. We had Earth Day Weekend highlighting "What Blooms on Blum." This activity took place on April 21 from 9am - 3pm.

There was a neighborhood clean-up, garden and tree planting, blacksmithing demonstrations (Gun to the Garden Transformation Demonstration), aquaponics training with partners of Cleveland, Ohio and garden bed construction that will support an Urban Agriculture Community Sustainability System. We met at Frederick Douglass Community Center at 9:00 a.m. and volunteers were needed and greatly appreciated.

Seven lots on Blum Street are being prepared for a large community vegetable garden, a dwarf fruit tree orchard and a neighborhood gathering space for young and old neighbors to enjoy. A rain garden is already in progress as part of the Junction's commitment to green infrastructure installations to manage storm water through partnerships with TMACOG and the Healing Our Waters Coalition.

The Junction Coalition proudly hosts a juvenile restorative justice program funded by Lucas County Juvenile Court that emphasizes reconciling the harm done to community through the circle process. Our students volunteer their time doing things like grass cutting, neighborhood clean-up, mural painting and other activities that benefit the community. The target age group is 12-17. We are wrapping up this academic year of Circle and Verses but will hold a showcase on May 23 at the Frederick Douglass Center at 5pm.

Fun things are happening at the "Junction." We will be hosting our annual "Pancake Thang" fundraiser on May 19 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. with a Health Fair hosted by Minority Health Pop Up Committee (NAMI, NHA & Lucas County Health Department) focused on minority health issues. Tickets are \$10.00 per person and can be purchased the Frederick Douglass Center front desk with Reggie Williams or from the Junction Coalition office on May 2 with Mrs. Henley or Ms. Robinson. Come on out and join us for food and fun!! There will be Yoga, a 50/50 Raffle and so much more.

Issues and concerns with blighted and vacant property should be brought to the attention of Anique Davis @ 419-408-0998. Street lighting and other safety issues can be addressed with Kenny Boles at the same number. If you are looking for beautification or gardening assistance within our community, please reach out to Rachel McCartney Thank you, to our Community Resource Officer Donald Scott for our monthly crime reports. If you are looking for information regarding health and wellness, please reach out to Shirley Preston.

One goal of the Junction Coalition is to create a walkable, livable and safe community. We are accomplishing this with partners such as our NEW Junction HealthMart at (419) 216-2910 (Community Event, May 18, 2018 11-3 p.m.) and J's Play and Win Internet Café both are located in the Dorr and Junction Plaza. We are a community growing towards economic and social sustainability. We are also happy to support Royalty Dance Team in their victory in the Cleveland Cavaliers dance competition. Learn more about what is happening, our meetings are held every third Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at the Frederick Douglass Center.

We are so very thankful for our support with "What Blooms on Blu." A special thank you to Lucas County Land Bank, Ohio Environmental Council, Lucas County Soil and Water, City of Toledo, Tree Toledo, Lucas County Juvenile Court, National Wildlife Federation, Food not Bombs, Toledo Mennonite Church, Toledo Grows, The Doug and Toledo Design Center, University of Toledo (Big Event), Toledo Public Schools (Pickett & Jones Leadership Academy, Junior Inspectors) and our volunteers for all your assistance.

"It is not the poverty of dollars, it is the poverty of information." Alicia Smith, JC Director.



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Fros Fashions & Finds The Glass City Natural Hair Symposium

By Megan Davis

The Soulcial Scene Contributor

The Glass City Natural Hair Symposium is this Saturday at the Heatherdowns Country Club and it's bringing local naturalistas an experience to remember. From 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM, attendees will be able to shop from a variety of Black small businesses featuring natural tees, products, skincare, handmade jewelry, accessories and more! The marketplace will be open to the public all day with a \$5 admission. Teens will make their own natural hair and skincare product in the Young Naturalistas DIY lab, lead by the University of Toledo's Natural HAIRitage group. Curl-friends can gather at the photo booth where Anointed Photography will be snapping pictures, available on-the-spot for purchase!

Throughout the marketplace, guests will be able to engage in the #GCNHS experience with InFROstations, head wrapping demos, compelling hair-



tales, a class on maximizing texture, and other activities. At noon, the VIP luncheon will commence with keynote speaker, Sonia Flunder-McNair, urban farmer and CEO of Sonia Organics sharing how a health crisis lead her to research and create her own brand of naturopathic healing. Following the keynote address, an esteemed panel will address pressing topics in the natural hair world from finding the right shape



Meeche El and Akira Gross

for your natural hair, branding your own beauty, managing hair loss and dealing with the impact of systematic racism in the workplace. Dr. Hope Mitchell, CEO of Mitchell Dermatology, Tawann Gaston of Groomed Toledo and TiAnna Anderson of Anderson Innovative Marketing will share their expertise with VIP Naturalistas that registered for the luncheon in advance.

Model, mentor and artist, Meeche El will be hosting naturalistas throughout the event, sharing her experiences and positive affirmations, especially with young ladies who may be attending with their mothers and aunts. Follow the hashtag #GCNHS throughout the day to take part in online polls and contests through Facebook.

The Glass City Natural Hair Symposium 2018 is proudly presented by The Kitchen Salon, with VIP Swag Bag sponsors Curls, Avlon/Keracare, TGIN, Oyin Handmade, Mari's Oasis, Author Taylor Love and Optimistic Movement. The Heatherdowns Country Club is located at 3910 Heatherdowns Blvd. Toledo, OH 43614. Visit www.thenaturalexpo.com to learn more about the event.

The University of Toledo's Natural HAIRitage organization hosts its second annual expo and fashion show

On Saturday, April 14, the Natural HAIRitage student organization at UT, hosted its 2nd annual expo and fashion show entitled Cirque Du Solslay. This one day event was held in the student union's Ingman Room, and opened with the expo, featuring local vendors for shopping and networking followed by the fashion show.

Two presentations were made by Robert Harris, chef/owner of the Greenleaf Cafe, Toledo's only vegetarian soul food spot. Harris discussed responsible food options for restorative health and wellness while giving facts about certain foods and their links to cancer and other diseases. The audience was encouraged to ask questions and they were addressed by Harris, dispelling some myths about vegetarian foods and giving insight on the many benefits of a vegetable-based diet.



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The Soulcial Scene

The Toledo Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc., Celebrates 65 Years of Service

Special to The Truth

Since 1952, The Toledo Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated, has been active in partnering with community organizations with civic-related and youth-oriented programs that support the national mission of Jack and Jill, Incorporated.

Jack and Jill Toledo will celebrate its 65-year history in a major way on Saturday, April 28 at the Toledo Museum of Art Glass Pavilion with its Sapphire Ball. Tickets are sold out. The theme is Teach * Lead * Impact. As one of the oldest chapters in the country, Jack and Jill Toledo Mother members are proud to celebrate this historic journey with the community.

ProMedica and the Toledo Museum of Art are serving as the Sapphire Ball title sponsors. The Toledo Lucas County Public Library is the Literacy sponsor. Huntington Bank is the 65th Anniversary Children's Art Project sponsor. And, First Federal Bank and Buckeye Broadband are event sponsors.

The Toledo Chapter was chartered in December 1952 by a group of loving and exceptional women who happened to also be dedicated mothers. These 16 mothers who were all friends and leaders in the community, felt the goals of Jack and Jill closely paralleled those they envisioned for their own families. These women came together to form a chapter that fit the needs of their families and fostered the nurturing of their children.

Past National President, Dr. Alverta Turner of the Columbus, Ohio Chapter, installed the Toledo Chapter as the 47th chapter in the national organization, the sixth chapter in the Mid-Western region and the fourth chapter in Ohio.

Today, members of the Toledo Chapter work in a variety of capacities to include educators, attorneys, doctors, business and civic leaders, stay-at-home mothers, non-profit professionals and leaders of industry with the belief that they can make a difference in the lives of children and families. The current makeup of the local chapter consists of 28 families and 47 children.

Over 200 children have graduated out of the Toledo Chapter and have attended numerous colleges and universities including: The Ohio State University, Emory University, Jackson State University, Johnson C. Smith University, Howard University, Morehouse College, Belmont University, Loyola University, University of Cincinnati, and University of Toledo.

In the chapter's 65-year history, members have focused on initiatives that empower youth to be tomorrow's global leaders, participants in com-

munity service and philanthropic giving and embracers of their cultural heritage. The monthly activities and events enrich lives, nurture relationships and benefit our communities. Family and children's activities stimulate growth and development, and aim to provide a constructive educational, cultural, civic, recreational and social experience.

Founded in 1938, Jack and Jill of America, Inc., is a national not-for-profit membership organization, and the oldest and largest African-American family organization in the country. We are dedicated to nurturing future African-American leaders by strengthening children through leadership development, volunteer service, philanthropic giving, and civic duty. The core of Jack and Jill of America's philosophy is that every child - if given the proper guidance and opportunity - can be developed into a leader.

Today, the Jack and Jill organization has more than 230 chapters nationwide, representing more than 40,000 family members. Each chapter plans annual programming activities, guided under a national theme. Through service projects, Jack and Jill of America, Inc. creates a medium of contact for children to stimulate their growth and development.

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The Soulcial Scene

Walk the Word Awards 15 Scholarships at Annual Gala

By Tricia Hall

Sojourner's Truth Reporter

Walk the Word Church organized one of the largest gatherings, over 600 attendees, in support of their fifth annual Scholarship Gala on Saturday, April 14, 2018. The scholarship's mission is to build better communities through advancing higher education by providing generous, multi-year awards to highly-motivated students and adults alike.

The gala could generously award 15 scholarships to Toledo-area students, who will either begin their post-high school education or continue their post-high school education this fall.

The 2018 recipients: Isiah Scribner from Bowsher High School; Alasia Jackson and Keion Devalt II from Start High School; Ramona Stephenson and Ayden Braziel from Scott High School; Vy'Jet Derden and Kiara Byrd from Toledo Early College High School; Ravin Mason from Whitmer High School and continuing education scholarships were awarded to Michaela Perdue, Jasmine Cline, Kennedy Moody and Madison Moody.

Scholarship recipient Ayden Braziel, is a member of Walk the Word and after applying on-line and meeting the scholarship requirements also encouraged his friend Ramona Stephenson to apply for the scholarship as well. "I was surprised that I won, and grateful to the church," shared Braziel who plans to enroll at Alabama A&M to study investigative science.

Ramona Stephenson plans to enroll at The Ohio State University to study psychology and is the valedictorian of her school. "This will help a lot. I moved to the United States about four years ago and originally from Jamaica. My goal is to receive at least \$10,000 in scholarships for my freshmen year. I'm grateful for this scholarship."

Since inception, the gala has grown in the number of supports. "Our first year, I believe 175 attended the banquet and all the scholarship were funded by church donations. It started as a scholarship for members, but has grown into a community scholarship," explained Pastor Timothy Pettaway Sr.

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Beautiful Black Women Photoshoot #3

On Saturday, March 31, Keith Cook hosted yet another Beautiful Black Women Photoshoot but with a few differences. This time he held his photoshoot at The Truth Art Gallery and this time he teamed with photographer Ambersham Byrd, owner and operator of abirdseyephoto.



Moniece Galloway, Christina Heck, Keith Cook with daughter Manhattan, Armel Burns, Armyka Harris, Jewyana Anderson



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YWCA of Northwest Ohio Stand Against Racism



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Friday, April 27, 2018

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This session brings people from all racial and ethnic backgrounds together to speak honestly and address systemic issues of unconscious bias and racism.

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Ashford's Efforts Leads to the Passage of House Bill 123

Predatory Lending Reform bill passes out of committee 9-1

In March of 2017, Representative Michael Ashford introduced House Bill 123, legislation which would reform the payday loan industry. Since its introduction the representative has been at the forefront of fighting against predatory loan practices and cracking down on high interest rates of these loans on Ohio's working and poor communities.



"Payday lending loans are predatory and cast Ohioans into a spiral of debt that is nearly impossible to climb out of. We need better regulations to protect people from being trapped by these loans' high interest rates and hidden fees." Said Rep. Ashford

On Wednesday, April 18, HB 123 passed out of committee by a vote of 9-1 and will head to the house floor in May.



Buffalo Soldiers



Earl Murry



Rev. Timothy Pettaway, Hicks Hudson, John Moore



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the mistress of ceremony. Clara Brank gave the invitational prayer before the luncheon. Music Co-Chair Deborah Carlisle led the Negro National Anthem, "Lift Every Voice and Sing."

The Women's History Program focused on the many contributions made by African-American women who have been and still are instrumental in advancing education, business, professionals, technology,

family and community.

The women being honored were chosen because of the struggles in their lives that they overcame and made a difference in the lives of others. The honorees for Women's History were La Tina Jett, Tassionette Perryman and Theresa Gabriel. Each woman had a great story to tell about how she has made an impact. They thanked the clubs for their support and recognition.

Chairman Tyra Smith Gabriel shared why each honoree was selected and the importance of them "persisting" and how remarkable they were. Tyra Smith Gabriel, Frances Collins, and Jordan Collins presented each award recipient with a plaque. Smith Gabriel also gave BEACON Cakes to each award recipient. She said that, "These women have persisted through this book called life and are now in the chapter of great acknowledgement and accomplishment."

The Founders' Day program was celebrated as the Toledo Youth and Adult Club members gave a tribute to the founders and shared the Toledo Club's Historical progress from its beginning to now. The history was read by Alexii Collins, second vice president of the Adult Club and Toledo Youth Club advisor. Candles were lit in honor of the National Founders by Jordan Collins and Jada Collins, Toledo Youth Club vice president.

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"This scholarship is not for the 3.0 or 4.0 students, but for those in the middle of the road. Those students who are dealing with environmental obstacles or other difficult situations. We can step in and be that buffer, that support. The scholarship isn't just funds, we encourage recipients to take advantage of the entire program, which includes resources, having someone to talk to you or even pray with you. Our resources cover mental, spiritual and physical well-being. The full package for today's youth. This event won't be possible without our sponsors ticket sellers, Parkway Place, and the scholarship committee. I am truly humbled by all the support," said Pettaway.

Pettaway and the scholarship committee would like to thank the following 2018 sponsors and silent auction vendors. 2018 sponsors: Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated, African American Patrolman's League, Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church, Lucas County Children's Services, New Leaf Group, Inc, MJC Demolition, Inc., Ornate Marketing Group, Spirit of Truth Gospel Singers, S.T.R.I.V.E. Toledo, The Toledo Bag Company, Toledo Federal Credit Union, and Walk the Word Ministry. 2018 silent auction and raffle vendors: A Love for Memories LLC, Carpets by Otto, Cetera Advisors LCC, Imagine Me Designs, Jack's Men's Wear, K'Jancee Boutique, LBs Circuit Training, RaShya

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The church was founded in 2011 by Pettaway and the scholarship was established to provide financial assistance to potentially exceptional students ranging from high school graduates to adults continuing their education.



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Accidental Brothers: The Story of Twins Exchanged at Birth and the Power of Nature and Nurture by Nancy L. Segal and Yesika S. Montoya

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

The Truth Contributor

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Three days before Christmas in 1988, 45-year-old Ana Delina Valeco walked four hours down a mountain path to catch a ride to the hospital. She was in pain from a hernia, and she was 28 weeks pregnant with identical twins. One of her boys was born very small, and would be taken by bus to a larger hospital in Bogotá, for treatment.

A day earlier, 36-year-old unmarried mother Luz Marina Chavez gave birth to identical twin boys in Bogotá's Hospital Materno Infantil. It was a public facility; she chose it because she'd lost her insurance, despite that the hospital was "chaotic."

It was chaotic enough that, at some point, Ana's baby and one of

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Luz's infants were accidentally switched.

Twenty-five years later, after a friend-of-a-friend of one of the twins noticed that he resembled her co-worker, the switch was discovered: William was unrelated to his brother, Wilbur; Carlos was not Jorge's twin. Sorting details took a lot of work, and untangling – how could they not? – took time and a toll on the young men. Two were raised in a comfortable environment, two were raised with very little. One set of twins was encouraged to get educations; the other set received just the basics. Yet, despite differences in their raising, the identical twins' similarities were striking; even their quirks and preferences were similar.

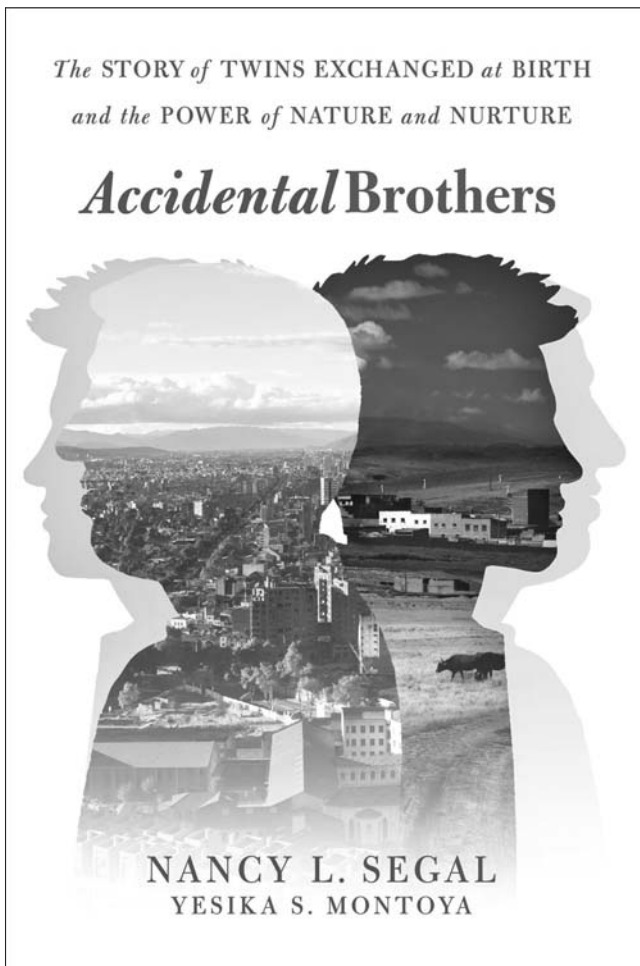
Shortly after the twins learned of the switch, psychologist Montoya heard of it, too, and contacted Segal, director of California's Twin Studies Center and herself a twin, with a unique opportunity. Twins separated at birth are nothing new, Segal says; neither are incidents of swapping. But in this case, *four* men "were accidental players in a somber and stressful game of switch."

Without a shadow of a doubt, *Accidental Brothers* is one of those books that'll blow your mind.

Only part of the explosion will come from the detective work that authors Segal and Montoya share. Here, they explain how it was that no one noticed the switch when the boys were babies, why the families had unspoken suspicions, and what happened during and after the life-changing accident was unraveled.

The other part of the ka-boom comes from Segal's past work with twins in Minnesota and California. She explains how genetics affect our laugh, our quirks, and our personal choices. We learn the many variations of twins, and how they happen. And she entertains with accounts of other twins she's known and studied through the years.

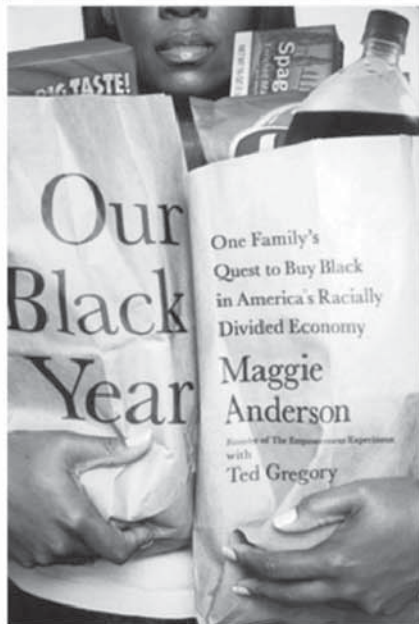
This is a book for detective-story fans and for those who love a good scientific whodunit, and it's an instructive tale, to boot. If you marvel at human uniqueness, then *Accidental Brothers* will be a singular delight.



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The Commission consists of fourteen members. Thirteen members will be citizens appointed by the mayor and subject to confirmation by Toledo City Council, in accordance with the composition requirements. The remaining member will be a member of council who will sit on the commission in an ex-officio capacity.

To the greatest extent practicable, the commission will be comprised of members who represent the racial and ethnic diversity of the men and women of Toledo, and who have demonstrated in their words and actions a sensitivity to the need to end discrimination and ensure equal opportunity for all. In order to ensure representation of a broad range of community perspectives, the commission will include one labor representative, one religious affiliation representative, one education representative, one business or economic development representative, one youth representative, one member of the legal community, one neighborhood representative, one LGBT representative, and five at-large appointments. The at-large appointments include the four members and the board chairman who make up an executive committee.

Its mission states: 1c;The Human Relations Commission shall endeavor to support a safe, energetic, and livable city. The commission will support residents working to overcome prejudice and build mutual respect. 1d; Anyone interested should submit a resume and a letter of interest to the mayor 19;s office at mayor@toledo.oh.gov.

Notice to Bidders: Inquiry # FY18-30, (Project # 5003-18-1855) for Health Education Building 110 Classroom Renovation for the University of Toledo Health Science Campus. Sealed bids for this project must be clearly marked with the project number on all inner and outer envelopes and/or shipping containers. Bids must be addressed and delivered to the University of Toledo, Main Campus, Facilities and Construction, Plant Operations Room 1100, 2925 E. Rocket Drive, MS 216, Toledo, Ohio 43606 before 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 1, 2018 Bids will be publicly opened that same day at 2:05 p.m. in the Plant Operations Building, Room 1000. Copies of Plans, Specifications, and Bid Forms may be obtained from Becker Impressions, 4646 Angola Rd., Toledo, Ohio 43615. Call 419-385-5303 for an appointment to pick up bid package. A cost of \$50.00 will be charged per set. Any further information may be obtained from Andy Knopp of Thomas Porter Architects at 419-243-2400. One Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in the Health Education Building, Room 227, at the University of Toledo, Health Science Campus, 3000 Arlington Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43614. Total Bid Guaranty and Contract Bond are required per section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code. EDGE Participation Goal: 15%. Project Estimate: \$359,000.00; Breakdown: General: \$359,000.00.

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Frances Collins, PhD, Toledo Club president, and Jordan Collins, Toledo Youth Club president, welcomed the guests. Sherry Reed was

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Toledo Youth Club President Jordan Collins; Award recipients LaTina Jett; Theresa Gabriel; Tassionette Perryman; Club President Frances Collins, PhD; Tyra Smith Gabriel

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