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Tis The Season!!

Kristian Brown with daughters Lauren (l) and Laila

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A Blue Ribbon Panel Suggested to Keep TARTA Services Intact

By Fletcher Word

Sojourner's Truth Editor

As the Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority's proposed reduction in service approaches the 11th hour, concerned citizens and the Lucas County Commissioners responded by announcing the formation of a Blue Ribbon



Task Force to examine the problems TARTA faces and come up with solutions to maintain at least the current level of service.

During a press conference on Tuesday at One Government Center, a coalition of citizens, especially those involved with disability causes, derided TARTA for its decision to reduce its services at the end of the year – eliminating Sunday and holiday service entirely, cutting back on some early and late weekday routes and shutting down some routes entirely.

"TARTA is a lifeline to get [people] to jobs," said the Rev. Donald Perryman, PhD., president of United Pastors for Social Empowerment (and a contributor to The Sojourner's Truth), "to get them to the store, to get them to work. TARTA is a lifeline for those with disabilities ... TARTA exploits and takes advantage."

"This cannot stand," said Lucas County Commissioner Pete Gerken of the TARTA plans. "TARTA's decision is cruel, unkind, unjust. There are no days off for public transit. We are here to say 'No.' We are here to offer some solutions."

TARTA's decision to reduce service stems from a reduction in financial support. Much of TARTA's funding – 46 percent – comes from local property taxes. This funding has been greatly reduced over the years – by \$6 million between 1987 and 2010. TARTA teamed with a local marketing firm and a multinational engineering firm to create a new plan that would essentially replace property tax funding with an area sales tax. It's a plan, noted TARTA CEO Jim Gee, that

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Dozens Attend Public Transit Forum about TARTA

By Tricia Hall

Sojourner's Truth Reporter

Dozens filled the Toledo Lucas County King Road Branch Library meeting room on Thursday, December 13 for a public transit forum and listening session organized by Shelley Papenfuse of Disability Rights Advocate, and Rev. Cedric Brock, pastor of Mt. Nebo Baptist Church and president of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance.



"The purpose of the forum and listening session is to inform voters and residents in Toledo and Sylvania Township about possible solutions that we can organize because of the recent announcement about the TARTA schedule reduction," explained Brock.

Toledo and Sylvania Township residents were in attendance to discuss concerns and solutions. Immediately following refreshments, forum facilitators Papenfuse and Brock provided a PowerPoint slide which displayed that Toledo is the only major city in Ohio that funds its transit system by property taxes while the other cities: Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati, Dayton, Akron, Canton, Youngstown, Lake Co and Portage Co generate sales taxes that range from .25 percent to one percent.

The group discussed several action steps that will begin next week. The first action step called for the on-going education of Toledo and Sylvania Township voters with the statistics announced earlier in the meeting through forums, information about sales tax verse property tax savings, and letters to the editor of local media outlets.

"I don't believe that Lucas County voters understand what needs to be done to fix this issue. We need to stand up in support of keep TARTA's full schedule," said Earl Murry, PhD.

The second action step outlined discussion topics for a joint meeting between the Sylvania Township elected officials, the City of Toledo elected officials and the task force that attended the forum today. "I'm for educating the public, but let's get the County Commissioners here to meet with us. We need the commissioners to stand with us at a Sylvania Township meeting," shared Jessica Weinbelg, an advocacy organizer.

The final action step requested that all attendees rally at the December 18 Sylvania Township meeting, and address the Sylvania Township trustees. "We need to go to their meeting, the Sylvania Township meeting in large numbers," explained Rev. Brock.

Several supporters including Earl Murry and Jessica Weinbelg urged each forum attendee to recruit up to five people who will attend the December 18 Sylvania Township meeting, and just sit or stand there in support. "Everyone should bring at least five people, who support us, in the

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Community Calendar

December 25

Merry Christmas!
The Thomas Temple Church Of God In Christ Annual Free Christmas Dinner:
Serving from 1:00 - 3:00 pm; All are welcome: 419 255-3447.

December 26

Blood Drive: 10 am to 3 pm; ProMedica Toledo Hospital; Coxton Room

December 26 – 29

Kwanzaa! – Presented by the Toledo Kwanzaa House: Frederick Douglas Community Association; Doors open at 5; Programs start at 6; Activities for adult and children; Vendor, informational tables

January 1

Happy New Year!

Don't Blame Me For This...!

By Lafe Tolliver, Esq
Guest Column

You know, it is somewhat perplexing and downright discouraging when I get emails from some readers of my opinions complaining that when they read the articles, they need a dictionary nearby in order to understand what is being stated.

Come on, people! Are you serious? Some of the words that I cogitate over in my articles are not beyond finding out. Anyone with a bit of discernment can ferret out the meaning of the word by contextual analysis.

If you have a jeremiad with my vocabulary, simply reflect back on your years in high school and remember the times that you clocked out in English class when the spelling quizzes rolled around while you were rolling your eyes.

I am going to take the high road and fervently believe that everyone is entitled to my opinion and you will benefit from testing your vocabulary skills versus the words that I use in my opinion articles.

So, believing that my reading audience is of sufficient acumen to discern the difference between water and ice, I have concocted the below vocab test to assure you that you are doing fine and need not seek out auxiliary sources of understanding regarding certain words.

So, if you correctly answer 14 of the below 20 words, you qualify to continue reading my opinions. Again, do not cheat by having a dictionary present!

Blatant: (a) obvious and apparent (b) refers to the mixing of martinis (c) a glass tube used in testing for the presence of zinc.

Martinet: (a) a small fur-like animal in Nepal (b) strict disciplinarian (c) a brass instrument used in stringed quartets.

Overweening: (a) a tendency to downplay known facts (b) excessive pride (c) adverb used to describe a lack of concern.

Apogee: (a) an insincere apology (b) a high point (c) a French word for a silky but cooked custard.

Sanguine: (a) relaxed (b) carefree (c) optimistic.

Fractious: (a) a bone that does not heal well (b) algebraic math problems (c) being grumpy or crabby.

Epochal: (a) prophetic (b) how to compute past centuries (c) highly significant.

Guttural: (a) gruff (b) offensive language (c) pertaining to defective house gutters.

Malevolent: (a) malign (b) description of a bitter argument (c) a chess move with your knight and rook that causes a checkmate.

Aboriginal: (a) native (b) an original painting being destroyed (c) of no importance.

Cumbersome: (a) awkward (b) the wide sash that goes around one's waist (c) nasal congestion caused by an allergy to cucumbers.

Titillate: (a) arouse (b) muffled laughter (c) the same as tilling farm soil.

Remonstrate: (a) having a lack of an opinion (b) carousing (c) to rally against something or someone.

Languish: (a) to waste away (b) the art of telling a fable that has no point to it (c) to seek title to property that has no known owner.

Perfidy: (a) to set aflame (b) infidelity (c) the art of using a flame to set in place dried ceramic pieces.

Calumny: (a) uncontrolled laughter (b) feeling full after a large meal (c) slander.

Xenophobic: (a) a person unable to use the letter, X. (b) fear of the unknown (c) a fear of strangers.

Raconteur: (a) imposter (b) narrator (c) a "shifty" acting person.

Fawn: (a) to act condescendingly over a person (b) to treat with contempt

(c) a person who speculate in risky commodities.

Precipice: (a) the corner of parchment paper (b) a high mountain peak (c) to drive in a zig zag pattern.

Please give yourself no more than five minutes to select all of the right answers. If you get more than 18 right, you need to immediately apply to a four-year college!

If you get 15 or more right, you should consider teaching high school English.

If you get 10 to 14 right, you may want to take a course as English being your second language.

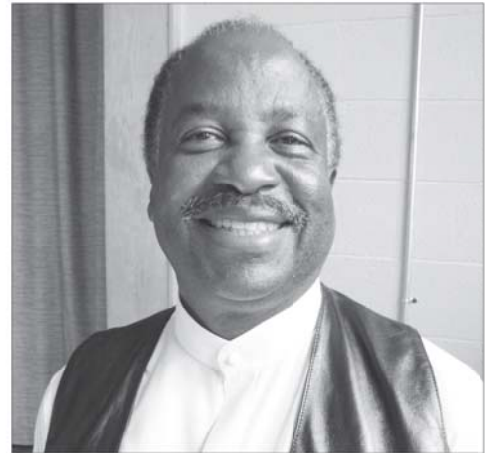
If you get five to nine right, you should now realize why you were passed over for that job promotion.

Five to eight right? Stay away from all print media and books because you will only embarrass yourself more than you have already!

Less than five right? Check your pulse...are you really alive?

To get a score card of the answers and how these words are used in a sentence, please send to me an un-traceable money order for \$23.48 (includes shipping and handling) and I will meet you at a local library and give you the answers.

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For the First Time in History, Two African Americans Will Hold Top Leadership Positions in Congress at the Same Time

By Black PR Wire

Recently, CBC Member Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY-08) was elected chair of the Democratic Caucus, and Assistant Democratic Leader James E. Clyburn (D-SC-06) was elected Majority Whip, making it the first time in history that two African Americans will hold top leadership positions in Congress at the same time. In response to these elections, the chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus, Congressman Cedric L. Richmond (D-LA-02), released the following statement:

“When the Congressional Black Caucus was founded in 1971, I know our 13 founding members dreamed of the day when we would have more than one member in our ranks competing for top leadership positions in Congress. Today was that day, and I know they are proud.

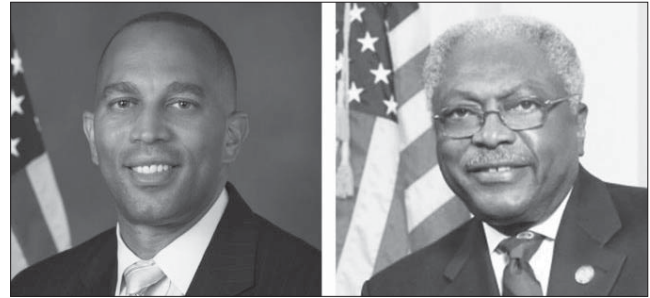
“When Congresswoman Barbara Lee and Congressman Hakeem Jeffries articulated to our colleagues why they were the best candidate for Democratic Caucus chair, it was one of the best displays of black brilliance that I have seen in a long time. The unfortunate part of their race against each other was that one of them had to lose.

“I congratulate Congressman Jeffries on being elected Democratic Caucus chair; he has more than demonstrated during his time in Congress that he is ready to lead in this position.

“I also congratulate Assistant Democratic Leader James E. Clyburn on being elected Majority Whip. There are few Democrats who have done more than Assistant Democratic Leader Clyburn to mentor young members of Congress and make sure that Democrats win elections.

“When former congressman George Henry White, the last African-American congressman to leave Congress before the Jim Crow Era, left office in 1901, he said in his famous farewell address, ‘This is perhaps the Negroes’ temporary farewell to the American Congress, but let me say, Phoenix-like he will rise up some day and come again.’

“Next Congress, the CBC will have 55 members, including two who will be in top leadership positions and five who will chair full House committees – former congressman George Henry White was right, and the Phoenix has risen.”



Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY) and James Clyburn (D-SC)

Toledo Community Foundation’s Stranahan Supporting Organization awards grant to Martin Luther King Kitchen for the Poor

The Board of Trustees of the Stranahan Supporting Organization of the Toledo Community Foundation has approved a grant to Martin Luther King Kitchen for the Poor in the amount of \$35,000. These funds will be used to support the organization’s operating budget, said Harvey Savage, Jr., the Kitchen’s executive director.

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spirit of cooperation. We don't need signs or protest loudly, we'll have our two spokespersons speak for us," shared Murry.

At least one Sylvania Township resident who was present voiced opposing concerns, and asked to remain anonymous. "I can't get hired and I have four degrees, but this is my reality," he said. "When people voted against this, it wasn't about race. It wasn't racist. We also have economic issues, just like everyone else. My spare money goes to feed my family, keeping my heat and lights on and keeping fuel in my car, so I don't want to pay a higher property tax. I blame TARTA, why can't they learn how to run like a business, and stand on their own instead of depending on us? When people see Sylvania Township, they think we all have money, but we're not wealthy."

Once the first three steps are completed, Papenfuse plans to continue working on a general election proposed change by TARTA to fund public transportation.

TARTA's plan was to place the sales tax proposal before the voters but it first required that the elected officials of all of TARTA's member communities – Toledo and its suburbs – approve the ballot measure. Sylvania Township, alone among the member communities, declined to place the measure on the ballot for voters to have a say in the matter.

Most Sylvania Township residents would support the new Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority proposal to expand its service area and hours and implement a sales tax to pay for the expanded service according to the results of a telephone survey conducted by Odesky and Associates of 300 likely voters in the township.

According to the survey, 46.3 percent supported the TARTA proposal, 21 percent were against it and 32.7 percent were undecided; 58 percent favored a sales tax and only 5.7 percent supported a property tax.

Now that the two Sylvania township trustees, John Jennewine and Neal Mahoney, have declined to let voters decide the matter, TARTA has been forced to make drastic cuts in its service. At the end of the year TARTA will discontinue Sunday and holiday service, modify some of the fixed routes on the schedule and eliminate some early and late routes.

"The seven other cities that support TARTA have all agreed to place this on the general election ballot, but our issue right now is the two Sylvania Township trustees Jennewine and Mahoney. Once the sales tax issue is approved, this will no longer be an adjudication issue," said Papenfuse.



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most major cities use for funding public transit systems.

TARTA's proposal needed to be placed on the ballot for approval by area voters but trustees in Sylvania Township, alone amongst the member communities that TARTA services, nixed the idea of letting voters approve the plan even though polling had shown that most voters in the township would have approved.

Not only did the speakers at last week's press conference disapprove of the TARTA plan to reduce service, some also attacked the transit operation for a lack of transparency in the months leading up to the reduction.

George Thomas, senior attorney with Advocates for a Basic Legal Equality, said "TARTA must conduct a thorough public engagement process." He chided TARTA for not conducting a thorough public hearing process. "Cleveland held 15 public service meetings to gather input," he said, noting that TARTA only held hearings on one day. "TARTA failed to meaningfully engage with the public. We ask for TARTA to reconsider the process. We need to identify strategies to mitigate these cuts."

Lucas County Commissioner Tina Skeldon Wozniak also voiced her distaste for the proposed TARTA service cuts. "A strong economy needs a strong public transit system," said Skeldon Wozniak. "We don't sit back, we ask for action, we ask for change." She announced that the blue ribbon task force will have a director – Roslyn Wallace, human resources manager of Detroit Manufacturing Systems – as she observed that the continued current transit routes are critical for the Toledo area.

The task force, said Skeldon Wozniak, is intended to be a panel encompassing a broad range of Lucas County interests and residents and will be commissioned to examine a broad range of TARTA issues – finances, services, administration – but , as of yet, no decisions have been made about the panel membership other than the director.

TARTA's CEO/General Manager James Gee released the following statement after the press conference: "We recognize that the upcoming service cuts will make a negative impact to the quality of life for passengers, and we sincerely regret that this decision became necessary. TARTA's current funding model and revenue limitations forced a difficult decision for TARTA and its board of directors. However, TARTA has been and remains open to collaborating with groups that may find new approaches to providing more effective public transportation options for our community.

"Within the past month, TARTA initiated dialogue with several community groups, most notably the Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce. Plans are currently under development with the Chamber to commission an economic impact study of public transit and investigate using a priority-based budgeting model for TARTA's operations. The goal of these activities is to identify innovative approaches to budgeting and service analysis that would lead to better public transportation in our region. As I understand, the Lucas County Commissioners today announced an effort to develop a Blue Ribbon Panel geared toward these same goals. TARTA openly welcomes collaboration with such a group, and we willingly accept different perspectives and ideas for new revenue streams or service models that allow TARTA to offer sustainable, efficient and adequate public transit."

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Councilman Larry Sykes and Mike Colbert



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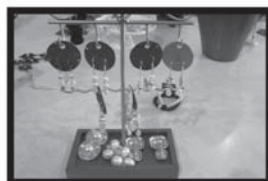
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The annual event is scheduled from 3:00-5:00

p.m. Thursday, December 20, 2018, at the Center on the University of Toledo's Scott Park Campus, in the Faculty Annex, 2145 East Scott Park Drive, Toledo.

The Minority Business Assistance Center offers many free services to minority business startups or minority-owned businesses looking to expand. Services include business counseling; local, state and federal certification help; loan packaging assistance; and more. The center is

supported by the state of Ohio through a grant from the Ohio Development Services Agency and by the University of Toledo.

The Minority Business Development Center offers mentoring, office space and a business incubator for minority-owned, early-stage businesses. Tours of the center will be offered at the open house.

For more information or to make a reservation, please call 419-530-3344.

Don't Get Snowed Under This Christmas: Tips to Spend Wisely

By Black PR Wire

Even after setting a holiday budget, the most wonderful time of year is often the most expensive. Experts say that this Christmas, there are new ways to make your dollar go further.

"The days of clipping coupons may be out of style, but finding ways to save money never is," says Michael McAuliffe, president of Family Credit Management. "From in-store apps to price trackers, new tech tools can help."

The experts at Family Credit Management are encouraging consumers to research their money-saving options, as technology is always evolving. To get you started, they have nar-

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The Heart of Christmas

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The Dunston Family

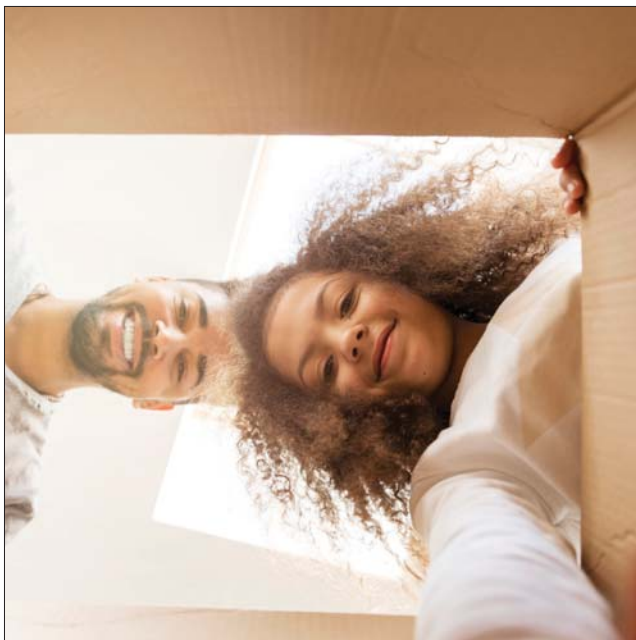
Christmas is a special time to celebrate the magnificent birth of my Savior, Jesus Christ, but it is also a moment to express our gratitude, joy, and love for one another. Christmas is love and during this time, our love is expressed by spending time and creating memories with family and friends, passing down traditions and recipes from one generation to the next, and assisting those in need. Christmas is the perfect time to reflect on God's grace, mercies, and love; through that love, we can make the world a happier place by sharing this joy with everyone we encounter.



l-r Philip Dunston, Tanasia Morton, Ariell Dunston, William III and Felicia Dunston, Chelsea Dounstrn and Wesley Amadi



Photos by Carla Thomas



"The real estate agent said we might be more comfortable living in a different neighborhood."



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Toledo Families Celebrating Christmas!!

The Perryman Family

What does Christmas mean to us? The work of ministry and activism involves having to constantly address imperfect systems and the needs of people who are hurting. And, because the work is never done, it is important to take time to focus internally on our relationships in order to keep them fresh and healthy.

Christmas, for us, is a time to make sure that we do not neglect our own family so that we can be effective when we go out to serve others. My wife and I

cook the holiday meal together, which forces us to include quality time in our relationship and allows us an outlet to relieve some of the stress of ministry and advocacy.

You're chopping, seasoning, talking and listening to music. The kids and granddaughter are telling jokes, singing, dancing and playing musical instruments. We're all creating something. It doesn't matter what we sing or talk about, as long as we take time to focus on each other rather than just work or church.



From l-r Jamison Perryman-Clark, Dr. Staci Perryman-Clark, Randall Clark, Rev. Dr. Donald Perryman, Willetta Perryman and Dr. Tracee Perryman



The Brenneman Family

Christmas is our favorite season in our home. It's a time to reflect on God's greatest gift to us. We celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ by gathering with loved ones and family. It's a time to reflect on the year and to re-evaluate what we would like to see in the future. May God's goodness and grace surround you in this holiday season.



l-r Laila, Isaiah, Kristian (holding Winston), Lauren (holding Bella) and Tirrell Brenneman



Photos by Carla Thomas

Social Security- Questions and Answers

Question:

How do I terminate my Medicare Part B (medical insurance)?

Answer:

You can voluntarily terminate your Medicare Part B (medical insurance). Because this is a serious decision that could have negative ramifications for you in the future, you'll need to have a personal interview with a Social Security representative first. The representative will help you complete Form CMS 1763. This form isn't available online. To schedule your interview, call us at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY: 1-800-325-0778) Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., or contact your nearest Social Security office. For more information, go to www.medicare.gov.

Question:

How do I apply for *Extra Help* with Medicare prescription drug plan costs?

Answer:

You have several options for applying. You can:

- Apply online by visiting www.socialsecurity.gov/medicare/prescription-help;
- Call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) to apply over the phone or request an application; or
- Apply at any local Social Security office.

Anyone who has Medicare can get Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage. Some people with limited resources and income are eligible for Extra Help to pay for the costs — monthly premiums, annual deductibles, and prescription co-payments — related to a Medicare prescription drug plan. Learn more at www.socialsecurity.gov/medicare.

Question:

What can I do if my Medicare prescription drug plan says it won't pay for a drug that my doctor prescribed for me?

Answer:

If your Medicare prescription drug plan decides that it won't pay for a prescription drug, it must tell you in writing why the drug isn't covered in a letter called a "Notice of Denial of Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage." Read the notice carefully because it will explain how to ask for an appeal. Your prescribing doctor can ask your Medicare drug plan for an expedited redetermination (first level appeal) for you, if the doctor tells the plan that waiting for a standard

appeal decision may seriously harm your health. For more information, visit www.medicare.gov.

Question:

If I retire at age 62, will I be eligible for Medicare?

Answer:

No. Medicare starts when you reach 65. If you retire at 62, you may be able to continue medical insurance coverage through your employer or purchase it from a private insurance company until you become eligible for Medicare. For more information see our publication, Medicare, at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs, or call us at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

Question:

I want to apply for Medicare Part B medical insurance this year. When is the deadline to apply?

Answer:

If you didn't sign up for Medicare Part B medical insurance when you first became eligible for Medicare, you have an opportunity to apply during the general enrollment period, which runs from January 1 through March 31 each year. If you miss the deadline, you may have to wait until next year to apply. Medicare Part B covers some medical expenses not covered by Medicare Part A (hospital insurance), such as doctors' fees, outpatient hospital visits, and other medical supplies. You can learn more about Medicare by reading our electronic booklet, Medicare at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10043.html.

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rowed down a few tech-savvy ways to streamline and save this season.

- **Browser Extensions:** Forty-six percent of all holiday shopping occurs online, according to WeAreTop10, so, do your share of it wisely. Whether you use Google Chrome, Internet Explorer, Safari or Firefox as your internet browser, there are sites you can visit to add an extension to your searching power. It's like adding an additional search box which will know to look for the best deals out there whenever you are shopping online and compare prices side-by-side, cutting out some of the legwork for you. Some well-known examples are PriceBlink, The Camelizer and InvisibleHand.

- **Coupon Apps:** Mobile apps such as Coupon Sherpa, SnipSnap and Yowza, enable you to scan items while you're in-store and find the best value coupons on the spot.

- **Price Drop Alert Trackers:** Eighty-four percent of Americans plan to check Amazon before looking or buying elsewhere, according to the Accenture Holiday Shopping Survey. Don't make the mistake of assuming Amazon is the be-all-and-end-all for saving. Prices drop all the time, especially around Christmas. But, how can you keep track of who is dropping them and when? With a tracker app, you can tell the app what to look for and it will notify you when your wanted items drop in price. IFTTT (If This Then That), camelcamelcamel and Price Tracker for Amazon will keep an eye on prices for you to make sure you're the first to see the best deals.

- **Credit Card Points/Discounts:** Credit cards can encourage overspending, but when used carefully and within budget, offer certain advantages. For example, store-specific credit cards often offer special discounts, kickbacks and coupons for cardholders. Just think how you could double up on the savings by using some of the above tools, as well as by purchasing with a card with added bonuses. Remember though, that any savings you earn will quickly be eaten up if you pay interest charges. To avoid this trap, never use a credit card unless you can pay the entire balance in full each month. Also, think very carefully about opening a new account, as this can negatively affect your credit.

More holiday shopping, spending and saving tips can be found at familycredit.org.

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The Holiday Gift Guide – Part 2

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

The Truth Contributor

The mistletoe is hung, and so are the garlands, the ornaments, window decorations, and lights. You'd be ready for the holidays, too, if you weren't hung up on a gift for that one certain person.

Now what? Now head to the bookstore with this column in-hand, and look for one of these great books....

HEALTH & MEDICINE

For the giftee who loves to study humans and what makes them tick, *The Fear Factor* by Abigail Marsh is going to open eyes. Yes, there's a darker side of humanity and March exposes it. It all has to do with fear, and she'll explain how. Speaking of fear (and the lack thereof), wrap it up with *On Call in the Arctic* by Thomas J. Sims, a memoir of a doctor's life in the Alaskan frontier. You may want to put *Tooth and Nail* by Linda D. Dahl with it, too; that's a book about a woman who became a ringside doctor in New York City.

If you know someone who has surgery planned this year, give *Counting Backwards* by Henry Jay Przybylo, MD. Dr. Przybylo is a pediatric anesthesiologist, and he not only shares stories in this book, but he'll also put a mind to rest. (Hint: even if your giftee isn't having surgery, it's still a don't-miss). Pair it with *The Pain Companion* by Sarah Anne Shockley, a book about living with pain.

For the person who asked for a genealogy test, wrap it up with *She Has Her Mother's Laugh* by Carl Zimmer. It's a book about heredity, genetics, and what you inherit from your family and your family's family. Also look for *Because I Come From a Crazy Family* by Edward M. Hallowell, MD, a memoir about inherited afflictions, childhood, and the ways that even a beloved family can be a challenge.

The forever dieter might enjoy reading *The Weight of Being* by Kara Richardson White-ly. It's a book about being overweight, losing a whole lot of weight, and finding out why we fat-shame in America.

If there's someone on your list this year who's suffered tragedy after tragedy, a gentle reminder that things will be better is *Resilience* by Linda Graham, MFT. Its subtitle says it all: it's filled with "Powerful Practices for Bouncing Back from Disappointment, Difficulty, and Even Disaster."

For the person who loves to read about cutting-edge medicine, wrap up *The Breakthrough* by Charles Graeber. It's about what's new in the effort to cure cancer with immunotherapy. Pair that good news with *Sound: A Memoir of Hearing Lost and Found* by Bella Bathurst, for medical updates you should hear.

The giftee who loves to read about bravery in the face of illness will want *We Know How This Ends: Living While Dying* by Bruce H. Kramer with Cathy Wurzer, which couldn't be a better gift. Until his death in 2015, Kramer had ALS, but it didn't stop him: he was a teacher, a blogger, and a radio personality at the end of his life. This book was published just after Kramer died. Pair it with *I Found My Tribe* by Ruth Fitzmaurice, a memoir about Fitzmaurice's family, including her husband, who has ALS.

And here's a book you might to buy for yourself this year: *Guardianships and the Elderly: The Perfect Crime* by Dr. Sam Sugar. It's about the various ways that guardianship can go wrong, how to recognize any problems, and how to deal with them.

For the diabetic on your gift list, a copy of *Hardhead Diabetic in a Nutshell* by Rica Rich might be the thing to unwrap. This book takes a look at new treatments and old ideas; it dispels myths, and offers nutrition information.

DEATH & DYING

Loss doesn't stop during the holidays. If your giftee needs any kind of comfort, try *The After Death Chronicles* by Annie Mattingley. It's a book filled with stories of everyday people who were surprised to receive communication from "beyond the veil." If your loss was a child, then pair it with *The Unspeakable Loss* by Nisha Zenoff, PhD, which is a book especially for parents.

The history buff who is also interested in historical cemeteries will want to read *Birth of a Cemetery* by John F. Llewellyn. It's the story of the beginning of Forest Lawn Memo-

rial Park, but it's also somewhat of a history of California and of fame as well.

HISTORY

In the middle of World War II, when armed personnel were needed more than ever, the U.S. Army Air Forces finally allowed something that was long overdue: they let their 1,100 female pilots in the air. In *Fly Girls* by P. O'Connell Pearson, your giftee will read about the brave service of those women and how they did what they did – with less pay, harder duty, and no military benefits.

For the political watcher, there's a lot to choose from this year. One of the neutral books you can give is *Partner to Power* by K. Ward Cummings. It's a book about the people who have surrounded Presidents, listened to them, and advised them on matters large and small.

If your giftee has devoured everything on Custer, hold on. Have they read *Thieves' Road* by Terry Mort yet? It's a book about why Custer focused on the Black Hills and it's your golden opportunity for more on the soldier and the battle. On a similar note, horse lovers who

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also crave history books will love to have *Ghost Riders* by Mark Felton, a book about saving white Lipizzaner horses during World War II.

Here's a book steeped in history, and it may be perfect for someone on your list: *Our Year of War* by Daniel P. Bolger. It's history, but the unique thing is that it's also a memoir about two brothers who end up in Vietnam together. One was a supporter of the war. His brother was not. It's a book about bravery, differences of opinion, and brotherhood, both in war and at home. For another side of the coin, look for *In Search of the Lost Chord* by Danny Goldberg, a look at the Hippie Era, circa 1967.

The cook who also loves history will enjoy *Stirring the Pot with Benjamin Franklin: A Founding Father's Culinary Adventures* by Rae Katherine Eighmey. It's a book that's perfect if someone on your list likes American history, cooking, or reading while she eats.

For the giftee who loves ancient history, you can't go wrong when you wrap up *Rome: A History in Seven Sackings* by Matthew Kneale. Yes, it's about war. But it's also about natural disasters, Emperors, and travel. How could your giftee resist?

Early American history buffs will whoop when they open *Marooned: Jamestown, Shipwreck, and a New History of America's Origin* by Joseph Kelly. It's a big thick history book that will take your giftee back, so remember to wrap up a bookmark, too.

PETS AND ANIMALS

Who doesn't love a day at the beach? Your dog lover and the dog they love do, so they'll want to unwrap *Dogs on the Beach* by Lara Jo Regan. It's filled with photos of doggos in the surf & sand, enjoying warm weather and taking every advantage of summer there is.

Here's something you don't have to tell an animal lover: animals have personalities. Even so, your giftee will enjoy *Mousy Cats and Sheepish Coyotes: The Science of Animal Personalities* by John A. Shivik. It's all about the science, yes, but it's also about the stories, you know? Wrap it up with *How to Be a Good Creature* by Sy Montgomery, illustrated by Rebecca Green. It's a memoir that includes thirteen animals Montgomery knew and loved.

For the future farmer or the person who is clucking awesome, wrap up *Hen and the Art of Chicken Maintenance* by Martin Gurdon, a book about raising chickens of all kinds. It's helpful, interesting, and it contains full-color pictures. Your giftee will crow about it!

LGBTQ INTEREST

Who doesn't like a mystery? Your giftee sure does, and if there are chills inside it, all's the better so wrap up *Sodom Road Exit* by Amber Dawn. It's the story of a small but dying village that's lost its last reason for tourists. Even so, one young woman lives there with her mother because she has nowhere else to go. She wishes she did, though, because her small hometown holds terror... Wrap it up with *Ruin of Stars*

by Linsey Miller, the second book in a fantasy series in which the main character is gender-fluid.

For the reader who loves books that may make him think, look for *So Famous and So Gay* by Jeff Solomon. It's a book about Truman Capote and Gertrude Stein and how their fame still lingers while so many other almost-celebrities barely get a nod today, no matter what they did for LGBTQ rights....

The person on your list who is thinking about transitioning (or who recently has) will love unwrapping *Trans Like Me* by CN Lester, a series of essays on gender diversity, being trans, and how to tackle tacky people whose questions are too nosy. Pair it with *Being Emily* by Rachel Gold, a book about a trans woman, now updated to include new material.

For the traveler on your list, the person who also loves history, you can't go wrong with *Riviera Dreaming* by Maurea Emerson. It's the true story of an architect and an ex-officer in the British Army, how they teamed up to create a mansion that took society by storm, and who vied to hire these two men to decorate their Riviera mansions. Wrap it up with *Global Gay: How Gay Culture is Changing the World* by Frédéric Martel, for a very well-traveled gift.

More fiction for the gay reader: *You Can't Tell By Looking* by Russell J. Sanders, a romance about love between two high school boys, one of whom is also dealing with his anti-gay Islamic family; and Aesop Lake by Sarah Ward, a unique book based on three of Aesop's Fables to tell a tale of a hate crime and its aftermath.

PICTURE BOOKS

Here's a great read-aloud for your little one: *In Your Hands* by Carole Boston Weatherford, illustrated by Brian Pinkney. It's a quiet, comforting story of holding hands and protecting, and will be a great bedtime tale. Also look for *My Magic Breath* by Nick Ortner and Alison Taylor, pictures by Michelle Polizzi. It's a book about mindful breathing and calming thoughts.

The birthday kid will appreciate *I Got a Chicken for My Birthday* by Laura Gehl, illustrated by Sarah Horne. Yes, it's about a chicken and the fun his girl has with him. If the birthday kid is an animal lover, pair it up with *Mela and the Elephant* by Doo Phumiruk, illustrated by Ziyue Chen.

Parents of toddlers will definitely want to unwrap this book: *People Don't Bite People* by Lisa Wheeler, art by Molly Idle. Yes, it's about the appropriate use of teeth, in a format that two-to-three-year-olds can absolutely understand.

Children who appreciate the friends they've got will love *May I Come In?* by Marsha Diane Arnold, illustrated by Jennie Poh. It's the story of a wet raccoon, a stormy night, and the love of a true friend. Wrap it up with *Friends Stick Together* by Hannah E. Harrison, a book about friendship between personalities.

Children who are on the edge of Too Old for Picture Books, Too Young for Chapter Books may still like to see *Nature's Friend: The Gwen Frostic Story* by Lindsay McDivitt, illustrated by Eileen Ryan Ewen. It's a biography in picture form about a Detroit artist and nature lover, and your little one would surely love it read aloud. Wrap it up with *Aim for the Skies* by Aimee Bissonette, illustrated by Doris Ettliger. It's the true story of two women who dreamed about following in Amelia Earhart's footsteps and flying around the world.


For kids who are looking for more than a picture book or for the most curious kid you know, wrap up any of the *Tell Me* books by



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MIDDLE-GRADE READERS

For the kid who's computer-crazy (and what kid isn't?), *Cool Coding* is the book to find because it teaches without "dumbing-down" and kids, of course, appreciate that. For your 10-to-17-year-old, it's a "LIKE." Wrap it up with another science book: *The Hyena Scientist* by **Sy Montgomery**, **photographs by Nic Bishop**. It's perfect for the budding zoologist or die-hard animal lover.

For kids who love books that let them do fun things, why not wrap up *Turn This Book into a Beehive!* by **Lynn Brunelle**, **illustrated by Anna-Maria Jung**. It's a book that will teach your child about bees and environmentalism, and then it turns into the coolest craft around. Wrap it up with *The Brilliant Deep* by **Kate Messner** and **Matthew Forstythe**, which is a nonfiction book about coral reefs.

Remember those old "Choose Your Own Adventure" books that you used to love? Well, those are updated now: imagine what would happen if you took a graphic novel and let kids pick their own storylines and endings? That's what's behind *Knights Club* by **Shuky**, **illustrated by Waltch and Novy**; and *Hocus & Pocus* by **Manuro Gorobei**. Are they comic books? Are they games? Your kids might think they're both!

Young historians will thoroughly enjoy reading *Tizme for Kids Presidents of the United States*. This book offers a quick biography, stats, and fun-to-know facts about the men in office, and includes a chapter on our current Commander-in-Chief. Pair it up with *Weird but True! Know-It-All U.S. Presidents* by **Brianna Dumont** or any of the Heroes of History books, like the one on George Washington or the book about Alexander Hamilton.

The child who craves a most meaningful gift this year will enjoy opening *The World of the Bible* from the National Geographic folks. This book includes Bible stories and the science behind them, as well as trivia, and excellent artwork.

For the kid who's interested in animals, *Book of Bones* by **Gabrielle Balkan**, **illustrated by Sam Brewster** is perfect. This book takes a look at the skeletons of animals – the biggest, the longest, the thinnest – and the animals who need those bones to live and thrive. Pair it up with *Stuff You Need to Know About the Human Body* by **John Farnon & Tim Hutchison**, a book about human insides.

And for the child who's into adventure plus weirdness, look for *The Atlas Obscura Explorer's Guide for The World's Most Adventurous Kid* by **Dylan Thuras** and **Rosemary Mosco**, **illustrated by Joy Ang**. It's a book filled with maps and sites and places your child can go, even if they do it through paper and imagination.

YA BOOKS

The teen who has embraced STEM will also want to read *Radioactive!* by **Winifred Conkling**. It's the parallel story of two women: Irene Curie, who discovered artificial radioactivity; and Lise Meitner, who, four years after Irene's discovery, learned the secret of nuclear fission. Get it for your teen and read it yourself.

The scientist on your list will love *Junk Drawer Geometry* by **Bobby Mercer**, especially if she is also a mathlete. This book is full of experiments and gee-whiz coolness. Wrap it up with any other book in the "Junk Drawer Science" series.

For the budding activist on your list, look for *You Are Mighty: A Guide to Changing the World* by **Caroline Paul**, **illustrated by Lauren Tamaki**. This hardcover book offers ideas to create change in many different aspects of society, and it includes places for your teen to take notes and jot down ideas. Pair it with *Illegal* by **Eoin Colfer** and **Andrew Donkin**, a graphic novel about a boy who crosses the Sahara desert and beyond to forge a new life elsewhere.

The basketball fan in your life will love *Here to Stay* by **Sara Farizan**. It's a novel about a boy who saves the day and becomes a school hero and, oh, incidentally, he's Muslim. Who's friend and who's enemy? Who can resist such a book?

So there you are. A bunch of different ways to use that gift certificate for fun, learning, and winter reading anticipation. Remember: if none of these suggestions seem to fit that Special Someone on your list, ask your weary-but-smiling bookseller. She's the one who has all the right answers.

Happy Reading!

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"We are so pleased and very grateful for the grant," Savage said. "Though

Ohio Democratic Party Statement on Texas Ruling on Obamacare

The Ohio Democratic Party released the following statement from Chairman David Pepper in response to last evening's ruling by a Texas judge that puts health coverage in jeopardy for millions of Ohioans:

"Over the past two years, Ohioans have been standing up and speaking out to demand that elected officials protect their health care, as Republicans have launched one attack after another. Meanwhile, Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine has done nothing -- in fact, on his first day in office, he actually filed suit to overturn the Affordable Care Act.

"With yesterday's decision, health coverage for millions of Ohioans -- those covered under John Kasich's Medicaid expansion, those with pre-existing conditions who were denied coverage before the ACA, those who receive affordable insurance and subsidies through HealthCare.gov -- their health care is now at risk. This is put-up or shut-up time for Mike DeWine and the incoming AG, Dave Yost. After all, DeWine claimed during the campaign that he supported protections for people with pre-existing conditions. Will he join the case and side with the people of Ohio? Or will DeWine and Yost sit on the sidelines and watch as Ohioans' health care is taken away?"

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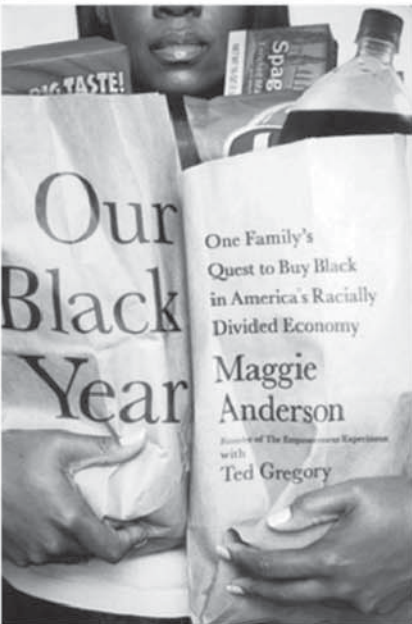
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The City of Toledo is seeking a Permit to Install (PTI) from Ohio EPA for permit modification of the existing Hoffman Road Landfill at 3962 Hoffman Road, Toledo, Ohio 43611. A public meeting will be held Wednesday, January 16, 2019, 6:00 p.m., at the Toledo-Lucas County Police Athletic League Gym, 1111 E. Manhattan Blvd., Toledo, Ohio. This meeting is intended to inform local citizens of the PTI application contents, explain the Ohio EPA PTI application process, and to receive and respond to comments and questions about the PTI application. The PTI application is available for review at the Lagrange Branch Library, 3422 Lagrange Street, and the Point Place Branch Library, 2727 117th Street during their regular business hours.

Please contact Paul Rasmusson, Director of the City of Toledo's Department of Public Service, (419) 245-1835, for more information about this meeting, the PTI application, or project plans.

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The required format for the proposal to be submitted to the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority is described in detail in the full copy of the Request for Qualifications, and is available by either (1) emailing Tina Perkins at Tperkins@Toledoport.org or (2) visiting the Port Authority's website at <http://www.toledoport.org/connect/public-notices/>. Proposals are due no later than 1:00 p.m. (local time), Friday, December 21, 2018.

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This is a family-friendly event we will have light refreshments and plenty of entertainment.

There will be door prizes for the 1st 20 guests!!

Doors will open at 6p.m performances will start at 6:45p.m until 9 p.m.

This is a FREE event, but donations will be happily accepted.

Special thanks to the Truth Art gallery and newspaper for letting us enjoy their space.

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The Wayman D. Palmer YMCA celebrated its annual Christmas Party on Saturday, December 15 and entertained families from the area with gifts, food and entertainment. Santa, of course, made his presence known as well. The event also raised funds and donations in order to giveaway coats and other clothing to families in need.



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