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Iris Harvey, CEO Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio

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# And The Beat Goes On

By Rev. Donald L. Perryman, PhD

The Truth Contributor

... We have not finished the journey toward liberty and justice, but surely, we have come a long way.

- David Dinkins



Toledo voters made a thunderous statement in the primary election last week.

Incumbent mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz reaped 6,590 votes against former mayor Carty Finkbeiner's 3,323, winning all 206 distinct Toledo precincts in the lopsided mayoral primary. More significantly, Kapszukiewicz bested Carty by 27 percent citywide and double-digits among African Americans.

Finkbeiner's team was entirely caught off guard by the outcome, confidently expecting to win or lose by no more than one or two points. But, instead, the disappointing results left the former mayor "very despondent," according to the word on the street.

What should we expect in the general election?

Current polling shows Kapszukiewicz with a 37-point lead over Carty among likely voters in the general as most of the Scotland supporters are expected to migrate over to Wade. However, despite his significant lead, the incumbent appears to have still some anxiety and worries about the general election outcome.

Despite the controversial firing of several black administrators and resulting civil rights suits during his terms as mayor, Finkbeiner generated diehard support from a segment of the black community by including homegrown African-American talent in his administration, including Theresa M. Gabriel and Jimmy Gaines. Kapszukiewicz, to the contrary, has been less effective in including those visible in the local Black church and community for high-profile leadership roles.

Yet, Kapszukiewicz's strength is a campaign war chest of three to four hundred thousand dollars. So, on top of Wade's sizable lead in the polls, expect the incumbent to blitz his opponent with an unbelievable media wave in the next six weeks.

On the other hand, the path forward for Carty appears limited to a complete blistering attack on Wade, which he lacks coffers to communicate beyond press conferences. The media, though, seems to have tuned Carty out since the accusation of his attempt to hijack credit for the City's central-city YMCA expansion project. The Kapszukiewicz administration, presenting internal agendas and meeting notes, claimed that it had a pre-existing deal and was waiting for the Solheim Cup to end to announce.

Certainly, Carty can criticize the Kapszukiewicz administration for its Summit Street debacle. The Finkbeiner campaign can also pursue a police endorsement by exploiting Wade's weakness of high violent crime rates.

How each candidate performs in the many upcoming candidate forums will be crucial to their success.

And The Beat Goes On: Toledo City Council At-Large

In 1997, the primary election in the City of Toledo had 19 city council candidates. It included one woman who finished in the top six. In 2021, the top five seats include four women and an LGBTQ male who has promoted a

"Make Toledo Gay Again" theme.

In 25 years, Toledo's political makeup has switched dramatically, having become more diverse according to gender, sexual orientation and race than what it has always been in the past.

Traditionally, the candidates that finish in the top six seats of the primary, 90 percent of the time, become winners in the general election, including low turnout primaries.

That history bodes well for sitting councilmembers Moline, Komives, McPherson, and Whitman. Former Councilman George Sarantou, community leader Harvey Savage, Jr., and political newcomer Michele Grim can also be ultimate winners in what Toledo's leadership will look like approaching 2022.

Savage, Jr. finished in seventh place but had great sign placement. However, to crack the top six in the general election, he must also be prepared to drop \$15-20,000 in media buys.

Sarantou must overcome his rub with the Lucas County Republicans, who are enraged that he ran as an independent and part of Finkbeiner's slate rather than as a Republican. I don't expect the Republican Party to raise funds or write checks for Sarantou.

Whitman and McPherson should be safe. However, the first-time campaigners will still need to raise and spend money to hold on to their seats. The Democratic Party has done a great job of coordinating campaigns, and the two appointed councilwomen have been campaigning as a part of the Kapszukiewicz slate. Whitman and McPherson can also secure their spots by taking advantage of Party resources, including campaign pointers and help with messaging.

Overall, the entire primary field ran good campaigns around inclusion with positive messages on concerns about poverty, violence, and taking care of Toledoans' needs.

That's progress!

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## Nearly 58 Percent Ohio Students Under Local Mandatory Mask Requirement

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine last week announced that nearly 58 percent of Ohio's public K-12 students are required by their local school to wear masks in schools. On September 1 only 35 percent of Ohio students were required to wear a mask.

"I am pleased to see more school superintendents and school boards make the right decision and require masks to protect students and teachers from COVID-19 spread," said Governor DeWine. "We share a common goal of ensuring kids are in school, in person, five days a week. While vaccinations remain the best protection against severe COVID-19 cases, masking will help protect those that can't yet receive the vaccine and adds another layer of protection for those that have."

"The mask policies are working to limit the spread. In Ohio school districts where masks are optional, case rates are higher than in districts that require some masking, and we see better week-to-week trends in schools where everyone wears a mask. Most importantly, there have been fewer quarantines in schools where everyone wears a mask, helping us towards meeting the goal of keeping Ohio children in the classroom."

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# A True "Uncle Tom" or "Aunt Jemima" Test

By Lafe Tolliver, Esq

Guest Column

Ever since Herr Trump won the White Office some four-plus years plus, he has generated a a flourishing cottage industry of both Uncle Toms and Aunt Jemima.

When certain compromised black people smelled the roses and determined that there was money to be made in being a stooge for either Trump or the GOP, many have flocked to fill those roles of parroting the GOP line including lambasting other Black Americans for sticking with the Democratic Party.

Now, I want it to be clear that any person, Black, White or Polka-Dot can sign up for any political party that he so desires, BUT, when that political allegiance comes at the expense of denigrating the Black community or dissing Black people who are positive about working for change; and that change rubs against the GOP principles (?), enough is enough!

When that happens, out of seemingly nowhere, certain "Negroes" come forth and spew their utter nonsense about the misery of the Black community or they are vituperative towards Black leaders whose credentials and motives are beyond reproach.

Nothing irks me more than a grinning Candace Owens or an eye bulging Larry Elder going on talk radio or right-wing media and dropping political bombs that have as much sense or logic as believing that two ice cubes, when rubbed together, can start a fire.

The Black people, who gladly populate right wing talk shows and who are making a nice living or receiving honorariums by throwing political daggers at earnest Black people working to improve the living conditions of fellow Black people, are a disgrace.

To make sense of all of this, I called upon the renowned psychiatrist, Efal Revillot, to give my readers some insights on how to understand the charlatans who oddly profess a love of all things GOP but also manifest an incomprehensible disdain for their own roots. Here are some of his abbreviated comments:

**Me:** Dr. Revillot, is it hate or simply a chance to gain the limelight and a fat check that some Black people will publicly debase themselves in order to ingratiate themselves with the GOP?

**Doctor:** It is a combination of both. When they discover that the GOP will pay them to denigrate other Blacks for a fee, they are trying to incur favor with the White GOP; and thus increase their self-worth since they believe they will be warmly welcomed into their political and social circles.

**Me:** Doctor, when the objective evidence is clear that the GOP message is skewed or simply wrong about what they state about people of color, what motivates them to continue in such baseless contempt for other Black people?

**Doctor:** Sadly, they are simply an updated version of the House Negro vs. the Field Negro. The House Negro wants to win the approval of Massa' so he or she can avoid the field work, get better food rations and evade the overseer's whip. It is an opportunistic calculus that they believe works for them and especially so in these politically turbulent times when the ever-shrinking GOP is looking for minority allies to stay relevant.

**Me:** Doctor, why would they practically mimic the same political and social nonsense that the GOP manufacturers about people of color?

**Doctor:** The more that they can align their thinking and actions with the GOP and how the GOP maligns Black people, they are then considered to be "safe" Negroes who, for all practical purposes, are effectively politically neutered and will not be a threat to Massa.

**Me:** Doctor, what sign can they show that they have been completely loyal to the GOP and their message?

**Doctor:** If they do not have the mental and moral strength to resist revisionist lies, they show their absolute allegiance to all things GOP when they marry a white man or woman.

**Me:** Can you be a freedom fighter for Black people and yet marry across the color line?

**Doctor:** Certainly. The acid test is that do you continue to speak truth to power despite a white wife or a white husband. The question that they need to ask themselves is: "Are you compromised by such a union that it changes your political calculus so that you are unable to stand up and say and do the right thing." Frederick Douglass was a champion of the race and a gifted speaker for the rights of the slave but he was married at one time to a white woman. That union did not compromise his belief system.

**Me:** Doctor, is there a reasonable chance that such persons can be "re-oriented" so that they see that they are being used for purposes that can cause harm to other people of color?

**Doctor:** Yes, redemption is always possible and attainable, but the question is: "Do they want to give up the financial perks and good-ies that comes with being a shrill for the GOP agenda?"

**Me:** Doctor, as you know Herr Trump has often spoken disparagingly about people of color and has purportedly engaged in heinous racist behavior, but these Black people act as if all of that is acceptable to them. How is that possible?

**Doctor:** Simple. There is a concept called cognitive dissonance which means your ability to hold two opposite viewpoints in your head without one dominating the other; and you must make peace with that division, or it can cause you serious mental health issues.

**Me:** Doctor, what is the singular motivation for such people to go to such lengths to debase themselves?

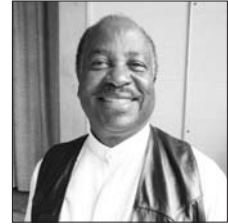
**Doctor:** They are, many times, ashamed of what they perceive as how society has negatively labeled people of color and they want out. They can get their relief by swearing off any allegiance to "those" people and throwing in their lot in with the majority ethnic group in power, with the hope of being accepted by them as equals and not viewed as one of those, "others."

**Me:** Does that ever work?

**Doctor** (with a long laugh). Never. Eventually you are rejected by them when you have served your purpose and/or the community which you devalued in your scramble to profit from that unequal association, rejects or shuns you as a pariah.

**Me:** Thank you, Doctor, for your illuminating insights.

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# Governor Newsom Defeats More Than The Recall

By John E Warren, PhD, Publisher, The San Diego Voice & Viewpoint Newspaper  
Guest Column

With more than 68 percent of the votes counted within an hour of the California Recall Election, Governor Gavin Newsom was declared the winner by the Associated Press. It was not a guess, but a progressive analysis of voter response to the recall on a county-by-county basis. Throughout the media coverage of voter turnout, there was a clear comparison between Donald Trump's votes in those areas voting "Yes" on the recall, and the actual numbers Trump received in the same areas during the November 2020 election.

Governor Newsom, in his victory speech, said he was humbled by the votes of the people of California, but acknowledged what so many already knew. In his words, this was a victory for Democracy, for diversity, for individual human rights; a victory for vaccines, the wearing of masks, the safety of our children, our economy and all we hold dear. These remarks reflected everything that Larry Elder, the leading Republican contender, stood against.

Elder was a Trumper all the way. He was calling election fraud before the votes were counted and the polls opened. He was against the vaccine,

against the wearing of masks, against the idea of vaccines for children and in favor of reparations for former slave owners.

Elder was the "Great Black Hope" of the Republican Party without the party endorsing him. Newsom said his defeat of the Recall was a defeat of all Elder and his supporters stood for, from voter suppression to plans to change the balance of power in the U.S. Senate. Elder had said that if he won the election and Senator Feinstein's seat became vacant during his time as Governor, he would appoint a Republican. This single act would have given the Republicans control of the U.S. Senate.

San Diego County was one of the first to overwhelmingly report a vote against the recall and it only went downhill from there for the recall supporters.



John E. Warren, PhD

## Catching Up: TARTA Secures Grants For Technology Upgrades

Grants from the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) will help to make the Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority (TARTA) a more efficient transit system, thanks to overdue technology upgrades.

TARTA has secured more than \$3 million in state and federal grant funds to address several long-neglected areas of technology critical to the day-to-day business of the transit system. The funding will go to a variety of projects ranging from the way the Authority orders parts and pays bills

to the way it communicates with riders to how it measures who steps on the bus.

"These are badly-needed upgrades to every facet of our system, which has suffered from years of neglect and lack of investment," said TARTA CEO Kim Dunham. "As we catch up on these systems with improvements that most transit agencies around the nation were able to make years ago, riders will see a marked improvement made possible only by these upgrades.

"This is the next step in TARTA's reinvention. The people who depend on public transit in Toledo and Lucas County deserve an efficient and affordable system. Changes to the technology available to us will help make that possible."

The grants from the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) cover:

- Enterprise Asset Management software, which will greatly change the way different departments at TARTA interact with each other. This software will tie the purchases and needs of TARTA's maintenance staff with TARTA's procurement staff in a more efficient manner, and make it easier for all involved to track fuel needs and vehicle mileage information through Fleetwatch.

- Digital information screens, part of a grant from ODOT meant to deter human trafficking. These screens will include displays on buses to bring

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# Floridians Bring Their Grievances Against Critical Race Theory to Perrysburg

By Dawn Scotland

Sojourner's Truth Reporter

An event was held this past weekend at a local Perrysburg hotel centered around the controversy of critical race theory. Sixty participants engaged in a presentation facilitated by the conservative right-wing and anti-critical race theory group FreedomWorks based in Washington D.C.

The outside grassroots organization presented information largely based on emotional and physiological needs rather than factual information. Participants were rallied to take action against their local school districts to combat the teaching of "critical race theory" in local K-12 schools. The presenters offered a range of suggestions from demanding for records of what is being taught in schools, running for elected office and joining their local school districts. On the extreme end, the group urged a rallying cry to take back the school system in protest and activism.

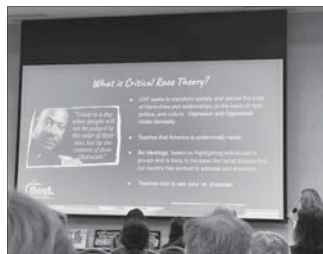
There is much debate about what critical race theory is and what it is not. According to the New Yorker, Critical Race Theory has origins stemming back to the 1970s in legal scholarship from a renowned legal stalwart Derrick Bell who later coined the phrase along with other legal colleagues in the 1980s. The canon of academic work was created to address and fill in the gap that existed where race was not considered a factor in understanding law.

Today, the actual critical race theory is studied as a theoretical concept and academic lens at the collegiate level in graduate studies. It is an ever-evolving lens in which race is applied to the study of societal structure and their mechanics in academic scholarship. This high-level academic theory that is reserved for halls of academia is now seeming to be used as a catch-all phrase to include all things concerning the teaching of race in the American school system.

In 2020, following the murder of George Floyd, former president Donald Trump vehemently opposed what he deemed the "critical race theory," going as far as to issue a memo banning it from public schools [a ban that was later reversed by the Biden Administration].

This year conservative state legislators have taken action passing bills to ban critical race theory in schools with Gov. Ron DeSantis of Florida referring to critical race theory "state-sanctioned racism." The cry to ban CRT in states argues that "critical race theory" is invalid. Mainly parents seem to be concerned about "indoctrination" of their children by the reality of the existence of racism (truth) that they believe to be false. This is no different in Perrysburg.

FreedomWorks, through their BEST [Building Education for Students Together] initiative, is engaged in a "Parents Know Best Tour" across America. The event held in Perrysburg on Sunday evening, September 19, featured two Florida residents as speakers. Their credentials were limited to a mother who successfully advocated against and became a part of her school board as well as a conservative Black minister and radio show pundit C.L. Bryant. The arguments presented by FreedomWorks "experts" were largely based on emotional pleas, fear mongering and playing on participants philosophical



C.L. Bryant



needs (safety, money, security). There was no mention of the of the scholarship from which Derrick Bell gleaned his theory, no mention of what the theory actually pertains to or how it is taught in the graduate level in universities.

What was promulgated were touch points that drew on the emotions and miseducation of the audience. Mentioning the plight of the Irish, a quote from a vilified Hillary Clinton in support of racism as a reality and an always misappropriated quote from Dr. Martin Luther King on children playing together in unity (used as a support for their view of a colorblind society), the speakers played on the fear of losing children, losing money and losing freedom. They spoke to the centuries old tactics that have been used in arguments against desegregation, miscegenation and initially in favor of slavery itself.

Critical race theory is not synonymous with diversity training or cultural

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# Iris Harvey: Planned Parenthood's Health and Economic Benefits to the Community

By Fletcher Word

Sojourner's Truth Editor

Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio contributes far more than health services to Ohio citizens. The organization also has a significant impact on the economic wellbeing of the communities it serves.

Planned Parenthood has taken quite a beaten over the last decade or so but particularly in the last five years since the passage of the Defund Planned Parenthood Act of 2017 which cut off federal funds to the organization unless they swore off performing abortions.

Through it all, says Iris Harvey, president and CEO of Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio, the organization has maintained its record of providing health services to "patients who are seeking culturally competent and accessible providers," even as "in Ohio and across the country intolerance is growing as a number of legislatures have introduced over 800 bills that impact abortion care providers."

Harvey, president of the Greater Ohio branch for six years, is a native of New Jersey. She is a Fulbright Scholar and a Ford Foundation Scholar. She earned her undergraduate and master's degrees in business administration from the University of Southern California and holds an EdS degree from George Washington University.

Prior to assuming her current position with Planned Parenthood, she spent more than 25 years in leadership roles in the public and private sectors.

Planned Parenthood is not, nor has ever been, primarily an abortion provider, notes Harvey. The organization. Over the years, Planned Parenthood has provided health services for birth control, sexually transmitted diseases, HIV testing, pregnancy testing and care and a wide range of general health services for both men and women.

Recently, however, to bolster the organization's claim of its economic impact within the community, the Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio (PPOGO) engaged Capital Link to prepare a Value & Impact report using

the health center's 2020 audited financial statements and its Data System information.

The Capital Link report focused on the economic stimulus, the savings to the system and the care for vulnerable populations.

The economic stimulus section shows that the 17 centers of PPOGO add 255 jobs directly and an additional 166 other jobs in the community with a direct \$25.3 direct health center spending impact and an additional \$26 million in community spending. Such jobs generate \$6.1 million in annual tax revenues - \$1.1 for state and local governments and \$4.9 for the federal government.

The Capital Link reports estimates that PPOGO saves the health system by lowering costs by 24 percent for its Medicaid patients - \$45 million in savings to Medicaid and \$88 million in overall health system savings.

As to the care for vulnerable populations, PPOGO experienced 88,070 patient visits in 2020, serving a total of 53,725 individuals. Those visits included 26,290 contraception visits, 5,990 breast and cervical cancer screenings, 91,828 STI tests. Sixty four percent of PPOGO's patients are low income, 45.4 percent are an ethnic or racial minority and 29.9 percent of its patients are uninsured.

Harvey and the PPOGO commissioned the report "to be able to show the community we have economic value in the communities we serve," says Harvey. "We are proving our success in contributions in dollars and cents."

That economic success, she emphasizes, is a complement to the impact of the health system.

That impact has, of course, been accompanied by the enmity of anti-abortion activists.

But now comes Texas.

Senate Bill 8, recently passed by the Texas legislature and signed by the governor, prohibits abortions after a six-week period, with the only exceptions being medical emergencies - there are no exceptions for incest or rape.

In order to circumvent the fact that the state should be enforcing such a law, the SB 8 legislation gives the authority for enforcement to its citizens and enables anyone to sue any person or persons who assist a woman receiving an abortion. This law turns citizens of the wild, wild Texas west into "bounty hunters," says Harvey.

"This is a piece of legislation that says that the only people that have authority are civilians," she adds.

In addition, there is no limit as to how many citizens can sue an abortion provider or enabler. Looking ahead, there is no limit as to how many states - particularly red states - will follow the Texas example since the U.S. Supreme Court has declined to overturn the Texas bill.

Of key importance in the Texas bill is the arbitrary selection of six weeks to determine that a heartbeat is present in a fetus. A state's decision to select such timetable will gain even more attention soon.

"Eighty percent of women don't know they are pregnant until after six weeks," she says.

"We know the Jackson, Mississippi, health center case in front of the Supreme Court, whether states have a right to determine viability is so important," says Harvey. "The mood here is very somber in terms of people having access to abortion and autonomy over their own bodies."

Yet PPOGO continues to play an important, vital part, in the healthcare of Ohioans. The Ohio Department of Health, notes Harvey, has approximately 300 locations around the state, but PPOGO's 17 locations provide health services to "63 percent of people who request access to family planning," says Harvey.

Because of government sanctions, Ohioans "have had an efficient provider forced out of the system which was not a good economic decision, certainly not a good health decision," she adds.

Planned Parenthood can be reached at [www.plannedparenthood.org](http://www.plannedparenthood.org). In Toledo, the health center is located at 1301 Jefferson and can be reached at 419-255-1115.



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# HUD Awards Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly Program to Lucas Housing Services Corporation (a Lucas Metropolitan Housing Non-Profit Affiliate) and National Church Residences for Construction of Collingwood Green Phase V

*Special to The Truth*

National Church Residences, in partnership with Lucas Housing Services Corporation—a Lucas Metropolitan Housing (LMH) Non-Profit Affiliate—has been awarded \$5,898,509 from HUD's Section 202 Supportive Housing Grant for the Elderly for Collingwood Green Phase V.

The Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly Program provides rental assistance and capital advances to private, nonprofit sponsors to finance the development of housing for very low-income elderly residents.

Collingwood Green Phase V will consist of a 75-one-bedroom apartment mixed-use building, with commercial space on the first floor. The 20-acre site with the mid-rise building will serve the elderly. The projected total development cost will exceed \$17 million.

Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur was on hand for the announcement. She stated, "Our seniors have

spent their lives building up and providing for the next generations – and we owe it to them to ensure they are provided the dignity, care, and respect they deserve. This remarkable partnership between National Church Residences, Lucas Metropolitan Housing, and the federal government is indicative of the community-wide

dedication to lifting up our aging residents. We appreciate the tireless efforts undertaken by all to advance this project and bring us one step closer to housing our neighbors in need."

The award will support the construction of 30 of the 75 apartments that will be available for very low-income elderly households. The remaining 45 apartments will be funded through a variety of other sources including, but not limited to, private fund-



ing, Lowincome Public Housing Tax Credits, and the Federal Home Loan Bank-Affordable Housing Program.

National Church Residences Executive Vice President of External Affairs and Strategic Partnerships Michelle Norris commented, "National Church Residences values partnerships above all else. This opportunity was only made possible due to the com-

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Joaquin Cintron Vega, Kattie Bond, Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur

## TARTA... continued from page 4

awareness to human trafficking, in addition to messaging about TARTA news and events. Additional funding for the screens is from a U.S. Federal Transit Administration grant.

- Automatic Passenger Counting sensors and systems, which will improve TARTA's count of passengers on each bus route and give the Authority a sense of where and when riders travel. This accurate count of passengers will aid TARTA as it plans to redesign its system moving forward through the TARTA Next project.

ward through the TARTA Next project.

"These grants are going to expand on the data we are able to collect and help us better determine what to do with that data," Dunham said. "We pride ourselves on good stewardship of the taxpayer funds we receive, and these technology upgrades are going to allow us to ensure we are using those public funds in the best manner possible."

With these upgrades and more to come, TARTA looks forward to keeping passengers informed and on their way to their way to their destinations.



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# Sons of Toledo: A Local Barber Deals with Death

By Tricia Hall

Sojourner's Truth Reporter

*Sons of Toledo* delivers a 20-minute documentary-style narrative experience through the eyes of local barber Marc for the audience.

The film opens with a dramatic wide-shot of the main character, Marc's, morning routine which is disrupted after receiving a frantic call from his mother. The audience's response to hearing both sides of the conversation was heartbreaking.

The audience learns, within the first five minutes of the film, through the two-way conversation that Marc's younger brother was murdered because of gun violence. Marc has to continue his workday by opening and working at an urban bar-

ber shop before dealing with the funeral arrangements for his younger brother.

The film includes several remarkable Toledo-area shots that showcase the pulse and feel of the city's urban life. However, before the audience can comprehend Marc's trauma, the film delivers another emotional moment. Grab your tissue as you watch the authentic bond and brotherhood displayed between the barbers and clients. The barber shop conversations also dive into discussing gun violence and trauma with a sprinkle of laughter and jokes.

The audience experiences flashes of Marc's trauma by viewing visual flashes that represent Marc's brother's tragic death. Marc remains composed throughout the day while he receives comfort and encouragement from the male and female clients who visit the shop.

The emotional journey with Marc continues as he visits Day Funeral Home to view the body of his deceased brother, Terrance. The director continues to draw the audience into Marc's journey through an opening shot of Marc looking down at his brother. A long shot slowly becomes a close-up tender moment as Marc

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Some cast members and crew (Monty Cole, director is center front in light blue shirt) Kneeling on the ground, Cincere Temple, Front Row, (left to right): Jeremy Pratt, Jr. Les Levesque, Marcus Temple, Monty Cole, Tawann Gaston, John Jones, Jeremy Caughorn Back Row, (left to right): Shaun Temple, Moni Featchurs, Jamal Grant, Shinaul Jones, JB Bolden



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## Social Security Column

# Celebrating a Milestone for My Social Security

By Erin Thompson

Social Security Public Affairs Specialist in Toledo, OH

We are excited to celebrate a significant milestone for my Social Security: 60 million registrations! We thank each of you who took the time to create a personal my Social Security account – and encouraged others to do the same. We keep improving our online services to make doing business with us easier, faster, and more accessible.

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## Understanding Social Security Spouses' Benefits

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# Head Full of DREAMS for the Ella P. Stewart Academy

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In an effort to encourage and inspire the City of Toledo, Ella P. Stewart Academy for Girls, sixth grade students to believe and activate their dreams, find and love their self-worth, actively participate in school, and enjoy the learning process, Diana Patton's RISE With Diana and the University of Toledo's Talented Aspiring Women Leaders (TAWL - mentors and mentees) is launching the Head Full of Dream program (HFOD) at the academy.

The HFOD's program was founded by Diana Patton with Rise Advocates™ Academy while she was a board member at the now closed Polly Fox Academy, a school for pregnant and mothering teens. It was founded on the premise that when students are faced with significant adversity, trauma, and hardship, like having a child as a teenager, they have a difficult time trying to concentrate in school. As a result, they often lose interest in school, and they tend to forget about focusing on their dreams, and in most cases, do not dream at all.

They often give up hope, and tend to drop out of school.

How the HFOD's will work at the Ella P. Stewart Academy:

Students will attend a workshop where they will learn the value of having dreams, and how to value the unique aspects of themselves. They will then be encouraged to think of what that means, specifically to them, and to write that down and ask their teachers and parents to help them.

Weeks later, students will attend a photo shoot, where they will be pampered with a modest hair and make-up session, and they will be encouraged to write down their dream on a chalkboard. They then will hold the chalkboard and take a photo. The University of Toledo's TAWL students, and their mentors, will attend this photoshoot, and they too will be encouraged to take photos with the students.

The single photos of each student will then be placed in a prominent area of the school, entitled the "Head Full of Dreams Wall," where they will be asked to look at it daily, and where other students will see it.

Then, for each month during the 2020-2021 school year, the Stewart teachers will select an HFOD's Student of the Month. In order for dreams to become a reality, it takes work, discipline, and a positive attitude.

Students will be chosen for this monthly award based on the following categories: attendance, attitude, character, and work ethic.

Each month, HFOD's Student of the Month will be featured on social media and, when available, appear on a local news outlet, and receive other incentives throughout the month. At the end of the school year, ALL sixth grade students will be celebrated at Head Full of Dreams Year-End Celebration.

In addition to the special recognition for the chosen Dreams Take Wing Student of the Month, the TAWL mentors and mentees will join the Ella sixth grade students for a bi-weekly Focus Topic. These focus topics may include subjects such as mental health, self-worth, discipline and stamina,

resilience, forgiveness and grace, beauty (hair, nails, etc), etiquette, speaking up and having a voice, and other areas of focus as determined after conducting monthly need assessments.

Ideally, each Ella student will be paired with a TAWL student, in a mentor/mentee relationship, in order to allow for a deeper connection.

Throughout various times during the year, students, teachers, and TAWL mentors and mentees, and parents (where appropriate), will be asked to take a brief survey to gain feedback on the effectiveness of the HFOD program.

An end of the year celebration will take place in May 2022, to recognize all of the students, teachers, and parents, for all of their hard work.

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your own benefit first. You cannot receive spouse's benefits unless your spouse is receiving their retirement benefits (except for divorced spouses).

If you receive your retirement benefit before your full retirement age, while waiting for your spouse to reach full retirement age, your own retirement portion will be reduced. When you add your spouse's benefits later, the total retirement and spouse's benefit together will be no more than 50% of the worker's amount. You can find out more about this at [www.ssa.gov/benefits/retirement/planner/applying7.html](http://www.ssa.gov/benefits/retirement/planner/applying7.html).

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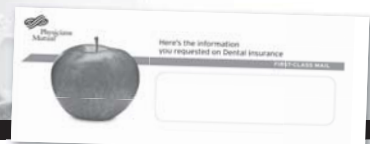
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bined efforts of Congresswoman Kaptur's office, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and Lucas County Metropolitan Housing. We're grateful for their work and we're excited to grow our portfolio in Toledo through the HUD Section 202 Program. This award allows National Church Residences to further our mission of providing affordable housing and supportive services to seniors in this area."

Residents at Collingwood Green Phase V will benefit from an amenity-rich location with easy access to healthcare services and senior services. The building design will maximize resident socialization by fostering natural resident interactions in pedestrian pathways and thoughtfully-crafted community spaces. The building will have a large community space with a full warming kitchen. This space will be used for a variety of social, educational, and community service purposes. The building will also have a fitness center, media room, and other flexible common/program space areas.

"At Lucas Metropolitan Housing (LMH), we are translating vision into reality—to create and maintain sustainable, affordable housing opportunities, provide pathways to a better quality of life, and empower vibrant communities. This award supports our vision to expand the supply of affordable housing with supportive services. In this case, to provide options for the elderly that will allow them to live independently but in an environment that provides additional support activities," said Joaquin Cintron Vega, LMH President and Chief Executive Officer and President of the Lucas Housing Services Corporation. "I am very grateful for the support of Congresswoman Kaptur and our partnership with National Church Residences. Their guidance, direction, and effective work in coordination with our LMH team and the Lucas Housing Services Corporation

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relevant teaching but for those in opposition to this boogiemani that is exactly what fears are raised. The outcry seems not centered around the legal academic framework but rather the existence of racism in its entirety.

"Why do we play any sports... so we can determine winners... there won't be any equal outcome!" said Bryant in his introduction met with agreement from the crowd. Speakers throughout the evening cited that "critical race theory" vilified White people and presented a narrative that falsely portrayed the America they believe to be true. "Our core values are being attacked

(LHSC), opened the door for this fantastic opportunity."

Established in 1933, Lucas Metropolitan Housing (LMH) provides affordable housing to adults, seniors and children in its Public Housing, Housing Choice Voucher, Mixed-Income and Market Rate housing units. LMH also provides a myriad of programs and opportunities designed to improve the total quality of life for our residents, with the ultimate goal of achieving self-sufficiency. The programs and services are the results of successful collaborations with numerous community partners. Our current housing portfolio consists of 2,633 Public Housing units; 4,657 Housing Choice Vouchers; 322 Low-Income Housing Tax Credit units; 198 Market Rate units and 107 Homeownership Properties. There are approximately 17,500 people who reside in LMH properties. Lucas Metropolitan Housing partners with ALL people and organizations willing to exchange ideas and efforts to enhance Toledo, Lucas County and the world.

Established in 2013, Lucas Housing Services Corporation (LHSC) is a non-profit affiliate of Lucas Metropolitan Housing (LMH). LHSC is the anchor of the Community Development arm for LMH. LHSC's mission is to, "provide relief for a community located within low- and moderate-income census tracts by rehabilitating and improving properties subject to blight and foreclosure. Such activities will help relieve conditions of poverty, dependency, chronic unemployment, and underemployment in an economically depressed community. Given the unmet need of the community for such relief, LHSC is a critical vehicle for improving the quality and value of the distressed areas.

Founded on a faith-based mission, National Church Residences (then Ohio Church Residences) has grown from a flagship community, Bristol Village, in Waverly, Ohio, to become the nation's largest non-profit provider of senior housing in the country. Today the organization owns and/or operates 340 senior housing communities in 25 states.

and the progression of our children's future is at stake... Why are we letting them blood poison the future of America?!" yelled Bryant. At the conclusion of his speech the pundit presented a rallying cry to the participants with a preacher's call, "Are there any Patriots left in Perrysburg, Ohio?! That believe in freedom!..." in which all participants stood up.

The most alarming part of the event was hearing both presenters incite the audience in agreeing that the schoolboard is not listening (to citizens) "because they aren't afraid of you." FreedomWorks provided participants with a toolkit and resources to take action with meetings planned for the near future.

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touches his brother and proceeds to line up Terrance's hairline.

That emotional moment highlighted the bond between the two brothers even in death and was elevated by the closing scene. The film closes with two strong visual scenes. The first scene is a row of black men who are deceased as Marc uses his skills lining each of the men's hairlines. The second and final closing scene is a panoramic shot of Black men and Black boys standing on the High-Level Bridge.

Audiences should line up to view this film if they missed the opportunity during the previews.

The film features Toledo-area visuals and appearances including: former To-

ledo Mayor Paula Hicks Hudson, current Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz, food trucks, neighborhood murals and the Day Funeral Home. Immediately following the film, the audience erupted with tears, applause and a standing ovation for the cast and crew.

The director, Monty Cole, shared thoughts about the themes of film which includes brotherhood, family and mud. "This film challenges you to view barbers and their ability to build communities differently. The mud for example, a metaphor for being stuck, shaking off trauma, images are strong."

The film was featured during the Arts Commission 2021 Momentum and is available for public viewing Thursday through Saturday. The Thursday premier invited the audience to provide feedback, comments and questions about the current version. The film finished production in late August, completed all filming in one week and is currently still in post-production. The premier was held at Key-Bank Discovery Theatre located inside the newly renovated Imagination Station.

Sons of Toledo first began through a partnership with ProMedica Men's Health and Barber Shop program.



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# *The Forgotten First: Kenny Washington, Woody Strode, Marion Motley, Bill Willis, and the Breaking of the NFL Color Barrier by Keyshawn Johnson and Bob Glauber*

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

The Truth Contributor

This weekend, your team is going to win.

You can see it already, the way they've been playing so far this season, and you're sure they can take it all the way to February. For now, though, this weekend's a must-see and everybody looks good; as in *The Forgotten First* by Keyshawn Johnson and Bob Glauber, some even play on the shoulders of giants.

If you're a baseball fan, you surely know the story of how Jackie Robinson became the first Black ball player in the major leagues. What you might not know is that four Black men integrated pro football a year before Robinson's history-making at-bat.

Abandoned by his mother and raised by a paternal uncle because his father had other interests, Kenny Washington, who signed with the Los Angeles Rams on March 21, 1946, was first drawn to baseball but the truth was, he could play any sport. Having battled rickets as a young boy, he suffered deformities in both his legs, but that didn't matter – Johnson and Glauber report that Washington was fast.

So was Woody Strode, who signed up with the Rams not long after Washington. Strode's mother was Native American; his father was Black, and though Strode had a modeling career as a young man (he'd once posed nude for a Nazi artist) and he'd served in the Army Air Corps, his life always circled back to football.

When he was a child, Marion Motley grew to be so much larger than his peers that when he was at football practice, other kids' parents begged for him to wear more padding so that collisions with him "wouldn't hurt quite so much." Much later, Motley played for the Cleveland Browns, along with Bill Willis, who almost didn't take up football because he didn't think he could play as well as his brother, Claude.

Within mere months, these four men broke the color barrier in pro football. And, say the authors, "That history is not told enough..."

Another thing that's not told enough: what happened before these four men signed on with their respective teams, and how their first year proceeded. It's infuriating, it's astounding, and it's all laid out here inside *The Forgotten First*.

And yet, getting to it might not be so easy.

Authors Keyshawn Johnson and Bob Glauber are a former pro-baller and an NFL columnist, respectively, and the tale they tell speaks to the heart of the fan with deep knowledge of mid-20th-century football teams, players, coaches, and college ball. It's a wide story that encompasses decades and dozens of peripheral people who had a hand in integrating the sport generations ago, from secondary education on up. Then it brings readers full-circle to reveal the inside of the game as it is today.

And all this will be irresistible if you're a fan. If you're not a history-minded, live-for-football-season, paint-your-face fan, you may be in well over your head with this book. If you're obsessive about the game, though,

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*The Forgotten First* is a big win.

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dle in her honor. "It's time to focus on these women who are no longer with us, but still here with us," shared First Lady Willis.

The service continued with two selections by the Women's Day Ensemble, poem presented by Aufwiedersehen Winfield, the introduction of the guest speaker by First Lady Linnie Willis, a selection by Honorable Paula Hicks-Hudson and words spoken by featured speaker Pastor Felica Clark.

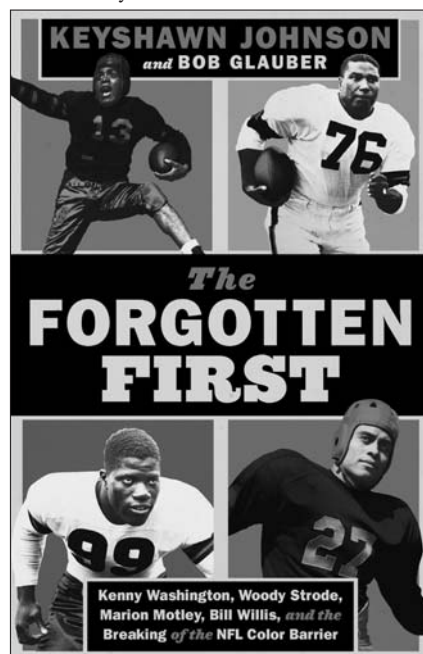
Pastor Felica Clark is the co-founder of Harvest Christian Church in Toledo. She is a native of Toledo and earned a masters of business administration from the University of Toledo. She earned an associates in Interior Design from Wade's College in Dallas, Texas. She met her husband, Pastor Timothy Clark in Dallas, Texas at Concord Baptist Church and together they formed Clark Ministries. Professionally, she serves as Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion at Metroparks Toledo and resides in Sylvania with her husband and family.

Pastor Clark opened her sermon by challenging the men and women in the audience to physically wiggle their bodies, sit still, image and interact with others. "We have an assignment here today. Be still and stop wiggling. God has sent me here today to tell you to stop your wiggling away from him. Close your eyes and without motion, think about what the Lord has asked you to do this week. Think about if God didn't come through for you. It's hard to thank God or focus on God's ability if we're wiggling" shared Pastor Clark.

Immediately following the spoken word, the Women's day chair J'Vann Winfield delivered closing remarks and Rev. James H. Willis, Sr, pastor of St. Paul, invited guests to seek discipleship, delivered remarks and benediction. Winfield publicly thanked the co-chairs and entire committee. "What a glorious day, this amazing day happened because of a great team of women," shared Winfield.

"When you give a young person an assignment, great things happen. I want to thank our chair and co-chairs. God will always give you someone who will lead. When you give a young person a chance, the young people blessed this program. I want to thank each of you," shared Rev. Willis during closing remarks.

The service was viewed live on Facebook under the church's profile name, St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church. St. Paul is located on 1502 N. Detroit Street in Toledo, services are Sundays at 10:45am and Bible Study each Wednesday at noon and 6:00 p.m. Contact the church for virtual options.



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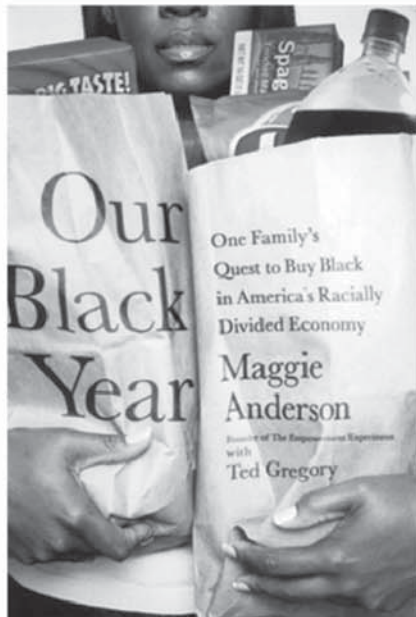
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This project is funded through a U.S. Dept. of Trans. Maritime Administration (MARAD) PIDP grant and an Ohio Maritime Assistance Program grant (MAP). The engineer's estimate for Component 2: Reconstruction of Dock Face – Phase 1, base bid is approximately \$1,575,878.30 and alternate numbers 1 through 3 is approximately \$725,000.00.

Sealed bids will be received at the Port Authority's administrative offices, 1st floor reception area at One Maritime Plaza, Toledo, OH 43604, until Tuesday, October 19, 2021, at 9:00 AM, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud via conference call. Conference call-in information will be shared in addendum no. 1.

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RFP21-R027 BASIC PLUMBING SERVICES

Lucas Metropolitan Housing (LMH) will receive proposals for Basic Plumbing Services. Received in accordance with law until September 29, 2021, 3:00 PM ET. see documents: [www.lucasmha.org](http://www.lucasmha.org); 201 Belmont Ave., Toledo, OH 43604; or 419-259-9446 (TRS: Dial 711). Affirmative Action and Equal Employment Opportunity requirements (Executive Order #11246). This opportunity is covered under Section 3 of the HUD Act of 1968.



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# St. Paul's Annual Women's Day Celebration

By Tricia Hall

Sojourner's Truth Reporter

The St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church welcomed men and women to celebrate their annual Women's Day service held on Sunday, September 19, 2021.

The celebration theme was, "Women of God: Stand Still and Wait," that was inspired from biblical scripture Psalms 46:10. The women of the church wore various yellow and white accessories, which were the unified colors of the service. The church was able to combine COVID safety policies with Christian principles.

Sunday's service began with praise and worship that was led by the Deaconess, followed by the procession of the choir and service dignitaries. The song selection during this portion of the service included 'Sweet Jesus,' and 'Lord, I know you've been so good.'

Vontyna Smith led the call to worship and alter call; Deborah Gardner sang 'The Lord's Prayer'; Ashley McKinley led the Women's Day Litany; guest soloist Arnetta Buford sang an a cappella selection; Debbie Mitchell presented announcements and welcomed church visitors; Celina Winfield read a scripture reading; Deborah McDougal led the alter prayer; then Yvonne Gayle led offertory prayer.

The service continued with a candlelight vigil led by Opal Dunlap in memory of members Mother Flora Mack, Deaconess Dorothy Jones and Sister Mattie Rice and Sister Dorothy Taylor, the mother of First Lady Linnie Willis who attended Bible Study faithfully.

First Lady Willis facilitated the emotional memorial service by reading each woman's name while the woman's daughter placed a white rose and lit a candle.

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Co-chairs Sister Winfield and Sister Sullivan, guest speaker Felicia Clark, First Lady Willis, Rev. James Willis Sr, pastor of St. Paul and chair Sister Winfield.



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