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Happy 75th, Jean Holden!

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Truth and Consequences

By Rev. Donald L. Perryman, D.Min.
The Truth Contributor

I am a threat to the degree that I am trying to tell the truth about America.

- Cornel West



If approved by Toledo City Council, longtime Lucas County Democratic Party loyalist Yvonne Harper will fill the District 4 council seat vacated by Mayor Paula Hicks-Hudson. Nevertheless, Harper faces many challenges. Chief among them are, whether the corridors of power in Toledo can handle the presence of such a strong and outspoken woman of color without being threatened. It remains to be seen.

I spoke with Harper regarding her political ambitions, her contributions to the community and about the obstacles she faces in reaching her goal to become the representative for District 4 on the Toledo City Council.

Perryman: Mayor Hicks-Hudson has yet to publicly declare whether she intends to either run for mayor or once again for her vacated District 4 council seat. It has created a bit of anxiety for many political hopefuls. How does this affect your political outlook and plans for the council seat?

Harper: In case Paula decides at the last minute that she does not want to run for mayor, I am willing to step aside and she can run for her old seat, which would be in September, for the November election. I am willing to go through the screening, then get the signatures for May and then get on the ballot and if Paula decides at the last minute to run for council rather than mayor, then I'll step aside. I'm willing to be a place holder for her.

Perryman: Let's talk about your present and past work for the Lucas County Democratic party.

Harper: I've been the executive director of the Lucas County Democratic Party for over five years. Before then, when Sandy Isenberg was the chair of the party, I was the co-chair for the screening committee under John Irish. So I've been here. And then I was instrumental in this office to develop a judicial screening committee that was the first to take advantage of the legal expertise of practicing attorneys. I have worked on just about everybody's campaign. For Judge Myron Duhart, I was the

scheduler. I was also the scheduler for former Lucas County Common Pleas Judge Charles Doneghy. I went to Columbus to sit on the Strickland campaign. I have volunteered and also worked part-time for the board of elections in training poll workers.

Have I ever run for public office? Well, yes I have. I ran for precinct committee person and won every time I ran. From 2002, '04, '06, '08, '10, '12 and '14, I have been on the ballot as a precinct committeeperson in Ward 8, precinct F. And I have been the ward chair twice.



Yvonne Harper

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Community Calendar

February 16 – March 31

Art Exhibit: Maumee Branch Library; 40 paintings by artists Larry Parker, Sr

February 25

Lourdes University "Celebration of Black History Month:" 5:30 pm; Lourdes Chorus and Good Company Ensemble, guest choirs, Alma Drum & Dance Ensemble: 419-824-3772 or kbiscay@lourdes.edu
SunBridge School's Annual Black History Month Celebration: St. James The Armory Church; Featuring Men of Change and Women of Change: 419-725-5437

February 28

Toledo Kwanzaa House Black History Café: Kent Branch Library; 1:30 to 4:40 pm: 419-973-0248

March 1

Clarence Smith Community Chorus in Concert: 4 pm; Monroe Street United Methodist Church: 419-473-1167 ext 230
United Church of God Winterfest Blues Event: Noon to 3 pm; Arts and crafts, games, food, prizes

March 9

ProMedica's Look Good ... Feel Better:: 9 to 11 am; ProMedica Defiance; Workshop by trained cosmetologists who teach women with cancer to understand and care for changes in sin and hair that may occur during treatment: 800-227-2345

March 16

ProMedica's Look Good ... Feel Better:: 2 to 4 pm; ProMedica Memorial Fremont; Workshop by trained cosmetologists who teach women with cancer to understand and care for changes in sin and hair that may occur during treatment: 800-227-2345

April 17-19

Calvary MBC Women's Ministry 18th Spring Retreat: 419-531-9443

May 3

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A Lost Letter Found

By Lafe Tolliver, Esq
Guest Column

Some of you may have heard about an old, black lady in Montgomery, Alabama who found a shoebox of yellowed letters in her attic. Thinking that they were from her brother who fought and died in Vietnam, the senior citizen set out the box of letters for a quick read.

To her surprise, in the box, was a one-page draft of a letter that purportedly was from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. It was written while he was in a jail in Kennesaw, Mississippi on trumped up charges of driving without a license.

The charges were dismissed when his license was "found" in a second wallet that the police took when they searched him at the jail. But, for two days, Dr. King sat in the jail and composed a letter to the Southern American Baptist Convention, which was composed of black Baptist clergy members.

According to the letter, it was written because Dr. King learned that several pastors of both large and small churches were hesitant in contributing any funds to the bank accounts that were being set up across the South for bail money for the freedom riders and for marchers who were getting organized to march on Washington.

When Dr. King heard of their reluctance to contribute and help out but yet they were quick to sponsor extravagant church parties and celebratory events, he hastily penned the following paragraphs in hopes of convincing them to not be intimidated by the white pastors and the police departments who were threatening them with unannounced visits from the fire marshal if they had church gatherings during which attendance numbers exceeded state limits.

Here is that letter:

To My Brethren In The Lord:

Under the dire circumstances of my present imprisonment, allow me to greet you one and all and hope that you are in good health and are maintaining the unity of the Body of Christ as Paul the Apostle so exhorts us to do.

As you may know, I am here in Kennesaw. I am in jail awaiting bail on the charge that I was driving without a license. I can assure you that such a charge is not true and I await my chance to be vindicated in a court of law. My license is valid and I know that when Coretta and I were stopped, my license was on my person but suddenly it mysteriously but temporarily disappeared.

I can assure you that the license will be found and my wife and I will be on our way back to Atlanta.

However, I am troubled in my spirit because of information that Ralph Abernathy, my trusted and true aide, has disclosed to me and that is your organization is hesitant to contribute to the financial needs of the freedom marchers and protesters in Mississippi.

I received that information with much sorrow since as you know, the black church has always been the beacon and the castle for many generations of our people in order for them to get a sounding of their station in life; and to receive nurture and guidance from the collective wisdom of the black clergy and its members.

To hear that the Church of God is feinting and falling away from an engagement in the struggle to see that all of God's children have a chance at a full life and are free from the tyranny of segregation is news that is most disconcerting to me.

We as black clergy do not have the privilege or right to withhold our blessings and goods from those in want and in need and especially those who are risking life and limb to be free from the stifling bondage of discrimination; and from the bite of the oppressor who corrupts the image of our brothers and sisters who are trying to model the concepts of Christ.

If our clergy members, who profess a calling to serve, are not engaged in displaying the social

acts of their faith in action, then where are we as a collective body of believers who pray and believe on Sundays but on Mondays and Tuesday, give lip service to the principles and ideals that we spoke so eloquently about in the pulpit and in the hymns of the church?

If the clergy cannot remake the image of God in the reflections of the people that populate their Sunday services, then why do we preach or teach a gospel that only remains alive inside of buildings with stained glass windows?

To proclaim to an oppressed people that you love them as Christ loved the Church and gave Himself for it but yet when social circumstances dictate that such a wholesome love must propagate arms and legs so as to give visible demonstration to that preaching text and nothing is visibly produced, we have failed.

We have failed to demonstrate the phileo love of which we have been schooled in and we have failed to demonstrate the agape love of which we were first loved by God.

To allow our love of the purse to dictate our policy is akin to allowing a rich well fed man to dictate what will be the diet of his poorer cousin.

That should not be so.

I need not tell you that the collective wealth of the black churches in America is great and is growing and needs to find tangible expression in accomplishing those tasks that make freedom not a distant hope but a present reality.

Is it too much for my fellow clergy to come together and throw off the stifling harness of denominationalism and with much largesse, joyfully contribute to our brothers and sisters in need?

By what standard can we with a clear conscience pass the offering plate each Sunday and bank those collections but turn a deaf ear to the very people who made such church wealth possible?

How do we justify our place in the black community when we are injured to the sufferings and deprivations of people, who for the lack

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Rep. Ashford Announces \$201K for UT Library Updates

Special to The Truth

This week State Rep. Michael Ashford (D-Toledo) announced the state Controlling Board approved the release of \$201,500 in capital funds to renovate the Carlson Library at the University of Toledo (UT).

"Student learning areas are at the core of university life," said Rep. Ashford. "They are hubs of critical thinking and collaboration. In order for our students to engage the

world in new and exciting ways, they need the facilities and technology to make it happen."

The renovations are part of UT's Academic Technology and Renovation project, a multi-phase modernization of academic buildings and support infrastructure on the university's main campus. Today's announced funding will be used to complete a multi-floor

renovation of the Carlson Library.

The Carlson Library renovation will create new student learning environments, social hubs for faculty, staff and students, update technology, modernize computer labs, update restrooms and make other improvements.

UT announced the project will be contracted by The Collaborative Inc. of Toledo.

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of a few dollars, cannot pay a utility bill nor put sufficient food on their tables?

By what god do we profess an allegiance to if we are cocooned in our trappings of wealth and smug satisfaction but when we are asked to contribute to the needs of the saints, we draw up our long preaching robes and move away from the fingers that are reaching out and pressing us for relief?

Have we no moral conscience when we are asking others to give to us but when the time comes and we are asked to give to oth-

ers, that we withhold that which we could impart without undue hurt or discomfort?

I pray for a time when we pastors collectively join together to share the church's collective wealth, that we remember that we came from dust and to dust we return; and we will forge alliances with each other and open our church's bank accounts and fund our own struggle and wealth building strategies.

Peace and Grace to you all.

Martin

(Note: this letter starkly reminds me of the pleas that have been made locally to

the black church to come together and "tithe" 10 percent of their weekly income to a common fund for the economic development of the black community but regrettably so far, those appeals have fallen on deaf ears largely attributable in my opinion to the fears that many black pastors have of sharing "their" collected Sunday monies for community development...so, so very sad and retrogressive).

Contact Lafe Tolliver at Tolliver@Juno.com

African Art Has Arrived!!

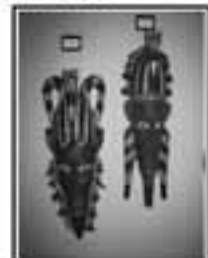
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Paula Hicks-Hudson Formally Sworn in as Toledo's First Black Female Mayor

Sojourner's Truth Staff

"I have accepted this challenge as I have accepted other challenges in my life," said Mayor Paula Hicks-Hudson as she took the mayor's chair in Toledo City Council Chambers shortly after she was sworn in to replace the recently-deceased Mayor D. Michael Collins.

A standing-room only audience attended the swearing in ceremony, a brief affair presided over by Ohio Sixth Circuit Judge Arlene Singer. On several occasions, after the swearing in and after the new mayor's brief remarks, the audience rose for standing ovations.

"I believe I have been prepared for this role," Hicks-Hudson assured the crowd, letting them know that she intended to keep her focus on creating living wage jobs and establishing a more ideal living space for residents and convincing the city's youth that they can stay at home in Toledo.

"I have crossed the Rubicon to the 22nd Floor," Hicks-Hudson told her former council colleagues, "but I have not crossed off the issues we care about."

Hicks-Hudson will be the city's chief executive at least until a November special election is held to determine who will complete Collins' term. Hicks-Hudson has indicated that she will make a deci-

sion soon about whether she herself will run to stay in the mayor's chair.

Hicks-Hudson won election to the District 4 seat in November 2011. She had been appointed to replace the previous District 4 councilman, Michael Ashford, now a state representative.

Yvonne Harper, a longtime Lucas County Democratic Party operative and president of the Perry Burroughs Democratic Women's Club, has been nominated to fill Hicks-Hudson District 4 seat. City Council must vote on that replacement by March 8.

Councilman Jack Ford has replaced Hicks-Hudson as president of City Council for a temporary term. Until the councilmen vote on a permanent replacement, the presidency changes from month to month in alphabetical order.



Judge Arlene Singer and Mayor Paula Hicks-Hudson



Current and former mayors - Mike Bell, Donna Owens, Hicks-Hudson, Jack Ford, Carty Finkbeiner



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The afternoon was a musical extravaganza filled with love, laughter, and a good time. One of her biggest surprises was seeing her son Jerry. Holden expressed, "Although, my son Jerry and I have phone conversations probably every other day and often two or three times a day as well as Skype, this was the first time he has held me in his arms, since October, 2011."

Jean Holden-Hanna would like to thank everyone for their kindness and well wishes.



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Jean Holden - Hanna photographer LaVonda Johnson



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Stepping for Scholarships

By Carla Yvette

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. hosted the second annual Stepping for Scholarships February 21 at Bowsher High School. Event Chairman Jasmine Aaron said the purpose of the event is to raise scholarship money that will be awarded to a deserving young woman in the Toledo Public School district.

Steppers from Delta Sigma Theta, Zeta Phi Beta and Sigma Gamma Rho offered the crowd an energetic show with their creative use of props, costumes and movements performed with a sense of pride and unity.

Youth from My5tery Music impressed the crowd with a step routine at intermission. The show was co-emceed by Schylar Meadows of Juice 107.3 and member of Delta Sigma Theta and Anthony Bronaugh, member of Kappa Alpha Psi. Judges for the event were: Daniel Johnson, Katina Johnson, Arthur Mills-Martin, Al Bannister, Bonita Johnson, Boyce Swift, Latisha Williams, Kimberly Davis -Grable and Keith McWhite.

Representation from the Greek Divine Nine of the city of Toledo Included: Alpha Phi Alpha; Omega Psi Phi; Kappa Alpha Psi; Sigma Gamma Rho; Phi Beta Sigma; Alpha Kappa Alpha; Delta Sigma Theta; Iota Phi Theta and Zeta Phi Beta.

Entertainment was provided by DJ Big Travis. This year's scholarship recipient was Alexis Smith.

This year's winners were Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.



2015 winners, Toledo Alumnae Chapter Delta Sigma Theta Inc.



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My5tery Music Performing Arts



Delta Sigma Theta performing thier step routine



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Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated Celebrates Founders' Day

By Tricia Hall

Sojourner's Truth Reporter

The ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated, Zeta Alpha Omega Chapter celebrated 107 years of their sorority existence on February 21, 2015 at Toledo Museum of Art Glass Pavilion. The celebration's theme was, "Remembering a Past that Ascends into the Future."

Founders' Day celebration Chairman Clara L. Petty served as mistress of ceremony, while chapter President Katrina Johnson delivered the official welcome. Debra Fulton, chapter chaplain, provided the invocation as Live Muzik Band featuring Carla and Sheila Brown serenaded the guests during the meal. The luncheon recognized three community organizations: Mom's House, Second Chance Mission, and Monroe Street Neighborhood Center.

Honorable Jessica E. Price Smith, United States Bankruptcy Judge Northern District of Ohio served as event guest speaker. She is a native of Cleveland, Ohio, earned degrees from Miami University and Ohio Northern University Claude W. Pettit College of Law and is a member of several community organizations including Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated, and also Jack and Jill of America,

The international sorority is the oldest Greek-letter organization for African American women and was founded on January 15, 1908 at Howard University. Currently over 900 chapters and over 265,000 members continue to focus on the organization's five target areas: educational enrichment, health promotion, family strengthening, environmental ownership and global impact.

The 2015 Founders' Day Committee: President Katrina Johnson, Chairman Clara L. Petty, and members Sheila Brown; Donnetta Carter; Frances Collins, PhD; Mary Dawson; Felicia Dunston; Debra Fulton, DDS; Julia Holt; Carolyn Lewis; Paula Martin; Brandi Halliburton; Shayna Smith; Barbara Tucker; Deborah Washington, Ed.D.; Richelle Watkins; Pamela Wilson.



Clara Petty, Founders Day chairman; Miki Williams of Second Chance Mission; Christina Rodriguez of Mom's House, and Katina Johnson, AKA president.

She's Back! Vocalist Michelle Shelton Returns to Her Hometown

By Tricia Hall

Sojourner's Truth Reporter

A few years after she graduated from Woodward High School, Michelle King headed for the Bay Area to pursue her dream of becoming an entertainer. She developed her vocal skills there and eventually became an opening act for legends such as John Lee Hooker and The Drifters.

After 13 years on the West Coast, King relocated to Atlanta, GA and performed in all manner of locations performing renditions of musical number made famous by the likes of Nancy Wilson, Sade, Donna Summers, Nina Turner, among others. She worked at private events, night clubs, jazz clubs and blues clubs all over the area.

After 20 years in Atlanta, Michelle King, now Michelle Shelton, has returned to her native land and is in the process of establishing her vocal credentials in the Glass City. Recently, on Valentine's Day, she performed at DeGage with the Zac Kreuz Trio. Check her out on Facebook to follow her future engagements.



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Soul Food Dinner Added to Black History Month Events

A Soul Food Dinner has been added to the Black History Month festivities at Lourdes University. The event occurs on Thursday, February 26 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Lourdes University Dining Room in Mother Adelaide Hall at 6832 Convent Blvd., in Sylvania.

"Originating in the U.S. South, soul food is now considered 'comfort food for the soul' by many. Often used as a means of fellowship, soul food is a staple of the black community and has been for more than 100 years," says Monica Smith, multicultural assistant for the Lourdes University Office of Diversity and Multicultural Services. The term "soul food" was coined in the early 1960s.

Attendees can enjoy a buffet for just \$7.50 per person. The Soul Food dinner is sponsored by the Office of Diversity and Multicultural Services. The menu includes fried chicken and fish, ribs, smothered pork chops, collard greens, rice, okra, corn bread, potato salad and pound cake.

For more information on the Soul Food Dinner, contact Tonya Colbert, coordinator of the Lourdes University Office of Diversity and

Multicultural Services, at tcolbert@lourdes.edu.

In addition to the Soul Food Feast, the university will also present its annual Black History Month Celebration on Wednesday, February 25 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Franciscan Center of Lourdes University.

The lineup of performers and presenters includes:

- **ALMA Drum and Dance Ensemble** Allison Kodeih, director; ALMA Dance Experience, and Yaya Kabo, artistic director, ALMA Drum and Dance

- **The Lourdes University Chorus and Good Company Ensemble**, Karen T. Biscay, Director

- **Toledo Youth Choir**, Antoinette Goodloe, Director

- Presentations and performances by **Lourdes students** and **Bruce C. Carver, M.B.A.**, Lourdes Board of Trustees member and consultant with Magellan and Associates Consulting in Indianapolis, IN

For more information on this event, please contact Karen T. Biscay at 419-824-3772 or kbiscay@lourdes.edu.



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Clarence Smith

Clarence Smith Community Chorus will be in concert on March 1 at 4 pm at the Monroe Street United Methodist Church. The concert is free and open to the public. Call 419-473-1167 ext 230 for more information.

Health and Wellness Expert Dianne Hart Pettis Featured on CBS as Guest on The Brian Tracy Show

Dianne Hart Pettis, MS, FNP-BC, was recently seen on NBC, CBS, ABC and FOX network affiliates around the country as a guest on The Brian Tracy Show.

Dianne Hart Pettis, Founder of Dianne Hart Wellness, was recently a featured guest on The Brian Tracy Show. "The Brian Tracy Show", filmed in San Diego, California, features an interview format, hosted by best-selling author Brian Tracy, one of the country's leading business minds. The episode featuring Dianne Hart Pettis recently aired on NBC, CBS, ABC and FOX affiliates across the country.

Each work experience that Dianne has embarked on has prepared her for the passion she has today of helping people understand the cause of illness; not just the typical what to do and not do. People need to understand how powerful their words are and how what they say, think, hear, and believe affect their health and healing.

Dianne is the author of book chapters, articles and plays; the most recently published being, *Affirm Your Life Now: Using Affirmations to Attract the Prosperous Life You were Meant to Have*. She is currently working on other writing projects as well as a revision of *Affirm Your Life Now*. She is a member of the John Maxwell Team, and teaches the famous Maxwell Leadership Philosophy. She has received many nursing and leadership awards; and has recently been recognized by The Dicks + Nanton Agency as one of America's PremierExperts for 2014.

Watch Dianne Hart Pettis' appearance on "The Brian Tracy Show" at http://youtu.be/eQdBhT_DjY

Learn more at <http://www.diannehartwellness.com/>

About Dianne Hart Pettis:

Dianne is a native of Aliquippa Pennsylvania. She loves being back

home after so many years away. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Nursing from the University of Pittsburgh in 1981, and began her career at Children's Hospital in Pittsburgh. She left Pittsburgh to serve on active duty with the Army at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. She is a veteran after serving close to 13 years active and reserve duty.

She received her Master's Degree in Nursing from Wright State University College of Nursing and Health in 1996.

She has enjoyed various positions in nursing and medicine: pediatric oncology, neonatal intensive care, discharge planning, home care, and primary care; Army training and leadership; social service management; family primary care; Medicare patient assessments; and health ministries. She is the proud mother of son, Christopher; and daughter, Nicole.

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Toledo-Lucas County Public Library celebrates Black History Month



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Saturday, February 21, 2015 • 2 - 4 p.m.

McMaster Center at Main Library, 325 Michigan St.



Join us as we celebrate the monumental 100th Anniversary of the Toledo chapter of the **National Association for the Advancement of Colored People**. Special guest **Dr. Kenneth Goings** of The Ohio State University will speak about the accomplishments and leadership of the Toledo NAACP chapter over the last 100 years. Dr. Goings is a professor of African American history and an expert on NAACP history in Ohio.

A question and answer session will follow. Light refreshments will be served.

Stop by your neighborhood branch or visit toledolibrary.org for more Black History Month events and activities.



GREAT MIGRATION: MAPPING YOUR HISTORY

A BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION

Saturday, February 28, 2015 • 1 - 4 p.m.

McMaster Center at Main Library, 325 Michigan St.



Dr. Willie L. McKether, Asst. Prof. of Anthropology at the University of Toledo will explain the event in American History popularly called "The Great Migration" which took place in the first half of the 20th century, when millions of African Americans moved from the rural South to the urban North and West.

- WGTE documentary, *African American Lives-Toledo*
- **Aayan Naim** performs blues music from the rural South
- Gallery exhibit of original watercolor paintings by **Aaron S. Bivins**
- Learn about genealogy resources and much more!

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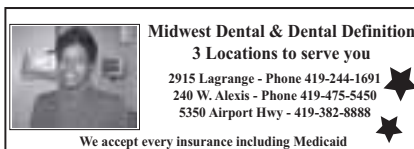
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Perryman: If I am correct, you are president of the Perry Burroughs Democratic Women's Club. Tell me a little about the group's significance.

Harper: The Perry Burroughs women's club has been in existence since 1942. Mr. Burroughs was the first black ward chair in the city of Toledo. He noticed that there wasn't a role for African-American women in the city of Toledo's political arena. So, along with his wife and other individuals, including Mamie Williams, they developed this political club. And from 1942, it's still going on. I've been president for over 15 years and we have become noted for our fundraisers, most notably our black history brunch. And we've always specialized in bring in "firsts." I was able to bring in James Graves, the first African-American Mississippi Supreme Court justice, who's now on the federal bench. We also brought in the first black mayor of Selma, Alabama, as well as Monica Talmadge, the first African-American national vice chair of the Young Dems. We were also blessed to introduce Vera Miles, the first African-American mayor of Paulding, Ohio to our community.

So, this is how I look at it – I have been in the community. I have worked loads and loads, I have volunteered for the party and for candidates. I'm stable and volunteer with the church. For the past 20 years I have been a member, lead usher and kitchen committee servant at Indiana Baptist Church, under Pastor John Roberts. Before that I served at True Vine Baptist Church for 35 years.

Perryman: So it appears to me that,



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from a political standpoint, you have always been a bridesmaid in the sense of supporting others, but never the bride, so to speak.

Harper: Well, I never would have thought that I would even be applying for anything, never. But when I saw that they needed somebody that was familiar with District 4, I decided to take advantage of the opportunity.

Perryman: I am told that Ruth Ashford, wife of Ohio Representative Michael Ashford, and who brings a lot of name recognition and other hopefuls, such as upstart Rachel Richardson may also contest for the council seat? How are you familiar with District 4 and what advantage do you have over others?

Harper: The advantage is that I've walked the neighborhood recruiting people to work the polls, obtaining signatures against issues such as the anti-union SB5 legislation. I've walked the area to register voters. I've walked and knocked on many, many doors in the area to help numerous other candidates in their campaigns for office.

Now, do I want the position? Yes. But, if I don't get the nod from city council or the Democratic Party, I will support whoever gets that position. I will not actively go out there and call myself a Democrat and be mad and run against whomever that person is. I will not do that.

Perryman: You're a loyal party person.

Harper: Absolutely.

Perryman: And sometimes, you don't get a return that is commensurate with the loyalty and effort which you have invested.

Harper: And you know that probably more than anybody. I've had to fight for positions. Look at what happened when I was ousted from the party because I successfully stood up for what I thought was right. I just expressed my opinion. I said – 'why are we talking about endorsing an independent, a person that never sought our vote?' And so, it was quite humbling when the late Mayor Collins called to support me when I lost my son. It was even more humbling when women in the community spoke up for me and requested that the party bring me back. And there were individual people that I never thought even liked me, who stood. And it was a bunch of women that stood up for me, encouraged me to take notice, besides all of the ministers, you guys.

Perryman: Well, speaking of the people who don't or didn't like you, you've had

some enemies, you've had some criticisms in the past, you've had people that tried to take you out, take your job or remove you from the job you had. What do you anticipate from them in the near term?

Harper: I anticipate that they're probably going to support someone else. But, if I'm lucky enough to get on there, I would hope – that we can at least be cordial to each other and work together, because we need to set aside our personalities and our personal feelings for the good of the citizens. People are looking for us to lead, and if you're sitting up there arguing and bringing in your personal history and that you don't like me or I don't like you, where are we going to get? At some point, you've got to work together. We have to extend that olive branch. But I understand that everybody that meets Yvonne Harper does not like Yvonne Harper.

Perryman: Well, let's be frank – talking about enemies, there are a lot of people who are going to be critical of you, based, not on who you are or your position on a particular issue or your ideology, but they're going to criticize you about your style, which is not an uncommon experience for outspoken black women. There are many people, right here in this city, who cannot stand to see black women in positions of power and control. There are those who will try to paint you as weak or soft when you show empathy but label you as a "bitch" when, instead of turning the other cheek, you move to neutralize them or retaliate verbally or otherwise, as a result of being threatened or disrespected. Then, there are others, who will refuse to have to deal with a woman mayor, a possible woman president of city council, and a straight up/don't play woman councilperson. So how do you address the critics of your candid, forthright style and how will that affect your plans for the future?

Harper: I would say this – you might not like how I'm coming at you, but what I'm telling you is the truth and what I'm telling you is to respect me as a person that's coming forward, not a person that's going to change in the middle of the stream. And as far as being abrasive, I have been accused of being abrasive for a long time, so let me just say this in ending – I don't have a lot of money but I do have integrity and I have nothing but my word. That's all that I have. If I can't help you or if I can't do something – I'm going to tell you I can't do it. Or tell you to let me look into it. And I'll get back with you. Give me your email and I can email you or text you, but I will not go against whoever they pick to occupy the council seat. I will go along with their wishes. Thanks.

Perryman: Thank you, Yvonne.

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1965: The Most Revolutionary Year in Music

by Andrew Grant Jackson

By Terri Schlichenmeyer
The Truth Contributor

You turned up the volume – again.

Surely, the guy in the car next to yours must think you're weird. There you are, groovin' to your tunes, seat-dancing, singing along like you were in-concert. Really, is there such a thing as having the music too loud?

No. There's not, so turn up the volume one more time and read *1965: The Most Revolutionary Year in Music* by Andrew Grant Jackson.

As the year 1965 began, more than 40 percent of Americans were under 20 years old. Teens emulated their parents then: boys wore short hair, girls wore long skirts. Segregation was common, color TV was new, 80 percent of America was white, and the country's youth had tasted The Beatles and loved them.

Bob Dylan did, too, though John Lennon had once dismissed his music. The Rolling Stones were singing "puppy love" songs, while Barry Gordy hoped his Supremes might follow in Dean Martin's footsteps since the "big money" was in nightclubs. Marvin Gaye, meanwhile, wanted to be "singing Cole Porter," Malcolm X (who would soon be assassinated)



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met Martin Luther King, Jr. and thousands marched to Montgomery.

As winter turned to spring, Roger Miller captured six Grammys; Charlie Pride struggled with recording deals in a segregated music industry; and Johnny Cash accidentally, drunkenly, set fire to five hundred acres of California forest. The Byrds' music "gave birth to the West Coast hippie dance style..." Girls wore shorter skirts and boys wore longer hair, which "angered" future presidential candidate Mitt Romney and he gave a classmate an impromptu haircut.

By the summer of 1965, President Johnson launched Medicaid, Medicare, and escalated America's presence in Vietnam. Sonny and Cher got you, Babe; everybody was dancing at discotheques; Barry Gordy hired "a charm school teacher" to prepare the Supremes for stardom... and Watts burned.

With 1965 winding down, Herb Alpert & the Ti-

juana Brass's album whipped up interest. Frank Sinatra insisted that Sammy Davis, Jr. be allowed to stay at Rat Pack hotels, and Paul McCartney allowed a string quartet on "Yesterday." Cass Elliot became a Mama, John Lennon insulted Carol King, and drug songs were hip. And so, at years' end, was the premiere of *A Charlie Brown Christmas*.

I looked it up: time travel remains merely theoretical. Still, you can have the next best thing by reading "1965."

This book will have you humming along with songs you remember (or recognize, if you weren't around then). Author Andrew Grant Jackson melds history, music, and little-known anecdotes as seamlessly as butter but what's most fascinating about this book is seeing how times changed so completely in one year: we went from flattops to Beatle mops, from black segregation to Black is Beautiful, from "I Feel Fine" to "I Feel Good." And, indeed, it was.

So is this book, and I think *1965: The Most Revolutionary Year in Music* is what you should reach for next. If you're an oldies fan, a follower of culture, or if you remember the year with fondness (or regret), how could you turn it down?



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A surprised Jean Holden-Hanna addressing the crowd.



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