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A Watchman From Among Their Own

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

The Truth Contributor

We all knew that what Jackie Robinson was doing was not just for himself, but for all of us.

- James Forman



Black leaders are often seen, by their own, as “watchmen,” overseers or custodians of the black community. Based on a relationship of shared values, the community expects to receive security, prosperity and human and material resources regardless of whatever at-large or other broader constituencies the leader might also have.

Cecelia Adams, PhD, is a leader, who has been able to sit high enough and see far enough to serve the community at-large effectively without sacrificing her identity, core cultural values or the needs of her home community.

Part two of my conversation with Adams concerns her past legislative outcomes for the black community during her short tenure as at-large city councilperson as well as her agenda for the future.

Perryman: Dr. Adams, I have been outspoken about the lack of tangible community benefits in return for our electoral support of local African-American leaders. You've mentioned signature projects that you have been responsible for, namely the fire and police academy partnership with the public schools. Is there anything else in your leadership capacity that specifically benefits our community?

Adams: Well, I think that the employment piece is a very tangible aspect. I've been doing a great deal of work with my committee to increase the awareness of education and training opportunities that are available to prepare our community's labor force for the jobs of the present and immediate future in our city in partnership with Ohio Means Jobs Lucas County and the area educational institutions.

There are just thousands of jobs that are out there, at least hundreds, and they have information from companies and businesses all throughout the city from entry level all the way up to requirements of a doctoral degree. They know where the jobs are, all people have to do is go down to Ohio Means Jobs on Monroe Street or go to their website and apply for them. And so we've been trying to get that word out and so I think that that's a big help for minorities because I think getting jobs, education and jobs, is the way out of poverty and so folks have to know where to go.

Also, Local 500 has been working very hard to get not only the average person off the street who needs a job, but people who have been reentering from the criminal justice system and folks who are just down on their luck. They have been very, very helpful in working together

with the city to get people jobs. So that, to me, is a tangible return that isn't articulated enough and so we've got to do a better job of getting that information out there.

Additionally, a few months ago in May, I was successfully able to get an ordinance passed through City Council that puts reasonable restrictions on predatory lending and payday lenders and short-term lenders, these auto title loan companies that are all over the City of Toledo and negatively im-



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Cecelia Adams, Ph.D.

Community Calendar

July 17-21

Braden UMC Vacation Bible School: 5 to 8 pm nightly; Except Wednesday – 10:30 am to 2 pm; Registration is open from first grade to adults; Light dinner served: 419-386-2700 or bradenumc.org

July 19-21

New Prospect Baptist Church Vacation Bible School: 6 pm nightly

July 22

Fifth Free Universal Health Care Fair: Wayman Palmer YMCA; 9 am to 1 pm; Free medical services – screenings, physicals, etc

July 23

True Vine Church Pastor's Aide Annual Day: 4 pm "I Must Work the Works of Him That Sent Me;" Guest speaker Pastor Robert Bass of United MBC: 419-539-9104

Calvary MBC Women's Day: 11 am; "I Won't Complain;" Guest speaker Elder Tanya Lee of St. Stephen's COGIC: 419-535-3072

July 27

DBE Certification Workshop: 10 to 11:30 am; TARTA – 1127 W. Central; Designed to assist disadvantaged business enterprises in finding more opportunities with TARTA and the Ohio Department of Transportation

July 28

Jerusalem Baptist Church Service of Ordination: 7 pm; Minister Steve Eaton and Minister Thomas Hutchen

July 29-30

St. Paul MBC 100th Church Anniversary: Church service on Sunday at 10:45 am

August 12

Elegant Beauty Salon 4th Annual Bookbag Extravaganza: 9 am to noon; Free bookbags, free haircuts, food, games, school supplies: 419-930-5823
Calvary MBC Community Bookbag Giveaway: Noon to 3 pm: 419-464-6703
Change 4 Kids and End Time Christian Fellowship Music Fest and School Supplies Give Away: Noon to 3 pm; 2902 Auburn; Games, refreshments, music

August 13

Warren AME Praise and Worship Funday: Free community picnic; 11:30 am to 3 pm; Drawings, bouncy house, face painting, musical performance: 419-450-0165 or 419-243-2237

August 18-19

Ninth Annual Sacred Strings Showcase Concert: Featuring African-American steel guitar players; First Alliance Church; 6:30 to 9:30 pm on Friday; 3 to 7 pm on Saturday 419-243-0564

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Yes...It is Quiz Time Again!

By Lafe Tolliver, Esq
Guest Column

I know...I know... Nobody likes pop quizzes. I get it. But, there are times when I feel compelled to give a pop quiz to make sure that my dear readers are not snoozing during news broadcasts and are not simply exercising their thumbs on their smart phones when they need to have their heads in a book.

It is my pet theory that too much social media distractions and texting makes for bad social manners and awkward interactions with others and you begin to think that the world is reduced to the size of your three inch by eight inch cell phone screen.

So, lighten up and take the quiz and if you earn a perfect score, you can feel good about going back to your one-on-one love affair with your cell phone.

As usual, this quiz is taken on the honor code in which you will allow yourself only

two minutes to answer each question and no help from trying to Google the answer

and no group participation. Either you are a dummy or a genius.

So, ready...set...go!

QUESTION ONE: In the race for Mayor of Toledo, which below person is not running?

- (a) Michael Bell
- (b) Paula Hicks Hudson
- (c) "Wade"
- (d) "Tom"

QUESTION TWO: What is the name for the water condition in Lake Erie that can

- cause drinking problems?
- (a) Eyrretrius fostorus

- (b) Gambilla flora bloom
- (c) Lake Erie algae water bloom
- (d) Algae Debonus Rigoris type 2

QUESTION THREE: What happens to TPS Superintendent R. Durant if TPS

gets another "D" or "F" grade from the Ohio Department of Education?

- (a) By law he must retire and return prior bonus performance monies

(b) By law he must publicly apologize to the school board and parents for his

inability to turn around the failing system.

- (c) He gets another pay boost and all is well.

(d) Nothing. Toledoans are now used to TPS being a failed school system.

QUESTION FOUR: If former President Obama had cuddled up to Russian

President V. Putin as Trump has fawningly done so, what would have happened to Obama?

- (a) The GOP would be asking for his head on a silver platter.

(b) There would be open rebellion in the streets and protest marches at the White House.

- (c) Impeachment...Impeachment... Impeachment led by Sen. Mitch McConnell and Speaker Paul Ryan.
- (d) Military Coup, anyone?

QUESTION FIVE: With President Trump continuing to not reveal what it is that the

Russkies have on him that prevents him from standing up to Putin, what do you think it could be?

- (a) Risqué sexual hijinks caught on tape.

- (b) Money laundering.

- (c) Money laundering and sexual hijinks.

(d) In big time debt with the Russian oligarchs who hold his bank notes and, unless he plays ball with Putin, will cash them in.

QUESTION SIX: What have the current mayor and the minority members of city council specifically done for the black community which is their political base?

- (a) Kept the swimming pools open...ain't that enuff?

- (b) Gone back to the black churches and meet, eat and greet the membership.

- (c) Have very polite in public and don't "sag" their pants.

- (d) Nothing I can point to...ain't that a shame?

QUESTION SEVEN: How segregated is Toledo as to social interactions and publica

socializing with minority groups and white society?

- (a) Minimal interaction.

- (b) Sme but it is artificial.

- (c) Toledo is as segregated as a city in South in the 1950's.

(d) A lot. In my world, I rarely see or talk with any white people on a social level.

QUESTION EIGHT: Does black Toledo have a progressive or an aggressive civil

rights movement?

- (a) If so, I haven't see it.

- (b) Yeah, a little here and there.

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ST. PAUL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH 100TH ANNIVERSARY

Saturday, July 29, 2017

Banquet at Garden Lake Hall

5359 Dorr St. - 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Speaker: Mayor Paula Hicks-Hudson

Tickets: \$25 call Jan Scotland 419-536-4200

Sunday, July 30, 2017

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Speaker: Dr. Ernest Jones, Columbus, OH

Executive Director of American Baptist Churches of Ohio

Afternoon Service: 4:00 p.m.

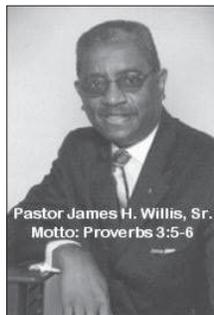
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Library to Welcome National Expert on the Opiate Epidemic

Tuesday, October 3 at 7:00 p.m. Author Sam Quinones discusses his award-winning book Dreamland: The True Tale of America's Opiate Epidemic

Special to The Truth

In 1929, in the blue-collar city of Portsmouth, Ohio, a company built a swimming pool the size of a football field; named Dreamland, it became the vital center of the community. Now, addiction has devastated Portsmouth, as it has hundreds of small rural towns and suburbs across America—addiction like no other the country has ever faced.

How that happened is the riveting story of *Dreamland: The True Tale of America's Opiate Epidemic*, winner of the National Book Critics Circle Award, amongst other honors.

Acclaimed journalist Sam Quinones weaves together two riveting tales of capitalism run amok whose unintentional collision has been a catastrophic opiate epidemic.

The unfettered prescribing of pain medications during the 1990s reached its peak in Purdue Pharma's campaign to market OxyContin, its new, expensive—extremely addictive—miracle painkiller. Meanwhile, a massive influx of black tar heroin—cheap, potent, and originating from one small county, Xalisco, Nayarit, on Mexico's west coast and independent of any drug cartel, assaulted small town and mid-sized cities across the country, driven by a brilliant, almost unbeatable marketing, and distribution system. Together these phenomena continue to lay waste to communities from Tennessee to Oregon, Indiana to New Mexico.

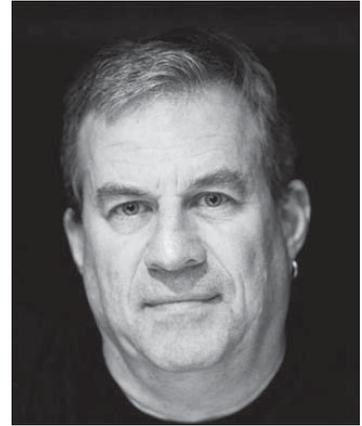
Finally, though, Quinones finds hope in the same Rust Belt river town that led the country into the opiate epidemic – Portsmouth, Ohio, where townspeople are turning away from dependence and toward economic as well as municipal self-reliance and, with that, recovery.

Introducing a memorable cast of characters—pharma pioneers, young Mexican entrepreneurs, narcotics investigators, survivors, and parents—Quinones shows how these tales fit together.

Dreamland is a revelatory account of the corrosive threat facing Amer-

ica and its heartland. The Toledo Lucas County Public Library in partnership with the Mental Health & Recovery Services Board of Lucas County is proud to host this important community conversation. The author's presentation will be followed by Q and A, and a book sale and signing opportunity.

Quinones will discuss his work on Tuesday, October 3 at 7:00p.m. at the Toledo Lucas County Public Library, Main Library in the McMaster Center .



Letter to the Editor

The Great Deceiver

On April 7, 2017, the Body of Christ was “jolted” when two prominent Toledo pastors were arrested and held without bond on accusations of being involved in the sex trafficking of children. The one question asked most was, how could ministers do something so offensive and criminal?

Being raised in the church I know the main purpose of the Devil, for all mankind, is to steal, kill, destroy and deceive. A sin is a sin no matter who commits it! The Devil, the adversary is real and powerful. Ministers are not immune from the “clutches” of the Devil. Jesus is the only perfect pastor!

We all can lose sight of the cross and backslide. Remember God gave us a conscience to direct and steer us in the right direction. He gave us a free will to do good or evil. The Bible clearly states “you may be sure your sins will find you out.” When we sin we break God's moral law and there are always repercussions.

I know for some people forgiveness will be hard. Thank goodness we have a God who forgives easily and quick! Some people never forgive others who have wronged them. Forgiveness is an important component of Christianity. Christ forgave all those who put him on the cross saying “Father, forgive them.”

Christ will show his grace, love toward the charged individuals. If they ask for forgiveness, Christ will grant it!

When anyone falls out of grace, especially ministers, we need to put them on our prayer list. In this situation, let's pray for the victims, families, spouses, congregations and all the lives affected.

Cora L. Jones, Author

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13th Annual African American Prayer Breakfast

By Mariah Hicks

Sojourner's Truth Reporter

In preparation for the African American Festival, the Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union held its 13th Annual African American Prayer Breakfast on Friday, July 14, at Warren AME Church.

Attendees gathered together to pray and launch off the beginning of the African American Parade, which took place the following morning.

First Lady Debra Brock of Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church initiated the ceremony with a song of worship. Brock was followed by Pastor Otis Gordon of Warren AME Church, who offered the opening prayer. Fletcher Word, the board president of the Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union, proceeded to the welcoming, Pastor Jerry Boose of Second Baptist Church prayed over the city and leaders and Elder Lisa Key of Peoples Baptist Church prayed over the churches.

CEO of the TUFUCU Suzette Cowell then came up to give honor to the credit union, its staff and to present this year's seven honorees: Amirah L. Gibson, Zenaje P. Liggons, Kristin Conley, Albert Earl, Jr., Nadine Jessup, George E. Snelling III, and Reverend James H. Willis, Sr.

First Lady Debra Brock returned to uplift the crowd with another song of worship, followed by prayer for the TUFUCU by Bishop Randall Parker III of Canaan Manifested Word Church, prayer for the youth by Pastor Willie Perryman of Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church and prayer for the festival by Boose.

Boose also gave a statement of thanks to Cowell and the members of the TUFUCU board for the work that they've done over the years. "I want to thank Suzette for bringing pride back into the black community. I also want to extend a thanks to her staff," Boose said, "You have put something in our community that we can truly be proud of."

In conclusion, attendees stood for the singing of the Negro National Anthem and Bishop M.C. McGhee of Serenity Church of God in Christ offered up a closing prayer. Breakfast was then served and attendees fellowshiped amongst one another.

The African American Festival will take place on August 20 in partnership with the Northwest Ohio Rib Off. The TUFUCU is looking forward to celebrating the event this year, noted Cowell, and would love for as many people to come out to support and have a good time.



Honorees Zenaje Liggons and Amirah Gibson (front row); George Snelling, III, Rev. James Willis, Kristin Conley, Nadine Jessup and Albert Earl



Debra Brock



Suzette Cowell

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- (c) Hit and miss.
- (d) Ha...that is a joke!

QUESTION NINE: Who should lead a civil rights movement in Toledo?

- (a) Clergy members.
- (b) The middle class.
- (c) Institutional organizations like the NAACP or the Urban League.
- (d) Grass roots people who come together and form their own agenda and appoint their leaders.

QUESTION TEN: What is the major obstacle that is holding you back from

achieving your goals in life?

- (a) Lack of mentors
- (b) Lack of money
- (c) I am not focused
- (d) Support groups

QUESTION ELEVEN: If the kids of today (seven-18 years of age) would listen to you and follow your advice, what would you emphasize?

- (a) Education.
- (b) Respect for family and self.
- (c) Plan your life with help from people who have been where you want to go.

- (d) Seek God first and his wisdom.

QUESTION TWELVE: If you could make one significant change in your life, what would it be?

- (a) Would have listened to my parents more.
- (b) Would have stayed in school and avoided certain "friends" in my life
- (c) Would not have gotten married so early and/or had kids without first being married and having a job.
- (d) Would have stayed out of trouble and avoided drugs and the "fast" life.

Where...there you have it. Did you only spend two minutes on each question? Good! Now for the answers, simply send me an untraceable money order for \$38.17 (shipping and handling included) and I will send you the correct answers!

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LISC AmeriCorps Steers Funding, Volunteers to Toledo Area Efforts to Fight Poverty

The Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) is partnering with a long-heralded federal program that promotes national service to support building community engagement strategies with active citizenry that reflect the diversity of residents in Toledo's neighborhoods.

"Our focus is on helping create economic opportunity for residents in our target neighborhoods and to improve the quality of life by engaging residents and partners in the community," said Kim Cutcher, executive director with LISC Toledo. "Our AmeriCorps members are passionate about supporting that kind of change, and deeply motivated to give back to their communities."

LISC is dedicating more than \$3 million to support 165 AmeriCorps members in 13 urban areas and rural communities, including Toledo. The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS)—the federal agency that oversees AmeriCorps—is providing \$1.44 million in funding, which LISC is matching with another \$1.6 million. Nationally, the LISC AmeriCorps program addresses challenges related to jobs, housing, education and other issues that underpin poverty.

LISC has operated a national AmeriCorps program for more than two decades, having placed members in community-focused initiatives and programs across the country. Many of those members have gone on to long careers working with nonprofits, social services agencies and government.

In Toledo, new AmeriCorps members will engage community residents, so that residents lead what happens in their own neighborhood.

"For us, AmeriCorps is about giving low-income residents the skills they need to build a careers in community-focused sectors, just as it is about lifting the prospects of the struggling neighborhoods where they live," said Stacey Rapp, LISC AmeriCorps' national program director.

LISC AmeriCorps is unique because it typically draws its participating members from the same communities where they are assigned to work.

About LISC
LISC equips struggling communities with the capital, program strategy and know-how to become places where people can thrive. It combines corporate, government and philanthropic resources. Since 1980, LISC has invested \$17.3 billion to build or rehab 366,000 affordable homes and apartments and develop 61 million square feet of retail, community and educational space. For more, visit www.lisc.org

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Social Security Column Social Security and Medicare Are Lasting Sources of Independence

By Phil Walton, Social Security Manager in Toledo, OH
Special to The Truth

In July, communities everywhere celebrate our nation's independence with fireworks, family, and friends. A strong community also creates independence as we help each other recognize our full potential. Social Security has been helping people maintain a higher quality of life and a level of independence for over 80 years.

And Medicare has been doing the same for over five decades. Most people first become eligible for Medicare at age 65. For many older Americans, this is their primary health insurance and without it, they might not enjoy an independent lifestyle. Medicare can be a little confusing to newcomers so we've broken it down into segments. The four parts of Medicare are as easy as A, B, C, and D.

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• **Part A** (Hospital Insurance) helps cover inpatient hospital care, skilled nursing care, hospice care, and home health care. Most people get Medicare Part A premium-free since it is earned by working and paying Social Security taxes.

• **Part B** (Medical Insurance) helps cover services from doctors and other outpatient health care providers, outpatient care, home health care, durable medical equipment, and some preventive services. Most people pay a monthly premium for Part B. Some high-income individuals pay more than the standard premium. If you don't enroll in Medicare Part B during your initial enrollment period and then decide to do so later, your coverage may be delayed and you may have to pay a higher monthly premium for as long as you have Part B.

• **Part C** (Medicare Advantage) allows you to choose to receive all of your health care services through a provider organization. This plan includes all benefits and services covered under Part A and Part B, usually includes Medicare prescription drug coverage, and may include extra benefits and services at an extra cost. You must have Part A and Part B to enroll in Part C. Monthly premiums vary depending on the state where you live, private insurer, and whether you select a health maintenance organization or a preferred provider organization.

• **Part D** (Medicare prescription drug coverage) helps cover the cost of prescription drugs. Many people pay a premium for Part D. However, people with low income and resources may qualify for **Extra Help** to pay the premium and deductible. If you don't enroll in a Medicare drug plan when you're first eligible, you may pay a late enrollment penalty if you join a plan later. You will have to pay this penalty for as long as you have Medicare prescription drug coverage. To see if you qualify for extra help visit www.socialsecurity.gov/prescriptionhelp.

Will you be age 65 soon? Even if you decide not to retire, you should apply for Medicare. You can apply in less than 10 minutes using our online Medicare application. Visit www.socialsecurity.gov/medicare to learn more about applying for Medicare.

\$50 Worth of Coupons for Free Fruits and Vegetables Still Available for Low-Income Seniors

If lower-income individuals age 60 and over haven't already received Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupons this year, they may still obtain them.

To be eligible for the program, the Ohio resident must be 60 years of age or older, have an annual income of \$22,311 or less as a single person or combined income of \$30,044 or less for a household of two. The coupons can be used for fresh local produce like sweet corn, blueberries, zucchini, tomatoes, peaches, greens and cucumbers.

The Area Office on Aging has a limited number of coupons still available, which will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis. If they have not received coupons in 2017, those age 60 and over can call the Area Office on Aging at 419-382-0624 to have an application mailed to them, come to the Area Office on Aging at 2155 Arlington Ave. Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. or go to www.AreaOfficeOnAging.com to get the application and, upon approval, have the coupons mailed.

Cheryl Reed is one of 18,500 older northwest Ohioans who have already received \$50 worth of coupons so far this year. She said, "Ever since I was 18 years old, I have worked as a home health aide. Now, when I get fresh fruits and vegetables with my coupons, I share some of the produce with my home health clients to make sure they also get fresh fruits and vegetables in their diets."

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the San Diego Chargers; Albert Prince Hall, the UBC North American champion; Brandon Allen of the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater; Toledo Threat – WCBBL Basketball; Soul City Boxing and the Jones Leadership Academy Chess Club.

This year's parade consisted of 75 different organizations including the three mayoral candidates – Mayor Paula Hicks-Hudson; Lucas County Treasurer Wade Kapszukiewicz and City Councilman Tom Waniewski in addition to most of the declared City Council and judge candidates.

The route started at the Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union at the corner of Dorr and Detroit, marched towards downtown turning at City Park and ending at Indiana Avenue entertaining thousands of spectators – an audience that also increases every year.

The parade was preceded by this year's prayer breakfast on Friday at Warren AME Church and the conclusion of the summer festivities will be on August 20 at the Lucas County Fairgrounds in conjunction with the NW Ohio Rib Off. The Zapp Band will be the headliners.



Zia Cooke, Nigel Hayes and Jerry Easter styling during Friday's press conference



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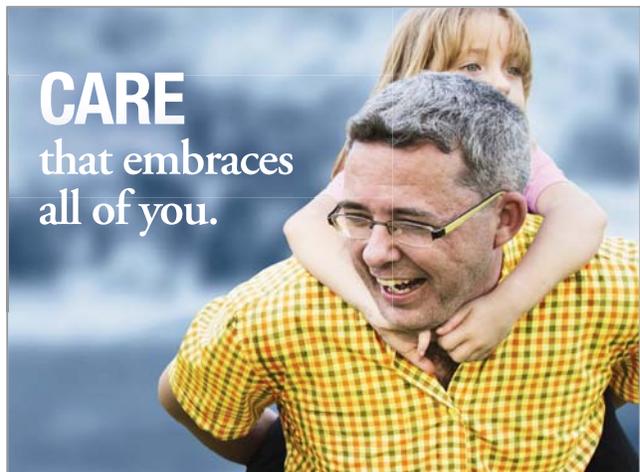
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Three Simple Steps that Can Help You Achieve Your Financial Goals

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Americans have mixed emotions around financial planning, a new study suggests. But setting specific goals can help you achieve the financial outcomes you want. Forty-eight percent of individuals with specific financial goals say they expect to be in a much better place in the next four years, versus only 12 percent of those without goals.

The study, "2017 Financial Focus: Goals and Reflections of Today's Consumer," conducted by Lincoln Financial Group, found that while Americans have a desire to retire comfortably and support loved ones, there is a fear factor involved in actually saving for these financial needs. Staying grounded and focused is a good first step, say experts.

"Those individuals who are progressing with their goals are first and foremost working to ensure they have a solid foundation to build upon," said Dick Mucci, president of Group Benefits at Lincoln Financial Group. "While it might not be exciting, putting extra money toward things like debt, savings or insurance coverage certainly pays off in the long run, particularly if something unexpected happens."

The study also looked at progress in achieving New Year's Resolutions -- and 72 percent of Americans are doing pretty well. Those who say they are progressing with their 2017 resolutions in some way are those who are most likely to leverage financial products, such as retirement plans, life insurance and investment accounts. This group also tends to make reducing debt a priority and avoids sacrificing savings when money is tight -- instead they sacrifice the extras, such as vacations.

Here are some effective goal-setting strategies to help you plan for your financial future.

- Be specific. When you make vague goals, it can be difficult to measure progress. When goal-setting, get as specific as possible, both with the goals themselves and the steps you will take to succeed.
- Prioritize your goals. Once you set a goal, make it the last thing you compromise in your budget, whether that is paying down debt, saving for a rainy day or retirement planning. Money tight this month? Skip a luxury item that's not working toward your goals.
- Take a breath. Thinking about your financial situation and potential circumstances that could arise can be emotional. But taking practical steps to improve

your situation can offer peace of mind as you face the future. "Putting the right financial plans and protections in place can help alleviate some financial fears," says Mucci. "An employer-sponsored retirement plan is a great place to build savings, and insurance coverages offered through the workplace can help protect against the financial challenges that could come with an unexpected injury or illness."

More financial planning tips and information can be found at LincolnFinancial.com.

By setting attainable goals that you can realistically meet, you can get a handle on your finances and better plan for the future.

Courtesy StatePoint

City of Toledo Receives \$2.9 Million from HUD to Control Lead Hazards in Residential Properties

Mayor Paula Hicks-Hudson, Director of Neighborhoods Bonita Bonds and federal HUD officials shared details today about a \$2.9 million grant that will help provide lead safe environments for Toledo families. The City of Toledo has been awarded a \$2.5 million Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control grant and \$400,000 in Healthy Homes supplemental funding.

Pamela E. Ashby, Director of HUD's Cleveland Field Office explained that HUD awards Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control (LB-PHC) and Healthy Homes grants to local governments in a continuous effort to keep families and their children safe from lead-based paint and other home health and safety hazards. Ms. Ashby said "We now know...lead poisoning is one of the greatest environmental threats to children." She further thanked Mayor Hicks-Hudson for "leading the way with your continued stewardship to this cause and to the City of Toledo."

"Toledo is a leader in the state in creating a new law to prevent lead poisoning in the City, and is working toward lead safe homes for all of our children. This is very welcome news that we have now received support from HUD to help protect Toledo families from lead-based paint hazards," said Mayor Hicks-Hudson.

The grants will support programs to identify and control lead-based paint hazards for income-eligible owners who live in their homes and privately-owned rental properties with income-eligible tenants. Neighborhoods Director Bonita Bonds said that the City is partnering with multiple organizations that will make referrals to the Department of Neighborhoods as they encounter potential applicants. However, Bonds said that people may begin calling the Department of Neighborhoods now at 419-245-1400 to inquire about the grant resources.

The City of Toledo appreciates the following organizations who will partner with the Department of Neighborhoods to funnel applicants for the Lead Grants:

- Toledo-Lucas County Health Department
- Neighborhood Health Association
- Hospital Council of Northwest Ohio
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pact the minority community. And that's why it was such an important issue for me to champion, and so I did. So, with the help of Evelyn McKinney from United Way, George Thomas from ABLE and Valerie Moffitt from LISC, we were able to put together legislation that was passed and so ...now there can't be any more new predatory lenders or payday lenders in Toledo.

Payday lending ultimately puts people in a horrible and desperate financial situation, so municipalities like the City of Toledo can only put zoning restrictions on these businesses, so I was able to do that and I'm very proud of it with the help of the team that we put together and had the full support of the council and the mayor. And what's happening now is that we're encouraging people, especially minority folks, to go to financial opportunity centers and they can help you manage your money and also point you towards better small interest loans and give you a longer time to repay the loans.

There's tons of work that's being done. I'm working hard every day to try to help the minority community because that's where I am from and it's the experience that I come from. And so some of these things aren't real showy, but they are important and the people can feel the impact because when you listen to the stories about people who have been taken advantage of, it's just very sad, and so that has been something that I've been very proud of and been working on that too.

Also, our parks in the central city are in terrible shape. Grass is growing through broken courts, cement, there are metal rods that don't have a backboard or a hoop or a net for kids to throw the basketball in, and baseball diamonds that are in disrepair. Those are the things that I have been seeing and I will tell you that I have been to all 125 of our city neighborhood parks and so I have seen the condition and I've made recommendations. There is actually a report, a master plan that was put together by Pros Consulting in 2013 and technically nothing has been done. That report says that the budget of the city for recreation should be at least three percent of the budget, but currently it's less than one percent.

So, starting with my next meeting, I'm going to ask for a plan and a budget so that we aren't asking for donations and not depending upon

donations to open the pools, it ought to be in the budget. We know that we need \$320,000 to maintain them and get them ready, it ought to be in the budget. And so those are kinds of nitty-gritty things that really make an impact and not flashy, but it's important. Those are the intellectually challenging aspects of being a councilperson that I think that I'm there in order to make things happen.

Perryman: As I said, those types of issues, particularly when it comes down to the needs of the residents of the central city, get pushed way down on the priority list and never get addressed. Listening to people and looking at some of the things that are on social media, it appears that many in the black community are upset or frustrated.

Adams: Well, in my opinion, the best is yet to come. These things don't work overnight and I'm trying to expedite them as quickly as I can. And so I just think that if we just give it a little more time we can work through some of the natural and sometimes unnatural obstacles that get in the way. So, I'm really moving as fast as I can to make a difference, and that's my goal, to make a difference.

Perryman: Can you please talk about some of the barriers?

Adams: Well, some of it is making sure that the city administration understands what a councilman is trying to accomplish and that it's consistent with the mission and the vision of the people who have to get it done. So there has to be a great deal of conversation and discussion to make sure that everybody's on the same page and that's harder to do than you think, but it takes time and I'm willing to take the time.

And so that to me is sometimes an obstacle. Getting people together and scheduling appointments and having time to talk with them and making sure they get a good understanding. That may take several different departments plus a mayor to get something agreed upon so that we're on the same page with what a councilman is trying to push through. They understand what they're trying to do, but it needs to be better communication or increased communication with each member of council who's trying to advance legislation.

Perryman: Finally, what about Cecelia Adams would you like to resonate most with voters?

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Toledo Edison Hires 19 Graduates from Power Systems Institute Training Program at Owens

Toledo Edison, a subsidiary of FirstEnergy Corp., has hired 19 graduates of the companies' utility worker training programs as part of its ongoing efforts to enhance service reliability for customers in northwest Ohio.

The new line workers represent the first graduating class since the Power Systems Institute (PSI) training program was reinstated by FirstEnergy at Owens Community College in Perrysburg, Ohio.

"The PSI program is an effective pipeline for adding well-trained, highly skilled employees to our workforce," said Rich Sweeney, regional president of Toledo Edison. "The rigorous class work and experience gained in the field by working with veteran line and substation personnel helps ensure our ability to maintain safe and reliable electric service for our customers."

The new Toledo Edison lines employees listed by work location, with their hometowns, are:

- Holland: Cody Eaken, Cygnet; Jacob King, Maumee; Travis Sumner, Maumee; Bailey VanStone, Carleton, Mich.; Joshua Willis, Oregon.

- Lakewood: Andrew Bennett, Toledo; Nathan Brodbeck, Monclova; Zach Stewart, North Baltimore; Austin Thomas, Bowling

Green.

- Lindsey: Colin Dinkens, Maumee.

- Wauseon: Andrew Drabek, Sylvania; Hayden Faber, Ida.

The new Toledo Edison substation employees listed by work location, with their hometowns, are:

- Lakewood: Seth Dobbelaar, Oak Harbor; Caleb Good, Hamler; Daniel Kegerize, Curtice; Michael Osbourne, Oak Harbor; Nathaniel Smith, Perrysburg; Arthur Stokes, Toledo; Ryan Swickowski, Temperance, Mich.

PSI is an award-winning, two-year educational program originally developed by FirstEnergy in 2000 to help prepare the company's next generation of utility line and substation workers.

PSI students split time between classes at Owens Community College and Toledo Edison training facilities. Since the program's inception, FirstEnergy has hired nearly 1,500 line and substation personnel who completed PSI programs in Maryland, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

For information about the PSI program, call 1-800-829-6801, or go to www.firstenergycorp.com/psi.

The Salvation Army - Tools for School *Applications accepted July 19 and 20*

It is time to start thinking about going back to school. If you are a parent and are concerned about getting school supplies for your child local organizations formed Class Act Lucas County to make it easier for you this year. Lucas County residents can simply call 2-1-1; after answering a few questions the operator will help you find the best way to receive school supplies for your child.

One of the organizations providing backpacks is The Salvation Army. They are accepting applications this week, July 19 and 20 from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. The Salvation Army is encouraging parents to call 2-1-1 first to make sure

another organization isn't providing backpacks at their school or in their area code. If you are referred to The Salvation Army you will need to bring with you a photo ID, proof of address and birth certificates for all school aged children you are applying for.

The Salvation Army also has Tools for School programs in Ottawa and Wood County; Ottawa County residents can contact the Port Clinton Salvation Army service center at (419) 732-2769 and Wood County residents can contact the Bowling Green Salvation Army service center at (419) 352-5918.



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Sin of a Woman by Kimberla Lawson Roby

Terri Schlichenmeyer
The Truth Contributor

Nothing's set in stone.

Few things are. Lucky for you, there's usually a chance to change your mind or have a do-over. You can often get another go at something because few things are that firmly decided. As in the new book *Sin of a Woman* by Kimberla Lawson Roby, you can sometimes have a second chance.

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312 pages

More and more every day, Porsha Harrington got on Pastor Raven Jones Black's last nerve.

But Raven absolutely had to put up with Porsha, which was part of the problem: Porsha, inheritor of her father's estate and mistress of Raven's then-husband-now-ex, had given Raven \$250,000 to start New Vision Christian Center. The partnership would make them both rich. Raven would be the church leader, Porsha would be the assistant pastor, they'd both get paid from member contributions and tithes.

That is, as long as Raven could tolerate being near Porsha. Which wasn't long.

Years ago, Raven spent time in prison for embezzlement from the church belonging to her ex-father-in-law, Rev. Curtis Black. She'd also stolen some money from a loan shark, and she'd told huge lies all the way to the bank. But that was all coming around to bite her now, and she needed another scheme to get everyone off her back. If she could start with Porsha and make money doing it, well, all's the better.

So Raven just cooked up another lie.

Something was missing from Porsha Harrington's life.

She was single, for one. More than anything, Porsha wanted to be married with a family, a desire that was so strong, it shocked her. Something else shocked her, too: she realized, in prayerful moments, that the men she'd mostly chosen were married ones, and God just couldn't be happy about that

at all. Instead, He seemed to be leading her to become more active at New Vision, and that made her heart glad. So did Dillon, the man she'd cheated with once, who'd now turned over a new leaf himself.

God would point Porsha into the direction she needed to be. He had plans for her.

Too bad Raven did, too.

Oh, yes. Now there you go: a novel with scandal, back-stabbing, nastiness, prayer, gutter behavior, responsibility and pure entertainment. That's *Sin of a Woman*.

And yet, just because author Kimberla Lawson Roby has put one of literature's worst-behaved characters in a book that strongly features that character's delicious awfulness doesn't mean that the book itself is horrible. No, readers will be surprised to see that, while this story is sexy and wonderfully outrageous, it's also rather tame. Roby veers away when the bedroom door closes, so there's nothing offensive here.

The story is spicy, but it won't burn your eyes; one character even turns virtuous, which should tell you plenty. That obviously sets us up for a sequel, for which readers will hunger.

If you thought your summer was going to be boring, there's still time to change your mind: look for this novel and enjoy. For you, *Sin of a Woman* is rock-solid.



Sins of a Woman author, Kimberla Lawson Roby

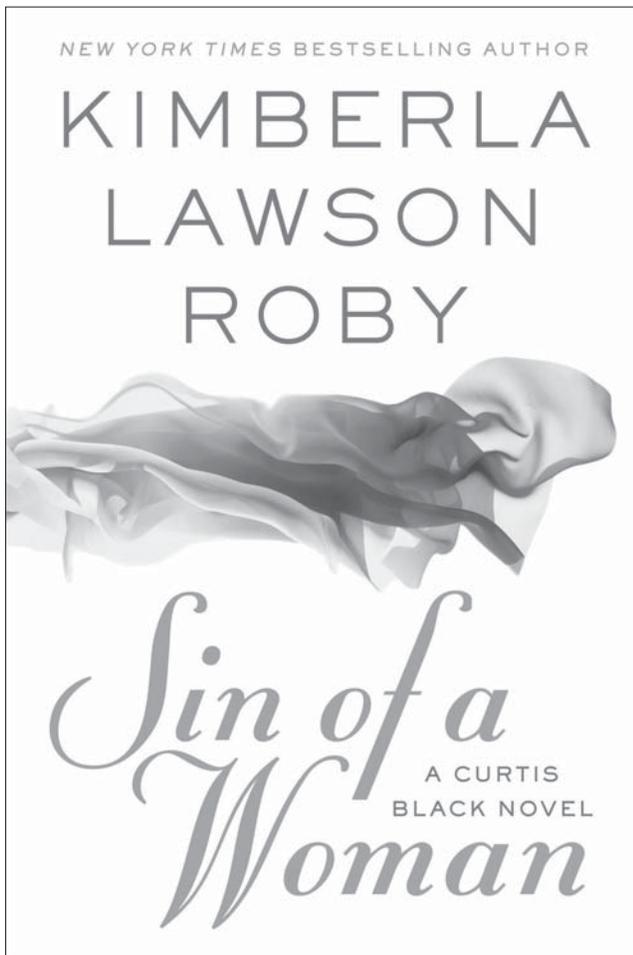
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Adams: Well, I think that the thing I'd like to resonate most is that I am a public servant. I'm a visionary and innovative and I think that if the voters give me the honor of being able to continue the work that I've started, that I will work hard every day to make sure that we're doing everything - not only for the black community because there's lots of help that's needed there and I come from that community, and so that is a primary focus for me. But I do have to think about the rest of the city too and so there isn't anything that I would promote for our community that wouldn't be good for the rest of the community as well.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Proposals will be received by Lucas County Department of Job & Family Services (LCDJFS) until 4:00 p.m., July 27, 2017 for the selection of a Provider to provide Work Experience Program (WEP) Site Development and Client Participation Services for eligible participants. Submitted proposals must be completed according to the specifications and provisions outlined in the Request for Proposals (RFP). The contract period will be from approximately October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018.

No proposals will be accepted after **4:00 p.m., July 27, 2017**; proposals that are submitted via any method other than that described in the RFP will not be accepted.

The Request for Proposals will be available on **June 28, 2017**. It will be available for potential bidders to download by going to the site: <http://www.co.lucas.oh.us/bids.aspx>.

An Electronic Question & Answer (Q&A) process will be from June 28, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. to July 11, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. **PARTICIPATION IS OPTIONAL, BUT IS HIGHLY ENCOURAGED.** Questions for the Q&A must be submitted in writing via PlanetBids, which may be accessed at <http://www.co.lucas.oh.us/bids.aspx>, on the Q&A Tab for this RFP. All questions must be submitted by 4:00 p.m. on July 11, 2017; the posting of the Q&A will be on July 14, 2017. If any changes are made to the RFP as a result of the Q&A, an addendum to the RFP will be posted at the website address noted above.

This notice is posted as of **June 28, 2017** at <http://www.co.lucas.oh.us/bids.aspx>.

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A Pre-Bid Meeting will be held at 10:00AM LOCAL TIME Wednesday July 19, 2017 at the project site 1638 Broadway, Toledo, Ohio. All bids must be submitted on the provided Proposal Form. Proposals shall be hand delivered, mailed, emailed, or faxed to:

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Contract documents shall include Request for Proposal, drawings, supplementary drawings (when issued), General Requirements, specifications, and addenda issued prior to receipt of bids. Each bidder is required to furnish with its proposal a Bid Guaranty in the form of a Bid Guaranty and Contract Bond in the full amount of the bid or a certified check or cashier's check equal to 10% of the bid in accordance with Section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code. Bid security furnished in Bond form shall be issued by a surety Company or Corporation licensed in the State of Ohio to provide said surety. Copies of bidding documents may be obtained from Newfax Corporation 333West Woodruff Avenue, Toledo Ohio 43614, Phone 419-241-5157. Call or place an order on their website at <http://www.newfaxcorp.com/> by navigating to this projects name under "Bid Projects and Plan Holders List". Hard copies will be available for a non-refundable fee of \$28.00 per set, plus shipping if requested. Hard copy plus Digital download is available for \$46.00 plus shipping. A list of bidding document Plan Holders will be available online via Newfax's website at: http://www.newfaxcorp.com/bid-projects-and-listings/bidder_listing_main.html

Addenda will be issued to all bidders who have registered with Newfax as a Planholder of Record. Copies of the bidding documents are on file, and available for viewing only, at the office of Rudolph/Libbe, Inc. 6494 Latch Road Walbridge, Ohio 43465. Printing costs are the responsibility of the bidder. All contractors and subcontractors involved with the project will, to the extent practicable use Ohio products, materials, services, and labor in the implementation of this project. This is a prevailing wage project. Also in accordance with ORC 153.03 all contractors and subcontractors involved with this project shall participate in a drug-free workplace program.

13th Annual African American Parade

Sojourner's Truth Staff

This year's African American Parade, the 13th annual such event, featured the usual participants – elected officials, candidates, schools, small businesses and community organizations. This year's parade, bigger and better than ever, presented onlookers a very special group of grand marshals to lead the parade.

At the forefront of the numerous marchers were the Youth of Toledo: IBF Lightweight World Champion Boxer Robert Easter, Jr; Quarterback Deshone Kizer, this year's first round draft pick of the Cleveland Browns; Zia Cooke – on the USA Olympics Basketball Team 16 and under; Jared Anderson – a boxer on the USA Jr. Olympics team; Nigel Hayes, a standout with the University of Wisconsin Badgers men's basketball team in their recent two Final Four appearances and now on the New York Knicks roster; TJ Fatinikun, a defensive end with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers; Wayne "Bam Bam" Wallace, the number one ranked amateur youth boxer in Ohio; Jerry Easter, Jr, the top rated fifth grade basketball player in the nation; Jody Webb, a running back with

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Gary Johnson, City Council candidate; Toledo Board of Education Member Polly Gerken; State Rep. Michael Ashford; Jim Anderson, judicial candidate



Councilman Tyrone Riley, Darrell Banks, Richard Mitchell, Archie Beasley



Grand Marshal Deshone Kizer and Montrice Casey



Grand Marshal Jerry Easter, Jr



Grand Marshal Robert Easter, Jr

Your starship awaits.

As the Toledo Symphony launches its FREE 2017 Music Under the Stars concert series at the Toledo Zoo Amphitheater, TARTA is offering round-trip Park-N-Ride service from five locations with the **TARTA Music Under the Stars Shuttle** for just \$1.25 per person each way.

All 2017 Music Under the Stars concerts are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. and have free admission with open seating:

Sunday, July 9; Sunday, July 16; Sunday, July 23; and Sunday, July 30.

Catching the Shuttle

- Arrive at any TARTA Music Under the Stars Shuttle Park-N-Ride location at 6:30 p.m. for a direct round-trip ride to The Zoo's Broadway entrance.
- Fare is \$1.25 per person each way; payable before each trip to and from the Toledo Zoo Amphitheater aboard the Music Under the Stars Shuttle.
- Return trips leave 20 minutes after the end of each concert.

Music Under the Stars Shuttle Park-N-Ride Locations

- Maumee/St. Luke's Hospital
- Sylvania/Centennial Terrace
- Toledo/Franklin Park Mall
- Toledo/Miracle Mile Shopping Center
- Waterville/Kroger

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