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The Musicality of Political Leadership I

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

The Truth Contributor



The thing to judge in any jazz artist is, does the (person) project, and do they have ideas?

- Miles Davis

What type leader should be elected on November 6 to join Pete Gerken and Tina Skeldon-Wozniak on the Lucas County Board of Commissioners, our county's primary legislative and policy-making body?

Will the person elected bring unison, harmony or discord to the three-member executive body responsible for managing a \$625 million operational budget plus another \$8 million in proposed capital improvements and, if the Lucas County jail levy passes, will construct a state of the art \$155 million jail and \$18 million solution center for behavioral health?

Will the newly-elected county commissioner bring with him or her, a leadership or personal style that leans more towards soul or veer towards swing? Will the leader execute authority with a vibe like Jazz or administer methodically and analytically like Classical music?

I spoke with Gary Byers, former judge of the Maumee Municipal Court and the Democratic Party-endorsed candidate for Lucas County Commissioner. Byers is also a music aficionado.

Perryman: How are you today? Please tell our readers a little bit about you.

Byers: Originally, I was from the Akron area, but I came to Toledo to go to law school back in the late 70s stayed after I graduated from the University of Toledo School of Law in 1981. Shortly after that, I was a felony trial prosecutor in the Lucas County Prosecutor's office for seven years. I became the Director of the Board of Elections for several years and that's where I learned about government and all of the offices that fall under the

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Gary Byers

The Press Is Not the Enemy of the People

A Sojourner's Truth Editorial

"The basis of our government being the opinion of the people, the very first object should be to keep that right; and were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter. But I should mean that every man should receive those papers and be capable of reading them" – Thomas Jefferson, 1787

The lofty ideals of the founding fathers are soon to be consigned to the deep if the current leader of this government has his fondest wish granted. According to president # 45, the media is the enemy of the people not, as Jefferson judged, the "opinion of the people."

Sadly, the only reason for the president's antipathy for the media is his belief that many members of the media don't like him. And truth be told, they don't

Just as with so many Americans – most Americans, according to polls from the start of his campaign to now, do not like this president. There simply is not much to like. He's arrogant, narcissistic, totally indifferent to the concerns of his fellow Americans. Above all, he's a liar, an inveterate liar, a compulsive liar.

However, the concept of freedom of the press, as outlined in our Constitution, is that the press, if they so choose, are free not to like whomever

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Community Calendar

August 6, 13, 20, 27

Awareness Program: "Families to Families, Their Life ... Our Dreams;" Mondays – 6 to 8 pm; Kent Branch Library; For adult family members who have loved ones with substance abuse issues – learn about the trends in relationships between gangs, drugs and addiction: 419-213-6582

August 16

Art Loop – "Dog Days of Summer + Cats"

August 18

Lincoln School Community Coalition Second Annual Picnic: 10 am to 3 pm; Old Lincoln School on Detroit
New United Church 4th Annual Five Points Community Baptism: Meet new people, fellowship, enjoy live music, kids' games, petting zoo, bouncy house

August 20

Toledo Public Schools First Day of the 2018-2019 School Year

August 21

Talk Back with Candidate Paula Hicks-Hudson: 6 – 7:30 pm; United Vision Baptist Church; Want to know what state government does for you? Want to learn how the state House of Representatives serves you? Want to give your input on issues that are important to you and your family?

August 25

Pilgrim Church's Annual Parking Lot Party: 6 to 8 pm; Food, live musical entertainment, games: 419-478-6012

September 3

Labor Day Parade!

September 9

An Evening of Prayer of Praise and Worship with Talley and Friends: St Paul AME Zion Church; 5 pm; Featuring Elder Lesley Talley in Concert

September 11

Talk Back with Candidate Paula Hicks-Hudson: 6 – 7:30 pm; New Psalmist Church; Want to know what state government does for you? Want to learn how the state House of Representatives serves you? **Want to give**

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Angry Whites Are On The Move!..Part Two

By Lafe Tolliver, Esq

Guest Column

Since I wrote the above headlined column some weeks ago, other matters have developed that indicate that the chasm in America between whites and blacks is not closing but rather is widening.

Recent developments causing this rift is the upcoming (2) "White Rights Rally" in The District of Columbia, (2) the anniversary of the Charlottesville riot and still no oil upon the waters from Herr Trump, (3) Fox News allowing commentator Laura Ingraham to spew forth a loud dog whistle that the America that "she" knew before now is changing due to drastic shifts in the demographics" and (4) more race baiting histrionics from Herr Trump about black NFL ballers still defying him by taking a knee and (5) Omarosa saying in her, "she said/he said" "tell all" book that Herr Trump is a racist who has used the "N" word.

Where to start...where to begin!

Start at the beginning. If you read several of the daily newspapers and summarize the statistics from the Census Bureau, you will note that "white" Americans will be considered a minority group by the year 2025...give or take a few years.

For some Americans that news drives them apoplectic because in their mind's eye, they see themselves as grasshoppers in the face of giants and thus, in a few short years, they will be unable to take the land or at least continue to monopolize the levers of wealth and power.

If you have been taught and have been accustomed to being the center of the universe and are indoctrinated with a sense of racial superiority and that those "other" people are placed here to do your bidding, that is a gut grabbing statistic to deal with...much less be at peace with it.

For some white Americans, to be told that one day you will not rule the roost by your sheer numbers but that you will have to make peace with black and brown and Asian people as friends, neighbors, in-laws, judges, power brokers, senators and providers of your goods and services, that can be a body blow to your psyche.

If you are antsy about sharing resources and power and wealth with "others," those statistics would make you search for some terra firma by which you can make a stand and, if need be, circle the wagons readying for the fantasy attack or demands of retribution by hordes of angry minorities.

Herr Trump, being of a mindset which sees black men being birthed by female dogs or that Mexicans are rapists and murderers or that immigrants are infecting our country, says in no uncertain terms that people are on the cliff about this race thing in America.

When W.E.B. Dubois said the problem facing America in the future will be the color line and Malcolm X said the chickens have come home to roost and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said that if we do not learn to live together, we shall all hang together, they were prophets speaking to a country that has gone a'whoring after other gods.

America was always reluctant to do the right thing when it came to racial justice and equality. It had to be brought, kicking and screaming, into compliance with basic standard of fairplay and justice in area of equal rights for housing, bank loans, employment, federal benefits, higher education and local policing.

Nothing was done seemingly without a fight, struggle or people losing their lives or freedom over trying to move this leaded rock called America to fulfill its calling as articulated in the Declaration of Independence and the US Constitution.

Now, we have a sitting president who glibly and gladly utters racial provocations to comfort his base and let them know that he is one of them; and that as long as they remain loyal to him, he will run interference for them...but on the condition that they turn a blind eye to his non-stop stream of lies and duplicities.

On this past anniversary of the riot in Charlottesville, Herr Trump had a chance to act presidential but said nothing about the bombastic statements of those Neo Nazis nor has he ever addressed the nation to articulate a positive vision for our two Americas.

He won't and he cannot because he has no moral reservoir from which to draw and much less the credibility to make it sound half way believable.

Herr Trump has never been a person who is comfortable in his skin being cognizant of and accommodating regarding people of color.

Oh sure, he will grin and smile in the presence of a Kanye West and

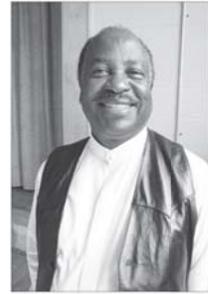
spoofer around with a Don King but when it is time for substantial discussions about race in America, Herr Trump is clueless and A.W.O.L.

So...what is on tap for America from the ranting Tweeter who claims that he alone can solve all of America's problems?

Look for these five signals from Herr Trump to tell you the future state of affairs in these United States: (1) increasing pressure on the NFL owners to punish NFL ballers who continue to kneel (2) aligning more and more with worldwide despots including attacking the media as being unworthy of being credible (3) calling the upcoming mid term elections as a referendum on his presidency and the need for his "base" to turn out in fat numbers (4) continuing to flail away at any legislation that "Obama" passed during his eight years as president and (5) hardening the arteries of civic discourse to the point of Americans not trusting each other in order to advance the common good.

To say the least, these are interesting times. Be vigilant and do not be distracted by issues that are minor red herrings. Herr Trump's goal is to have the truth so maligned that you are confused and misled by his gibberish.

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Betty Sutton Unveils a New Jobs Program

Sojourner's Truth Staff

Betty Sutton, Democratic candidate for lieutenant governor, arrived in Toledo last Friday to announce a new workforce development program that the [Rick] Cordray/Sutton ticket will be advancing over the course of the next three months as the general election approaches. She unveiled the "Better Skills, Better Jobs" program during a tour of Owens Community College's Perrysburg campus.

"For years we've emphasized employers over employees," said Sutton. "We are organizing efforts around one central theme - putting workers first."

The first part of the program, said Sutton, is to "refocus the Workforce Transformation program." That program, which Gov. John Kasich started, places its emphasis on employers, she noted. The Cordray/Sutton administration plans on focusing on the training of employees, in a variety of areas, and use the Workforce Transformation department to bring under one umbrella the 14 different workforce training and development programs that the State of Ohio currently operates. The new administration will turn the concept into "one coherent system," said Sutton.

Secondly, the Cordray/Sutton administration plans to make better use of the \$50 million investment from the federal government to help create jobs. According to Sutton, Ohio will create about two million jobs over the next decade - jobs for which Ohioans are not adequately trained at the moment to fill.

The third part of the plan is to create more apprenticeship opportunities. "Vocational training is a viable path to a new career without the crushing debt that college brings," said Sutton. "And workers can continue to upgrade skills throughout their careers."

"This is a break with decades of how we've approached workforce development," said Sutton. "The emphasis on workers provides workers with an opportunity to get started and to stay on the path."

The "Better Skills, Better Jobs" program will also work with business, particularly small businesses by bringing on a "small business chief to help small businesses navigate the maze" of regulations and requirements they have to deal with now. "We will help employers continue to grow their busi-



Betty Sutton and Sherri Johnson, chairwoman of the Owens Transportation Technology Department

nesses," said Sutton.

While the "Better Skills, Better Jobs" program is a break from the now-established focus on bringing in and retaining businesses, Sutton said the Cordray/Sutton plan will have the same impact on businesses because "it will make us more attractive to employers."

She is not daunted by the prospect of the program being dismantled in the future as administrations change from party to party because she is so convinced, she said, of how well the plan will succeed.

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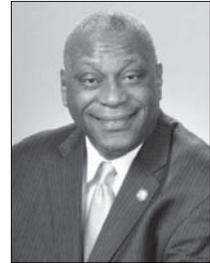
Special to The Truth

State Rep. Michael Ashford (D-Toledo) last week criticized the June passage of House Bill (HB) 402, legislation that raises telephone rates and pulls service from certain markets.

"I voted against this bill because I believe it will place heavy financial burden on aging citizens, low-income individuals and those that live in rural areas," said Ashford. "Ohio consumers could pay an additional \$100 over the next four years and, after the fourth year, phone companies can raise unlimited rates without an approval from the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO). I believe Sub. HB 402 eliminates consumer protection laws that have been in place for over a century. Unfortunately, a rollback on consumer protections is a perfect example of how Ohio Republicans have lined up with President Trump's policies. I believe the rich just get richer."

The bill changes current state law, which ensures the availability of adequate basic local service throughout the state to a policy that allows telecommunications companies to provide service where available. The change in law means telephone companies will not expand service to rural, urban or poor areas of the state. The legislation also gives the companies the ability to raise rates by two dollars each year and provides them with full pricing flexibility or unlimited rate increases with little to no consumer protections from PUCO.

The bill now heads to the Senate for further consideration.



Rep. Michael Ashford

ECOT Supreme Court Case Paves Path for Criminal Convictions, Says Lawmaker

Failed charter school system designed to fund campaigns, not educate children

After the Ohio Supreme Court last week ruled the online charter school ECOT violated state law by fraudulently boosting student attendance records to cheat taxpayers of some \$80 million, state Rep. Teresa Fedor says the next step is holding the operators and founder criminally accountable.

"Today's ruling brings us one step closer to fully understanding the extent of this tangled web of political payoffs and taxpayer fraud," said Fedor. "Elected officials at the highest level of power turned a blind eye to this criminal empire while they took huge sums of campaign cash. Obviously, federal authorities now have an even more important role in independently determining the scope of corruption and malfeasance – not only within the school, but within state government."

Three years after it was exposed that Gov. John Kasich's handpicked charter czar David Hansen, husband of Kasich's chief of staff, was illegally changing charter school grades to allow failing charter schools like ECOT to draw down on more taxpayer funding, little has happened at the Republican-controlled Statehouse to crack down, once and for all, on Ohio's largely unregulated charter school industry.

"There is no doubt that the corrupt charter school system in Ohio was designed, not to help our children prepare for their future, but to help pad Republican campaign coffers," Fedor added. "Today's ruling reiterates what Bill Lager allegedly said, this whole scheme 'isn't about the children.'"

Before last week's court decision, Ohio Supreme Court Justice Pat DeWine

recused himself from the ECOT case a year after hearing oral arguments. DeWine took campaign cash from ECOT, like his father, Attorney General Mike DeWine.

"Charter school corruption in Ohio has been a long and winding road, with numerous stops and breakdowns along the way," said Fedor. "I think today's court decision brings us very close to fully understanding what is at the end of a corrupt road that was paved with political donations, falsified documents and broken promises to our children and families."

The senior DeWine shied away from cracking down on ECOT after some \$80 million in tax dollars was found to be fraudulently received by overinflating student attendance records. After saying there was nothing his office could do, AG DeWine decided to pursue collections of the ill-gotten money after numerous news reports and mounting public pressure.

Over a year ago, an ECOT whistleblower contacted Auditor Dave Yost about fraud and corruption at the school, a call Yost ignored until acknowledging the apparent fraud at ECOT recently. At the time, Fedor called on Yost to thoroughly investigate ECOT and Hansen's illegal data scrubbing at ODE, something Yost failed to do. Yost also took substantial campaign donations from ECOT's founder.



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Lucas County Children Services Board Extends Director's Contract

The Lucas County Children Services Board has voted to extend the contract of executive director Robin Reese. Reese, 52, was first named as LCCS' interim director in September 2015. The board named her as the permanent director in March 2016. Her present contract was due to expire in December 2018, but the board voted at its August 8, 2018 meeting to extend the agreement until December 2020. Reese

is a Toledo native and a graduate of both The Ohio State University and the University of Toledo, where she earned a master's degree in social work. She has worked for Lucas County Children Services in a variety of capacities since 1984.



Lawmaker Eyes Next Step in Resolving Statehouse Discrimination

Civil Rights Commission complaint takes on discriminatory Statehouse security policies

State Rep. Emilia Sykes (D-Akron) is optimistic that four agencies will sit down by the Ohio Civil Rights Commission's (OCRC) Aug. 16 mediation deadline to address racial profiling and discrimination by State Highway Patrol and private guards at the security checkpoints for the Riffe Tower and the Statehouse.

"Now that the State Highway Patrol's self-review is completed, the next step is to sit down with all parties for mediation," said Sykes. "I'm keeping an open mind and remain hopeful that we can come together to ensure everyone is treated equally at their state capitol."

Sykes said that if some parties aren't willing to meet OCRC's mediation deadline, she will rely on the outcome of the commission's independent investigation to determine a final resolution.

"We can improve Ohio by putting this shameful chapter of racial profiling behind

us," Sykes added. "We should create clear, objective and fair policies with all state agencies and departments to ensure safety and equal accommodations while treating everyone with dignity and respect."

Sykes and other black women state legislators expressed concerns when the State Highway Patrol was involved in a number of incidents in which black women lawmakers were questioned and given extra scrutiny while white male lawmakers went freely through security checkpoints.

"The State Highway Patrol and Public Safety Director John Born have never acknowledged even the possibility of bias, but I believe our words and stories will have greater value with an impartial third party like the Civil Rights Commission," Sykes said.

The State Highway Patrol reviewed its own security procedures last week, issuing their own report, and admitting no wrongdoing.

"The bigger issue is, if the State Highway Patrol is profiling elected officials, how are they treating Ohio citizens and other minorities who are coming to the Statehouse? Coming together to have an honest conversation is critical in understanding these issues," Sykes said.

Sykes is calling on the Capitol Square Review and Advisory Board, the Ohio Department of Administrative Services, and the Ohio House of Representatives to join in mediation and encourages the patrol and public services department to sit down as well.



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Assets Toledo 55th Class Holds Graduation Ceremony

By Tricia Hall

Sojourner's Truth Reporter

Assets Toledo has served the Toledo area for years and last week added 22 new graduates to their history of success. The August 10, 2018 ceremony was held at Toledo Mennonite Church on Nebraska, and the church sanctuary was filled with family and friends of the graduates.

"These aren't just students, but my family. You made my life, over the past 12-weeks, beyond exciting. Each of you showed so much excitement and now here you are, in front of your families with your head held high. You are now entering into another world, and I'm excited to see what's next for each of you," said Assets Toledo Executive Director Oliva Holden.

The program began with a social and fellowship hour before the graduation ceremony. Holden opened the ceremony with welcoming remarks, followed by reflections and remarks from the graduates, and the featured keynote speaker Toledo Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz.

The mayor's speech focused on how Toledo has impacted different historical events, including World War II and astronauts going into space. "Toledo has done a lot of wonderful things over the years and we are our worse critics. We built the Jeeps that helped to win World War II. We're never afraid of hard work. None of us know what the future holds, but whatever happens it will be of our own doing," explained Kapszukiewicz.

The mission of Assets Toledo is to assist self-motivated individuals in northwest Ohio who have a personal vision for self-employment and small business initiatives, but limited resources, by providing hands-on-training, peer networking, and support network and capital.

"My nonprofit's main mission is to focus on veterans. There are too many homeless veterans. They serve and give their time, so something has to be done, and someone needs to speak up and advocate for them," explained LaRhonda Walker, Assets graduate.



Assets Graduates

The 55th graduation class: Tonica Ross-Benton, Jean Billops, Ericka Bonds, Dalon Clark Sr, Jabria Easter, TiaTianua Fuller, Christian Hair, Marcel Hampton, Darnisha Harris, Travis Ingram, Jordan Jones, Debra Murphy, Anisa Odoms, Derek Reece S; Tyrell Schuler, Valerie Second, Ayanna Sims, Jennifer Smith, Nancy Smith, Shamika Taylor, Kimberly Temple and LaRhonda Walker.

Assets Toledo sent special thanks to the following contributors to the program: The Andersons' Foundation, Dan Sauder of Sauder Woodworking, Key Bank Foundation, Rupp Seeds Inc, Steve Elzinga, James Brien, Judith A Godsell, Kimberly Friesen for Kevin Friesen, Bob Aschliman, Edward and Carol Nofziger, Kevin and Sandra Sauder, Maynard Sauder, Kenneth Fallows, Dale and Geneva Wyse, Edward L. and Mildred L. Roth Family Foundation, Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Yoder, Mr. and Mrs. Brent Ringenberg, Alta Grieser, Marjorie Grieser, Fifth Third Bank, Frank and Cara Ulrich for Fern Schrock, Doug and Patricia Schmucker, Frank Ulrich, Kevin Friesen and Toledo Mennonite Church.



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Books4Buddies Holds Back to School Events

On Saturday, August 11, Books4Buddies held their annual back-to-school event at Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority's Birmingham Terrace in order to bring free books and snacks to the residents. The "Book Ambassadors" – the students who coordinate the book program – were joined by members of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc and TPS Superintendent Romules Durant, EdD.

Books 4 Buddies is an organization that collects new and gently used books for disadvantaged children and young adults. Over the years, Books 4 Buddies have distributed more than 70,000 books all around northwest Ohio and the world.

In fact, the Book Ambassadors are also from all around the world. This year there are about two dozen ambassadors and three are from other countries – Muhamad Abdallah from Egypt (Sylvania Southview), Blaise Roudet-Milhau from France (Toledo School for the Arts) and Muhammad Tariq from Pakistan (Scott High School).



Dr. Gohara and Laneta Goings



Calvary Baptist Church Holds Back Pack Giveaway

Sojourner's Truth Staff

Calvary Baptist Church, the Rev. Floyd Smith, Jr, pastor, in partnership with Jones Leadership Academy, Ella P. Stewart Girls Academy and Martin Luther King, Jr Boys Academy, held its second annual Back Pack Giveaway on Saturday, August 11, in the church's outside lot.

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Tuesday, August 21

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Thursday, August 16

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Tuesday, August 21

Toledo Early College High School from 5 – 6 p.m.

Wednesday, August 22

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Thursday, August 23

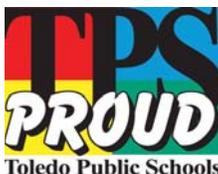
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- Jones Leadership Academy of Business from 5 – 6 p.m.
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- Scott High School from 5:30 – 7 p.m.

Wednesday, August 29

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purview of the county. After that, I became the director of the Toledo office for the State Attorney General's office under Lee Fisher and I did that for several years. And then in 1993, I was elected judge of the Maumee Municipal Court and was judge there for 24 years. And that's in a nutshell what I've been doing professionally for the last two decades.

Perryman: Please talk about your life in Akron prior to coming to Toledo.

Byers: I graduated from Hiram College, which is in northeast Ohio. I actually graduated as a music major and a political science major. And it's kind of funny, you never quite know how things are going to go. For the last 21 years, on Friday afternoons I volunteer at the schools in Maumee and I sing for first and third graders. And I'll sing for a couple hours with the kids on Friday afternoons and it's something that I wouldn't have foreseen when I was an aspiring music major in college, but it's been not only a good experience, mostly for the kids, to see somebody in the community that comes on a regular basis, but also for some of the families that go to some of these schools and have a tough way to go. I know it's also been positive for me because it gave me a perspective when I was a judge as to how things go and what's important and a good experience.

Perryman: Music somewhere has been deemed the universal language. What type of music is your preferred flavor?

Byers: I like a many kinds of music. As far as listening to music, I like jazz. I try to follow Ramona Collins when she's singing. We used to have Dégagé here just a couple blocks from my house we could walk up to and we used to go to that before they closed it. We have a very vibrant music community in Lucas County and there are a lot of good musicians.

Perryman: Who are your favorites?

Byers: Dave Brubeck, I like. Actually, I went to see a group last night, Radio Free Honduras, it's a Latin band and a friend of mine actually plays guitar in the band. They're actually from Chicago, but Dan Abu-Absi is in the band, he's from Toledo and so they were playing at The Village Idiot last night and I went to see them.

Again, with the kids, and I guess this sort of goes along with the fact that I enjoy jazz, I try to teach the kids that you have to do active listening, music

is a participation sport. You have to let it affect you physically and so when I do this thing called active listening where the kids songs that I'm singing with the kids, I change them all the time and a lot of times I'll have the kids interacting with movements or whatever, and when I change it, if they're not listening, then they can't do it. You can understand and let it affect you more if you're actively listening to what's going on, and that's what I like about jazz.

But even a symphony, we like to go to the symphony and they're trying to keep up with the times, which is a good thing. They're doing sort of this electronic media at the same time that you're listening to them perform and so they're focusing on the people that are doing solos or what part of the orchestra that has the lead melody line at that particular moment, and I find it kind of distracting. But they seem to be getting some positive feedback about it, so you've got to change with the times.

Perryman: Well, as I transition from your connection with music to the county commissioners race and your candidacy, you talk about jazz, which features improvisation and freedom of ideas expressed within a defined structure, and then the symphony and orchestra, which is more characterized by scripted structure and predetermined movement in a type of "concerted" coordination of large-scale orchestral parts in order to capture the spirit of the work.

Approximately 84,000 or 19 percent of the county's population of 434,286 (2014 U.S. Census) are black. What ideas do you have that will address the urgent needs of the black community in Lucas County?

Byers: Well, one thing I was involved in when I was a judge and would continue with as a commissioner is the MacArthur Foundation Grant. The purpose of MacArthur Foundation is to reduce minority populations in custody, and actually Lucas County has done some really impressive stuff as far as making major steps in reducing those populations. We got the MacArthur grant and started with this program of pretrial release, that if it's a nonviolent offender, why are these people being kept in custody?

If you have to release them in two weeks, release them now so that first of all it costs less to the county and secondly, the impact on the people that are held in custody that lose their work, it affects their family, it has all of these pejorative results and actually when all the judges in the county started using this tool, that basically nonviolent offenders are likely to come back into court when they're being released immediately rather than waiting down the road. And we had actually reduced pretrial populations by approximately 13 or 14 percent just in a year. But it's been something that other communities are copying and something that we need to continue with. I want to sort of pick up the ball where departing commissioner Carol Contrada left it and continue the good work that she's done on the MacArthur Foundation.

(Our conversation on Byers' ideas for the black community continues next week in Part II)

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Area Office on Aging's Wins 12th National Aging Award for Its Innovative Programs/Services

The National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a) presented the Area Office on Aging of Northwestern Ohio with its 12th national Aging Innovations & Achievement Award for its innovative programs and services.

This year's award recognizes the Area Office on Aging's partnership with Wal-Mart and local farmers to provide fresh fruits and vegetables to grandparents and relatives raising children. In Lucas County, there are 3,661 grandparents who are responsible for the care of their grandchildren. Grandparents who raise their grandchildren are more than twice as likely to be food insecure than older adults who are not raising grandchildren, according to The State of Senior Hunger in America 2016 Report.

The Area Office on Aging is one of the 618 Area Agencies on Aging across the country. The Area Office on Aging is locally known and nationally recognized.

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Summer Partnership a Success

Special to The Truth

Mercy Health participated in a first of its kind "Summer Kids Program" in partnership with The Mareda Center and the Wayman-Palmer YMCA this summer to help reduce summer learning loss and promote health in the central city community surrounding Mercy Health – St. Vincent Medical Center.

This six-week program was the first time that three organizations came together for the benefit of the children living in the surrounding neighborhood. The concept was created by Allisan Perz, director of The Mareda Center and Linda Bert, practice administrator for Mercy Health Physicians along with Eric Williams of the Wayman-Palmer YMCA. This collaborative partnership formed as a result of shared visions on ways to help neighborhood children by creating a fun and meaningful summer experience.

Pat Ricard, practice manager for the internal medicine resident site and Renice Allen, practice manager for the pediatric resident site at Mercy Health led this six-week program in the Community Re-

source Room at the Mercy Health Franklin Avenue Medical Center. As many as 20 children joined in twice weekly sessions to learn about combatting germs, safety in the kitchen, recycling, where food comes from, teamwork on an obstacle course, getting immunizations, and wound care.

"It is our hope that by engaging the children and their families, that health care and family wellness will take on new significance in the lives of our neighborhood," Bert said. We want to help prevent health issues and to promote wellness in this community and we see this as a step to proactive care."



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the press chooses not to like – that's what freedom means. According to the Constitution, the press doesn't have to be nice to the people's elected officials; doesn't have to tell the truth about those elected officials; doesn't have to be fair and balanced. That's according to the Constitution.

What the press does have to do, not according to the Constitution under which it is protected, but according to tradition and in order to achieve success in a capitalistic society, is be "the opinion of the people." The people ultimately decide what they want to read or listen to or watch, and what they read reflects their opinion. If a portion of the press is out of step with a vast majority of the people, they cannot be profitable and find success.

This president's problem with the press is clearly self-inflicted. Many in the press and the public might have guessed or hoped that he would act, well ... presidential ... after he assumed office even though the contempt he showed for the opinion of the people during his campaign was surely an indication of his true sentiment.

In the aftermath of his inauguration, the lies started in a huge way – his statements, his press secretary's statements, the statements from the one press outlet that fawns over him – with the size of his inauguration crowd. And the lies continue – well over 4,000 to date, according to the Washington Post.

If we have rarely seen this much antipathy in the press towards a president, we have surely never seen a president who chooses to do battle so frequently against so many, insulting on an hourly basis the press, allied nations, people of color, folks in the other party, folks in his own party, folks in his own administration and cabinet, folks in the government he leads.

This president antagonizes all around and then expresses dismay at what he perceives to be antagonism focused on him. That is not the manner in which an effective leader operates – with such a thin-skinned belligerence that creates animosity and divides the nation.

This past weekend, the president tweeted that he would approve of a boycott of Harley Davidson, an American company, if they start building motorcycles overseas to sell to their foreign customers. This is a company that will take a huge blow because of the president's tariffs on imported steel, a company that is willing to hold the line on its prices for its U.S. customers in spite of the loss. This president is suggesting that Americans boycott this American company in favor of foreign manufacturers because they will build products overseas just as he has done with his clothing products. How can a president speak this way of an American manufacturing company?

The list goes on. This president wants his voice heard at any moment, on every occasion, about every issue. He also wants to be the only voice on

each and every issue. However, even if he were inclined to be truthful in his remarks, he would still get pushback – that's what happens to the leader of the free world. The lies ensure such pushback.

If there is an enemy of the American people, it is most assuredly not the press.

"The only security of all is in a free press. The force of public opinion cannot be resisted when permitted freely to be expressed. The agitation it produces must be submitted to. It is necessary, to keep the waters pure." Thomas Jefferson - 1823

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The event, which included food, games and activities for children, was organized by the church's Deacons Ministry, under the guidance of Deacon Tucker, chairman, and Deacon Taylor, co-chairman.

The Ministry raised enough funds this year to give away 200 back packs, all filled with school supplies for the upcoming year.



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emergency rooms last year because of falls. Last year, 1,160 Ohioans age 65+ died as a result of a fall. Many medications and health conditions can contribute to a higher risk of falls.

Two of the programs that the Area Office of Aging and Walgreens are promoting to help seniors are A Matter of Balance and tai chi. On Tuesday, the Area Office on Aging's Robert Sullivan was on hand to demonstrate A Matter of Balance and the Asian Center brought in more than a dozen club members to demonstrate tai chi.

Sullivan pointed out three exercises – knee raise, knee extension and heel raise – that strengthen lower body muscles – along with exercises designed to help cope with chronic pain.

According to Harvard Medical School: "Tai chi is often described as 'meditation in motion,' but it might well be called 'medication in motion.' There is growing evidence that this mind-body practice, which originated in China as a martial art, has value in treating or preventing many health problems. And you can get started even if you aren't in top shape or the best of health ... Tai chi differs from other types of exercise in several respects. The movements are usually circular and never forced, the muscles are relaxed rather than tensed, the joints are not fully extended or bent, and connective tissues are not stretched. Tai chi can be easily adapted for anyone, from the most fit to people confined to wheelchairs or recovering from surgery."

Certainly if the demonstration on August 7 at Walgreen's is any indication, tai chi might be just the thing for many a senior citizen. Seniors showed of their mastery of the ancient exercise and one senior, Ming Jeung, in particular, spoke of the benefits she has felt over the years. She does tai chi regularly at the Asian Center.

Ming Jeung, by the way, is 101 years old!

Social Security Column

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By Erin Thompson, Social Security Public Affairs Specialist in Toledo, OH

Guest Column

August might be the last of the months that people think of when we say "summer vacation," but it's by no means the least. People are still taking trips and hosting family while enjoying America's beaches and national parks. Social Security might not be on the top of your to-do list when you're on vacation, but we've made it so easy to do business with us online that you can connect with us pool-side or on the go. We are constantly expanding our online services to give you freedom and control in how you wish to conduct business with us. Our online services help you plan for the future and keep you in control of your benefits. You can go online to:

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How Not to Get Shot – And Other Advice From White People by D.L. Hughley and Doug Moe

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

The Truth Contributor

Stop.

Put your hands in the air and don't move. Keep 'em where they can be seen. Get down, get down, get down, get on the ground! Those are words that nobody wants to hear but read *How Not to Get Shot* by D. L. Hughley and Doug Moe, and you'll know exactly how to react.

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For most of your life – and, for that matter, for most of your Mama's life, your Grandad's life, possibly your Great-Grandad's life – white people have been telling black folks what to do. That's why you need this book; in fact, it "might be the most important book you buy this year..." because it's by a black man who translates the confusing parts of what white people say to black people. It's a book for black people, but Hughley recommends that you pass it around because there's always gonna be somebody next.

The first thing you need to know might be the most important: how not to get shot. To start, learn how to "comply with police orders," because black people, says Hughley, are "very target-y-looking." If you're a mind-reader, that's good; that's what you really need to be.

Look online and you'll see that white people have made it simple: "Don't break the law and you won't get shot." Other things you might want to remember: Don't use your pockets. Don't reach for a weapon, a driver's license, or dreams. Anything can look like a gun, so don't carry anything, ever, at any time.

"Do be an angel," but understand that things will still get "twisted" to make you look bad if you're arrested – even when you're innocent. Don't drive a car that's too nice. Never accidentally get lost in unfamiliar neighborhoods. Dress "less threatening" and "don't match the description." If you have to have tattoos, "get ones that are butterflies or Smurfs..."

Know your history. And if somebody brings up the subject of taking a knee and the NFL, remind them "who brought politics into the sport in the first place."

In a sea of humor books that are not funny at all, *How Not to Get Shot* is refreshing because it's very funny, in the most sarcastic way possible.

And yet, authors D.L. Hughley and Doug Moe have managed to do something unique: they'll make you snort just before they leap into serious-as-a-judge territory. No, this book isn't ha-ha-hilarious all the time; it's stand-up comedy on a page, but it's also edgy and biting, and it talks to readers about things they've already been thinking but perhaps just haven't said. Hughley and Moe offer humor – but also commentary about events, past and current; real advice, usable and solid; as well as shared outrage.

And so. This book is funny, no matter how you cut it. It'll make you want to read bits of it aloud to your friends – but it's also sobering and nothing to laugh about. Once you start *How Not to Get Shot*, though, you'll love it and you'll never want to

Stop.



How Not to Get Shot author

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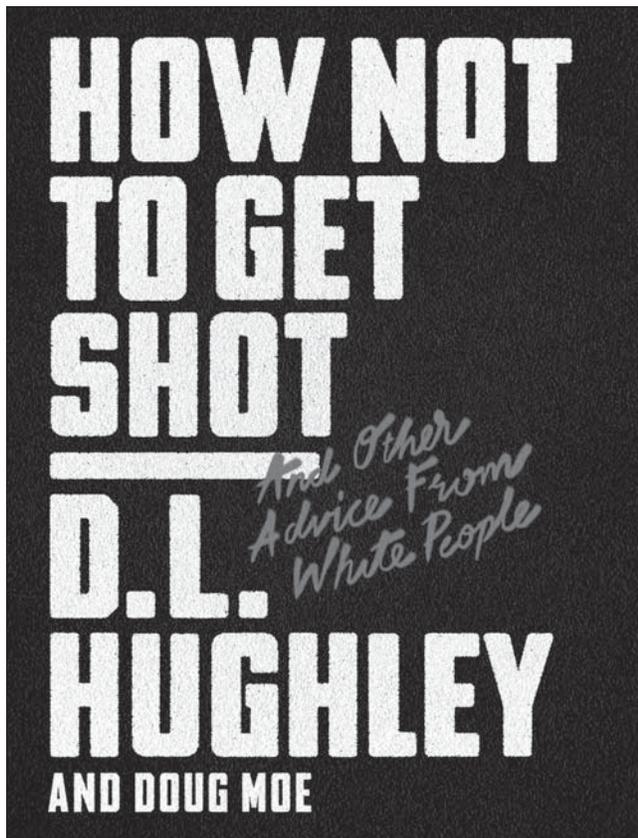
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Area Office on Aging VP of Health, Nutrition and Wellness Dr. Rebecca Liebes, Area Office on Aging President/CEO Billie Johnson and The National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a) Board President Kathryn C. Boles at the award presentation

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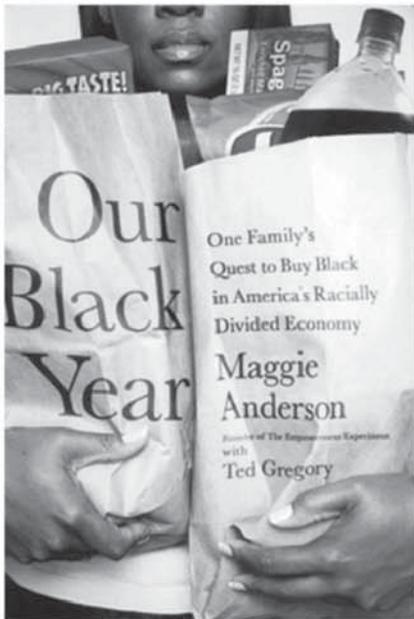
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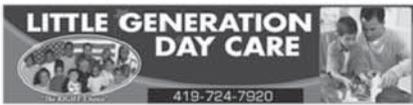
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Area Office on Aging and Walgreen's Pharmacy Form Partnership to Raise Awareness of Older Adult Falls

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The Area Office on Aging of Northwestern Ohio, and other area agencies on aging around the state, have partnered with Walgreen's Pharmacy to raise awareness of older adult falls and to strengthen pharmacy relationships with and referrals to local senior services. The two groups held an announcement of the partnership on Tuesday, August 7, at the Walgreen's at 5815 Secor with a demonstration of two programs designed to help seniors reduce the risk of falling.

Falls are the leading cause of injury-related emergency department visits, hospitalizations and death among older adults. According to the Ohio Department of Health, there were 81,275 older Ohioans age 65+ who visited

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Robert Sullivan demonstrating the knee extension



and a heel raise

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- **12 Front/Starr** - one Sunday morning inbound trip time adjustments
- **15A Summit/Suder/Alexis** - one Sunday morning inbound trip: time adjustments
- **17E Lagrange/Eleanor via Miracle Mile** - one weekday afternoon inbound trip time adjustment
- **22 Bancroft via UT Campus/Franklin Park** -weekends-only inbound curbside service at Franklin Park Mall
- **27N Nebraska/Angola-Wenz** - one weekday morning inbound trip time adjustment

SCHOOL DAYS-ONLY UPDATES

- **27A/B/C Reynolds Road Crosstown** - morning schedule adjustments
- **34A/B/C Airport Highway Crosstown** - morning and afternoon schedule, and routing adjustments

NO changes:

- **11A/B East Broadway Crosstown**
- **18A/B/C Sylvania Avenue Crosstown**
- **20A/B Upton Avenue Crosstown**
- **36A/B Hawley Street Crosstown**
- **37A/B Central Avenue Crosstown**

UT-ONLY ROUTES UPDATES

- **BLUE** - Main Campus, The University of Toledo: Lancelot Thompson Student Union; Center for Performing Arts; Driscoll Alumni Center; Transportation Center; Gateway Plaza; Palmer Hall; Rocket Hall
- **GOLD** - Main Campus, The University of Toledo: Lancelot Thompson Student Union; Center for Performing Arts; Driscoll Alumni Center; Transportation Center; Gateway Plaza; Palmer Hall; Rocket Hall
- **SCOTT** - Main/Scott Park/The Flats



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