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# **Gem-olitics: The Role of County Commissioner as Science and Art**

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

The Truth Contributor



Being an artist, I had an artist's instincts... You can see the picture before it's taken; then it's up to you to get the camera to see

– James Van Der Zee

Informed decision-making challenges contemporary politicians to approach the complex systemic problems of 21st century urban communities from creative angles and, often, unconventional points of view.

I spoke with Sandy Spang, a political independent and candidate for the Lucas County Board of Commissioners in the November 6 general election. Spang has been able to wed her ability, as an artist, to boundlessly "capture the energy and essence" of an issue, with her pragmatic, systemized and fixed approach as a real estate investor, into a unique political philosophy.

This is part one of our two-part discussion.

**Perryman:** You have been both elected and re-elected to serve on Toledo City Council. However, many people might not know about you and the impetus for your public service.

**Spang:** I was born in Toledo, the youngest of three children. My oldest brother, whom we lost last year at age 62, had Down Syndrome. That, of course, was a very formative experience in my life. I'm still currently very involved with the developmental disabilities community. I was always a fighter for Steve, I always wanted to make sure that things went as well as they could for him and maybe that in some ways has influenced my commitment to public service today. So that was an important part of my growing up.

Perryman: How about your education and professional experience?

**Spang:** I graduated from Bowsher High School. I went to Bowling Green State University and have a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree and specialized in glass on metal and worked my way through college working for the old Keidan's jewelry chain. I sold a lot of people their engagement rings. And I worked full time while I went to college and when I graduated I went on to become a gemologist and at the age of 24 became a diamond buyer for Keidan's nine stores. So that was a wonderful early career for me.

And for the middle of my life when my husband and I were raising our family, we built our rental property portfolio. I often say that a lot of local government is really about property management, about making sure that things are maintained and so that experience was very valuable to me.

More recently, and people may know this the most about me, is that I opened several coffee shops and so that has also been a valuable experience. I employ

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The Sojourner's Truth, 1811 Adams Street, Toledo, OH 43604 Phone 419-243-0007 \* Fax 419-255-7700 thetruth@thetruthtoledo.com about 20 people and so my experience as an employer and a small business owner has come along with me as well. So I think all of those experiences have been useful to me as an elected official.

**Perryman:** So given your artistic background and early professional experience, would it be safe to say, generally, that you know a gem when you see one, so to speak?

**Spang:** I do, and it's very interesting because when you're training to be a gemologist, and



Councilwoman Sandy Spang

I took classes in Chicago and in New York City, so much of it is about being able to discern the true gem from the false gem, from the artificial or the fake, and so isn't that also true in life?

**Perryman:** Can you elaborate how recognizing a true gem might relate to politics?

**Spang:** It's really important to be a researcher and also to look below the surface of any issue that comes before you. As an elected official we have to look deeper. So when I approach any issue as an elected official I want to know the history of it. How did we get here? What are the factors that brought us to the point that this is the way we do things? And I want to know how are people doing things differently in other places and what are the possibilities for us. And so I think that research which I learned to do when I was young has been really valuable to me. I try to follow a pattern when I'm approaching an issue. I begin

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### **Community Calendar**

#### 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 Calvary MBC Roses of Calvary Flower Ministry 9th Anniversary: 4 pm; Guests Pastor Jerry Bose and Second Baptist of Monclova

#### 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 your input on issues that are important to you and your family?

#### September 15

St. Mark MBC Pre-Women's Day Luncheon: 11 am; "I Choose Love: Choosing to Follow Christ;" Speaker Arielle Johnson and panel: 419-460-0389 or 419-536-5656

#### September 15-16

St. Paul MBC Annual Women's Day Weekend: Saturday luncheon 11 am to 2 pm – speaker Min. Anita Bass of United MBC; Sunday service at 10:45 am – speaker Elder Janae Hicklin from Canaan Manifested Word

#### September 22

Flanders Road Church of Christ Clothing Give-away: 10am to 1 pm; Fpr men, women, children of all ages

# State Democratic Party's Outreach to Minorities

There is a conversation happening right now about whether the Democratic Party provides enough support and outreach to the African-American community, even as it is readily apparent that our community -- particularly black women -- are the most loyal voting bloc in the party.

Year after year, we've seen black women organizing in the neighborhoods, turning out their friends and family to vote.

But that loyalty and dedication is not always rewarded.

The Ohio Democratic Party is working to change that, and they've created a Minority Engagement Program -- led by Ron McGuire, the longtime district director for Congresswoman Joyce Beatty, and staffed by local consultants who come from the community -- to ensure the Democratic Party is reaching out, and more importantly, listening to African-American voters.

"We started our work in the spring, holding roundtables to learn about what was working -- and what isn't working -- in minority communities across the state," said McGuire. "Sometimes there were some tough things we needed to hear, but that's what this was all about. Then we took what we heard and what we learned, and we turned that into an action plan, not just for 2018, but for 2019 and beyond, too. That's because we can't just keep showing up during an election year and asking for someone's vote; we have to build and rebuild relationships, and we need to be present 365 days a year, whether there's an election coming up or not."

The minority engagement team is connecting with local faith leaders, organizing events in small businesses like barbershops and beauty salons and reaching out to Black Greek organizations to educate and empower African-American voters.

"As African Americans, we've all seen what's been happening in this country since President Obama left office," said McGuire. "The most important thing is to let folks know that they have the power to do something about it. There is strength and power in numbers, but we only have that power if we organize and vote. And after that, we have to hold our elected officials accountable once they're in office."

McGuire emphasized that issues like health care and criminal justice reform are all on the ballot in 2018.

Republicans like Mike DeWine and Jim Renacci want to repeal Obamacare, take away protections for people with pre-existing conditions like asthma and diabetes and defund programs that help fight infant mortality. Meanwhile, Sen. Sherrod Brown and Rich Cordray would protect Obamacare, defend Medicaid expansion, which has provided health coverage to 700,000 Ohioans, and keep funding for Planned Parenthood.

This fall Ohio voters will decide whether to approve a constitutional amendment that would reform sentencing, divest from prisons and invest



in communities. In addition to reclassifying minor drug possession offenses as misdemeanors, the ballot initiative would also end the probation-to-prison pipeline.

The Ohio Democratic Party's minority engagement team will be talking with voters about these issues and more from now through Election Day.

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# Goodwill Industries of Northwest Ohio Hosts Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for New Job Connection Center

Nonprofit Makes New Leaps in Preparing Toledoans for the Workforce

On August 20, 2018, Goodwill Industries of Northwest Ohio hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony to announce the opening of its new, state-of-the-art Job Connection Center embedded in its store at DeVeaux Village Shopping Center.

"The purpose of the Job Connection Center is to link job seekers with area employers through job readiness, employment training and placement services," said Amy Wachob, president/CEO of Goodwill Industries. "Goodwill is proud to collaborate with other nonprofit partners in an effort to provide a holistic approach to workforce development."



For over 85 years, Goodwill has provided employment and job training for thousands of people with disabilities and work-related disadvantages. Goodwill serves people with barriers to employment, by providing job training, employment placement services, and other community-based programs. This new Job Connection Center will allow Goodwill to help a greater number of individuals throughout Northwest Ohio seeking employment.

"Goodwill leadership has met with community leaders, public officials, business owners and focus groups," said Wachob. "We asked, what is the missing piece that businesses are identifying that will help people who want a job, connect with an employer? The overwhelming response is the need fcr job readiness candidates who come to work prepared. The Job Connection Center, through Goodwill and its partners, is designed to meet that need. This space will allow employers throughout Northwest Ohio an opportunity to link with job ready candidates."

To learn about more positive impact Goodwill has made in Northwest Ohio communities, visit www.goodwillnwohio.com.



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### In Cooperation with the Congressional Black Caucus, the National Urban League Launches Jobs and Justice Tour

National Urban League President and CEO Marc Morial and CBC Members Will Travel to Several Cities to Discuss Policies that Will Help the African-American Community

In cooperation with the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC), the National Urban League today launched a multi-city Jobs and Justice tour. During the tour, the National Urban League and its local affiliates will lead a series of town hall discussions about policies that will increase the upward social mobility of African-American families, and help ensure equal protection under the law. The town hall discussions will also focus on how African-Americans can use their voice and vote to change their communities and the country. CBC members will participate in these discussions.

"Whether we call it recovery, rehabilitation, or relief, it is past time for our government to demonstrate that very same commitment to our own struggling urban families and communities that was shown when Europe needed rebuilding after the World War II, Afghanistan following the War on Terror, and Wall Street during the financial crisis," said Marc H. Morial, National Urban League's President and CEO. "Urban communities and infrastructure have been shattered, not by bombs and tanks, but by malfeasance and indifference. The Jobs and Justice Act, which incorporates the Main Street Marshall Plan, is the legislative solution to strategically and comprehensively rebuild urban and rural America."

The tour is named after the CBC's comprehensive 1,300-page Jobs and Justice Act of 2018, which was introduced by CBC Chairman Cedric L. Richmond (LA-02) in May and includes the National Urban League's Main Street Marshall Plan to address economic and social inequities and injustices, as well as individual pieces of legislation introduced by almost every member of the CBC. Both the National Urban League and the CBC hope the legislation will serve as a guiding light for any White House, major legislative caucus, or member of Congress who claims to care about Black, urban or rural communities.

"Some folks would have you believe that our community is doing well because African-American unemployment is at a historic low, which is the result of policies and programs implemented by the Obama Administration. But the African-American unemployment rate is not a good barometer of our community's success. When African-Americans were slaves and sharecroppers, African-American unemployment was 0 percent, but I don't think anyone would say that our community was doing well then," CBC Chairman Cedric L. Richmond said. "As a result of racism and discrimination in our country, African-Americans still face a number of economic and social barriers that the federal government can and should help our community address since it was and still is complicit in building them. Although we have come a long way, we still

have a long way to go, and the Jobs and Justice Act of 2018 will help us get there."

#### <u>Initial Tour Dates</u> Michigan

Host: Urban League of Detroit and Southeastern Michigan

• Event Information • Thursday, Au-

gust 23, 2018, 10:00 – 11:30 AM ET

• Luella Hannan Memorial Foundation Building (Hannan House), 4750 Woodward Ave, Detroit, MI 48201

• Participants

• Rep. Brenda Lawrence (MI-14)

• N. Charles Anderson, President and CEO, Urban League of Detroit and Southeastern Michigan

Marc Morial

#### Pennsylvania

Host: Urban League of Philadelphia

• Event Information

- Friday, September 7, 2018, 5:00 7:00 PM ET
- PICO (Energy Hall), 2301 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA
- Participants
  - Rep. Dwight Evans (PA-02)
  - Andrea Custis, President and CEO, Urban League of Philadelphia
  - National Urban League President and CEO Marc H. Morial

More cities will be announced in the coming weeks.





# **Social Security Fast-Tracks Decisions for People with Severe Disabilities**

#### Agency Expands Compassionate Allowance List

Nancy A. Berryhill, Acting Commissioner of Social Security, last week announced five new Compassionate Allowance conditions: Fibrolamellar Cancer, Megacystis Microcolon Intestinal Hypoperistalsis Syndrome (MMIHS), Megalencephaly Capillary Malformation Syndrome (MCAP), Superficial Siderosis of the Central Nervous System, and Tetrasomy 18p. Compassionate Allowances is a program to quickly identify medical conditions and serious diseases that meet Social Security's standards for disability benefits.

"For nearly a decade, the Compassionate Allowance list has helped us identify and fast-track cases where individuals have diseases that are most likely to be approved for disability benefits," said Acting Commissioner Berryhill. "Social Security is committed to ensuring Americans with qualifying disabilities quickly receive the benefits they need."

The Compassionate Allowances program identifies claims where the applicant's disease or condition clearly meets Social Security's statutory standard for disability. Due to the severe nature of many of these conditions, these claims are often allowed based on medical confirmation of the diagnosis alone. To date, over 500,000 people with serious disabilities have been approved through this fast-track policy-compliant disability process. The list has grown to a total of 233 conditions, including diseases such as pancreatic cancer, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), and acute leukemia.

The agency incorporates leading technology to easily identify potential Compassionate Allowances and make quick decisions. For disability cases not covered by this program, Social Security's Health IT brings the speed and efficiency of electronic medical records to the disability determination process. When a person applies for disability benefits, Social Security must obtain medical records in order to make an accurate determination. It may take weeks for health care organizations to provide records for the applicant's case. With electronic records transmission, Social Security is able to quickly obtain a claimant's medical information, review it, and make a determination faster than ever before.

For more information about the program, including a list of all Compassionate Allowances conditions, please visit www.socialsecurity.gov/compassionateallowances.

To learn more about Social Security's Health IT program, please visit www. socialsecurity.gov/hit.

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## Toledo City Council Votes To Place Regional Water Commission Question on November Ballot

Toledo City Council voted 11-0 during a special meeting last week to approve a request from the Kapszukiewicz administration to place a question on the November ballot that, if approved, would amend the city charter to create a new regional water commission.

"Leadership requires more than words, it requires action, and that is what the City of Toledo did today," Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz said. "After 40 years of discussion and debate, we voted to create a regional water system that protects ratepayers, gives our suburbs decision-making power, and saves our region hundreds of millions of dollars. This is only one step in the process, but make no mistake, it is a historic step."

The regional water commission would be made up of the utility directors from each member community. The board would include one member from each suburban community and two appointed by Toledo.

The commission, if approved by voters, will recommend water rates and capital improvement projects at the Collins Park Water Treatment Plant. Under the commission, Toledo and Lucas County will pay a retail rate with meter-reading and maintenance services included. Suburban communities will pay a uniform wholesale rate. Meter-reading will remain the responsibility of those communities. The regional water commission would also ensure protections important to Toledoans like low income-assistance, a senior discount, and lead line replacement.

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with the research, the study, and then comes the listening and talking to people to get different points of view, and then of course it's time to act. You have to make the decision.

**Perryman:** Specifically how does your approach apply to your work, should you be elected, on the board of commissioners?

**Spang:** The county commissioner's position is an administrative role, so in many ways you're implementing the policies that are set at the state level. That requires that you have broad knowledge. You have to have that understanding of, as I mentioned earlier, property management. How do you keep the roads paved, the grass cut, that kind of practical thing, but at the same time you need to be able to address those things that make Lucas County a good place to live. You have to know why we're not growing as a county. From our peak of population, we've lost about 50,000 citizens and so you have to be able to assess what it is going to take to grow Lucas County. So I think being willing to do the research, to be a learner, a lifetime learner, is very important. So I'll bring that openness to the position, that willingness to learn.

**Perryman:** Should you be successful, you will join two Democrats on a board that has not had a non-Democrat to serve in many, many years. Given your background as a gemologist and as an art major, will it take it take art or science to serve with commissioners Pete Gerken and Tina Skeldon-Wozniak, both who are long-term Democrats?

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### Artist Yusuf Lateef Brings It All Together At Momentum 2018

By Megan Davis

The Truth Contributor

If there is one thing Toledo has, it is a thriving artist community. In collaboration with The Toledo Symphony and sponsored by Promedica, the Toledo Arts Commission is presenting a three-day festival of the arts along the up and coming Riverfront downtown. One artist whose work has been woven into the landscape of the Glass City is Yusuf Lateef, who, in partnership with fellow artist Julia Labay Darrah, will be presenting an interactive piece during the Momentum festival next month.

Yusuf Lateef's artistry is inspired by life around him and he creates using a variety of media from paint and chalk to music and sculpting. If you've ever attended one of his exhibitions, you may recall seeing scenes, images and abstracts illustrated onto doors, frames, chairs and more traditionally, canvas. His remarkable eye and pensive approach to his work can transform the most unassuming item into a masterpiece, and may illustrate a story, raise awareness about a cause or advocate for someone whose voice may have been muted.

Lateef's artistic abilities are coupled with philanthropy which has allowed him to create thought- provoking murals throughout Toledo that have revitalized areas where abandoned buildings, which had sat empty, are now occupied with new businesses.

From his perspective, Lateef sees Momentum as a segue, joining art with the community for the sake of coming together and he and Darrah's contribution to the festival is providing an interactive "environment" centered around "Family." Although he knew about the event last year, he was unable to attend, yet when his colleague Julia approached him with the proposal requirements in hand for this year, she asked him if he had known about it, following up with a decision to collaborate on an idea which he describes as "connection as adjunct professors at Bowling Green State University, where both obtained their master's degrees in Fine Art; Darrah as a sculptor and Lateef as a painter.

While the perception of the interactive piece, entitled "All Together No," is in the eye of the beholder, both artists have evolved through their career as their directions have shifted in regards to how we they and use materials. They are both parents as well as working

artists. There are many challenges to supporting a family while having an arts practice. "I feel like, in some ways, those challenges work in our favor. I think it makes us more empathetic to what's happening in the world in small familial ways as well as larger social aspects." said Lateef. Their piece embodies the creative drive that strives to recognize opportunities to see beyond the normal day to day.

When asked about his experience as an African-American artist in Toledo, Lateef stated that, "I think that I inherently provide some interpretation of the African-American experience within the

context of the creative process and collaboration. I feel like I am a part of a larger family of community members that both benefit from and provide opportunities for others to see themselves within this Toledo tapestry."

Yusuf Lateef's work spans more than two decades, closely working with The



A part of the All Together Now exhibition, created by Artists Yusuf Lateef and Victoria

Toledo Arts Commission, Young Artists At Work (YAAW) and Radiant City

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# The Lincoln School Community Coalition Festival

Sojourner's Truth Reporter

Food, fun, and fellowship describe the community festival held on Saturday, August 18, 2018. The family friendly event was the second annual, and was organized by the Lincoln School Community Coalition at the park located at the corner of Lincoln and N. Detroit.

The residents and former students of Lincoln School were invited to enjoy free food and beverages, bouncy houses for the kids, live band and music,



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# The Third Dorr Street ... Live Overcomes the Foul Weather

The skies started clearing at noon on Saturday, August 25, permitting the third annual "Dorr Street ... Live" community festival to open and to welcome vendors and guests to the event at the corner of Dorr and Collingwood.

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#### Audrey Madyun, Demetria Simpson, Cecelia Adams, Bernadette Joy Graham





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Rev. W.L. Perryman and M.C. Bernadette Joy Graham



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# Fall 2018 updates effective August 19

On Sunday, August 19, 2018, the TARTA fall route schedule will begin. While some routes will be affected by routing and time changes, new timetables and maps are available at **TARTA.com/Fall2018** 

#### LINE SERVICE UPDATES

- 3 North/South Crosstown inbound curbside service at Franklin Park Mall
- 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 -weekendsonly 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

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and also screening services by local agencies. This volunteer-led organization currently has six active members with hopes of recruiting additional Lincoln neighborhood residents.

"One of our man goals is neighborhood revitalization. We want the community to know we are here. We want to eventually start restoring the old homes in the neighborhood, to make this feel more like a community again," explained Michele Williams, Lincoln School Community Coalition president.

The one-day gathering was made possible by donations from the following community partners: Lincoln School Community Coalition, City of Toledo Department of Neighborhoods, United Way, Local 500, Courcilman Tyrone Riley, Red & White Super Market and St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church.

"This is a great thing that the community can come together and have fun, right in their own backyard. It's about showing unity, allowing neighbors to know neighbors, and kids having fun in their backyard," shared Councilman Tyrone Riley.

Coalition members include: Presiden: Michele Williams; Treasurer Charlotte Pryor-Martin; and advisors: Kenny Smith, Leo Tate, Riley, and Rev. James Willis. Residents who are interested in joining the coalition to plan future events are asked to contact St. Paul MBC, where regular meetings are held.



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The festival, sponsored by the African American Legacy Project, and President Robert Smith, is a free public event with the goal of rekindling the spirit of the community with food, fun, exceptional entertainment and much more.

This year's festival included a special tribute to the late John Moore, one of the founding board members of the African American Legacy Project. Moore, who passed away on June 20 of this year – banker, college administrator, entrepreneur, author – spent his early years as a resident of the Brand Whitlock Homes, and overcame that period of poverty to become one of the Toledo area's leading citizens. His daughter, Audrey Madyun, accepted commemorative plaques presented by Toledo City Councilwom-an Cecelia Adams, PhD, and Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority President Demetria Simpson.

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Arts, utilizing improvisation, creative writing, music production and visual arts workshops to inspire youth to explore and express their artistic gifts.

Most recently, Lateef completed a mural project for the Parkridge Community Center in Ypsilanti, Michigan in partnership with the Youth Arts Alliance, founded by *Heather Martin* and was assisted by his nephew, artist Jalilurahman Lateef, who is the son of Imani Lateef, graphic arts designer.

Young Lateef appeared at the unveiling of the mural, sharing his experience with attendees. During the project Yusuf Lateef worked with youth partners currently in the juvenile justice system to create a mural representing the pride and identity of the Parkridge community while mentoring area youngsters.

The All Together Now interactive exhibition can be experienced during Momentum which runs September 13-15 and also features hot glass demonstrations along with musical performances, inflatable art installations, a tour of art in public places and closes with a Mini Maker Faire. The full schedule can be found on www.momentumtoledo.org and is free and open to the public.



### The Sojourner's Truth

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Country Club. The event featured a dinner, dancing, cash bar, a DJ, raffles, door prizes and a lot of photos and memorabilia from the school years.



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Libbey Football Teammates Sheriff John Tharpe, Dennis Frank, Ray Pozniak



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Organizing Committee...L To R Front Row - Andrea Mandoza, Cheryl Tyler Folsom, Gloria Ganchou, Lynn Suter Siler, Back - Pat Markland, Doug Hancock, Kary Sauer, William Ellis

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Thomas of St. Stephens.

This year's weekend alumni event was organized by Jon Glover and Tyrone Cleveland





Lisa Kemp-Hightower 1993 and Charles Hightower 1992

Loretta Taylor 1982, Mart Martinea Howze 1992, Atan

Martha Odom 1989, Atanya Hayes, 1988, Mary Keyes 1989



Kim Johnson 1984



Chaelle Boykin, Patreece Applewhite, Marquita and Derek Ford



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# *On Point: Zayd Saleem, Chasing the Dream* by Hena Khan

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

The Truth Contributor

In your lifetime, you've done many amazing things.

You learned to walk. Imagine how hard that was, and you did it! You learned to make words and put them into sentences, which is no easy feat, either. You know how to get to school, do math, read, and play ball. But, as in the new book **On Point by Hena Khan**, could something be holding you back from greatness?



For weeks and weeks before try-outs, Zayd Saleem practiced his shots, dribbles, and lay-ups for a better chance at joining the best fourth-grade basketball team in the whole entire league. No kid was happier than Zayd when he finally made it – and the bonus was that his best friend, Adam, was on the team, too.

And that was great – it gave Zayd more time to hang out with Adam, and it allowed them more time to play ball. But then the basketball team started doing poorly, losing games by a lot of points. Adam was the team captain, but he began hanging out with some other, older boys who preferred football.

Zayd was afraid that his best friend had lost interest in hoops, especially when Adam skipped basketball practice a couple of times, and that made Zayd sad. He figured the team was as good as done, but then Coach dropped a bombshell: Adam was out for awhile and Zayd was on point!

But how could that be? Zayd wasn't sure how to tell Coach that he wasn't ready! He wasn't aggressive enough, or fast enough to move the ball along in play. He wasn't nearly as good as Adam but with Adam gone, what were the choices?

Practice, practice, practice. That was the only option, and as Zayd thought about an upcoming game, he also thought about his beloved Jamal Mamoo's predicament: Jamal Mamoo had recently gotten engaged but everybody had an opinion about the wedding. Zayd could tell that Jamal Mamoo and Nadia Aunty were not happy about their ceremony becoming something they didn't want. He practiced and thought, until the answer was finally clear. Was it possible that the so-



lution for both of them was the same?

Here's the first thought about On Point: though it's based in basketball, your child doesn't have to be a basketball fan to like it.

Indeed, author Hena Khan is careful to use correct terms in this hoops-book, but they (and other words) are quietly explained within the story itself, usually by its main character. Readers unfamiliar with bball are even schooled on the title's meaning, but not in a

manner that's off-putting to kids who already know.

That's perhaps what's going to put this book in a youngster's hands. What will keep it there is the story itself, which is one of tradition, confidence, and learning to lead, but it's not a preachy message.

All around, that makes *On Point* a truly appealing book, both for kids and for parents who want subtle lessons learned. If that's true for your seven-to-10-year-old, then this book should do it.

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**Spang:** I am going to say it's both. The science comes first, but then once you have all the facts, the art comes into play because of the need to listen and bring people together. I've been on city council as one voice in a body of 12 where you have to learn to work with folks to come to a consensus on issues. It will be the same in developing administrative policies with the commissioners. It's about working with your colleagues. That's where something of the art comes in. So I think there is a bit of both art and science necessary.

**Perryman:** So where would you see the need for using broad or bold brush strokes compared to where more finesse, as a strategy, might be required to move someone towards a certain action? Do you have a preference in the type of technique you will use in governing?

**Spang:** Well, I'm never afraid to take a bold position or stand alone, but I think I would lean more towards the finesse end of the spectrum. I think that you have to be able to make your case and sometimes to educate others, to integrate their point of view with yours, so I think I would come down more on the side of finesse. But at the same time, there are times when governance just requires that you take that strong stand.

**Perryman:** How much of a challenge do you expect to have in reaching a consensus with the two existing commissioners?

**Spang:** There's nothing more powerful than someone who truly believes in the position they're taking. And if you've done the homework and research, you've listened to the community, been thoughtful about the issue and you've developed a position, then I think that you try to present your point of view and listen to the other point of view. Both of these commissioners are very experienced, Tina has a background in social work, and they both have long streaks as commissioners.

So, a major part of this is learning from them, listening to them, but then bringing a fresh perspective, and I think that's what I would do. I think I would bring fresh eyes to the job.

(To be continued)

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### The Sojourner's Truth



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#### "PEACES OF ART"

"Peaces' of Art" a banquet, silent and live auction, to benefit The Padua Center, will be held October 14, 2018 at 5:00 pm at the Sullivan Center at Gesu Parish, 2049 Parkside Blvd., Toledo, Ohio Art work, stitchery, and other items will be in the silent auction. Art work created by the Padua Center children will be the centerpiece of the live auction. Tickets and other information can be obtained from The Padua Center. e-mail: thepaduacenter@gmail. com, website: paduacenter.org, or call 419-241-6465.

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Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority (LMHA) will receive sealed bids for **Snow Removal Services, Zones 1,2,3,4. Each IFB must be bid separately.** Received in accordance with law until **September 10, 3:00 PM ET. See submittal requirements** pursuant to the documents: www.lucasmha.org; 435 Nebraska Ave., Toledo, OH 43604; or 419-259-9446 (TRS: Dial 711). Affirmative Action and Equal Employment Opportunity requirements (Executive Order #11246). This contract opportunity is a Section 3 Covered Contract and any Section 3 Business Concerns are encouraged to apply.



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### The Sojourner's Truth



## The 50th Year Reunion for Libbey's '67 and '68 Classes

On Saturday, August 18, members of the Libbey High School's classes of 1967 and 1968 gathered for a 50 year reunion at the Heatherdowns

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Class of '67

Photos - Albert Earl



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# The Ninth Annual Scott Alumni Weekend – August 10 - 12!

It was a time to celebrate with family, friends, classmates and BULL-DOGS from all over the world!

It was a three-day event starting with a Friday Decade Meet & Greet – The Peacock Lounge; Our Brothers Place; The Agenda Sports Bar and The Lions Den.

On Saturday the Health Power Hours with Gaylon Hughes Sr. at noon in the girls gym, The Bulldog Bowl featuring the Mid City Bulldogs and Scott's varsity Football team from 2 p.m. – 6 p.m.. The night was capped off with the Alumni Prom Scholarship & School Drive held in field house from 8 p.m. - midnight

And on Sunday, the Alumni Picnic, a B.Y.O.P event at Detwiler Park from 11 a.m. -7 p.m., kicked off with Church Service with Pastor Tony

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Cynthia Jackson-Jenkins 1973 and Kathleen Greeley 1976



John Glover 1989



Dorothy Ervin, Marcia Wilson Gardner and Denise Black Poon - all 1974



Latasha Bey 1993, Eleana Martin and Pebbles Woodson 1987

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