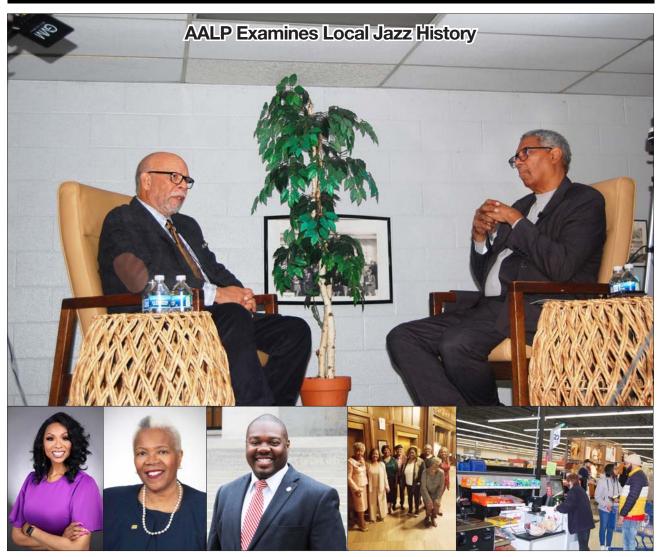


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## **The Domino Effect**

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

The Truth Contributor

It's like that domino effect. Things start looking bright and new and shiny. One person does it, then everyone else wants to 'ditto' off of that.

- Dorothy Ballard



Michele Grim's election to Ohio District 43 last week interrupted her short-lived tenure as Toledo City Council At-large. After only 11 months, her upcoming departure could set off a chain reaction, with the primary for district council seats set to take place in May.

Who replaces Grim?

Several people have indicated that Toledo City Council President Matt Cherry is trying to "maneuver himself" to take over Grim's At-large seat. Cherry currently represents District Two but is term-limited and cannot run again in 2023.

The knock on Cherry is that, as the leader, he has not done an adequate job in fostering or developing relationships on city council. Instead, he is seen as "carrying the water" for Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz. Currently, the council and the mayor are not on speaking terms, and I don't see either in a hurry to kiss and make up.

The dispute evolved from the mayor's pressure (through Cherry) to fire city auditor John "Jake" Jaksetic, who works for city council.

"The mayor should have worked behind closed doors but instead acted like a spoiled kid who took his ball home," according to critics.

Jaksetic's style is described as "aggressive and in your face." Still, he is "highly competent and wouldn't have jumped out there without documentation and justification for his findings."

Cherry's efforts to suspend Jaksetic ignited an unsuccessful recall to remove him from his leadership position. So, it is likely that Cherry will also be successful as the successor to Grim's At-large seat.

Who, then, replaces Cherry in District Two?

District Two has been a very red district for a long time but has recently begun to trend more purple. Yet, Harvey Savage, Jr. is a name I keep hearing take over should Cherry leave. Savage is executive director for the Martin Luther King Kitchen for the Poor and finished eighth in the 2021 Toledo City Council At-large race.

Other Potential Falling Dominoes?

The Party is licking its wounds with the unexpected loss of Vallie Bowman-English for Juvenile Court Judge and Erika White's loss to Ohio House Speaker-elect Derek Merrin.

With all District council seats up for grabs in 2023, Party leaders will be looking for candidates who have a strong track record, can win, and retain their seats. In addition, the Democratic Party has always evaluated candidates on their potential to help other democrats get elected through fundraising and other grassroots activities.

## District One:

Look for several emerging political hopefuls to challenge John Hobbs, III to lead District One. Judge Jack Puffenberger of Lucas County Probate Court appointed Hobbs to replace Tyrone Riley in September 2020. However, many perceive Hobbs as vulnerable since this is his first campaign. Moreover, he confesses to still learning strategy and the political landscape.

Shaun Strong, who lost to Riley in the 2019 race for District One, is a likely contender for Hobbs in 2023.

District Four:

Judge Puffenberger appointed Vanice Williams in 2020 to replace Yvonne Harper. Williams also has not previously run a political campaign. I expect political veterans and novices to come for Williams to supplant her in District Four.

Activist and former police officer Harold Mosley and Celeste Smith, a mental health professional, are both at the head of the line to attempt to unseat Williams.

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Toledo Clerk of Court Vallie Bowman English



Councilwoman Vanice Williams



Councilman John Hobbs III



Erika White

## Hicks-Hudson Sworn in as State Senator for Ohio Senate District 11

Last week, state Senator Paula Hicks-Hudson (D-Toledo) was officially elected and sworn in as the state senator for Ohio's 11th Senate District to serve out the unexpired term of Senator Teresa Fedor, which will end December 31.

"Serving the City of Toledo as the representative for Ohio's 44th House District was an incredible honor, and I am so grateful for the support of my constituents," said Hicks-Hudson. "Now, I have the privilege of serving much of Lucas County as the Senator for Ohio's 11th Senate District, and I

## Elgin Rogers Jr. Appointed to Ohio House District 44, Sworn in as State Representative

State Rep. Elgin Rogers Jr. (D-Toledo) last week was officially appointed and sworn in to fill the vacancy as state representative to Ohio House District 44. Rep. Rogers was elected to the 44th District in the 2022 election for the 135th General Assembly, and will finish the remainder of former Rep. Hicks-Hudson's term before starting his own term.

"I would like to thank the wonderful people of Northwest Ohio whom I will represent for their support and encouragement. I would like



State Rep. Elgin Rogers

to thank the members of the House of Representatives and its leadership for their support and confidence during this process. I will work diligently to listen, understand and faithfully discharge the duties of this office. Finally, thank you to my family, teachers, coaches and mentors for sharing their wisdom, resources, love and support. They are responsible for making today a reality," said Rep. Rogers.

Rep. Rogers outlined his top priorities Wednesday, which include:

- · Serving and protecting seniors, children and workers' rights;
- · Constituent services

Rep. Rogers is the former director of Education and Outreach and director of Weights and Measures for the Lucas County Auditor's office. He also served as the executive assistant to Lucas County Commissioner Pete Gerken. He is a precinct captain, and a co-founder and past president of the African American Leadership Caucus, a Lucas County political action committee.

House District 44 includes South, Central, and East Toledo and northern portions of Wood and Ottawa counties, including Northwood, Walbridge, Genoa and Elmore.

# From the Man Who Would Be Senator

"And hypocrite and being a pastor, I say this ... how can he keep the almighty oath to the almighty God and he keep it for them, he hasn't kept it for neither, nobody, and that proves the type of man he really is!" Herschel Walker 2022

Ed. Note: Those darned football head injuries, eh? We have grown to expect such from Herschel but to see Ted Cruz sitting next to him, nodding in agreement, was almost as baffling.

could not be more excited to get to work."

During Senator Hicks-Hudson's 35-year professional career, she has served as the first Black female mayor of Toledo and worked as assistant Lucas County prosecutor, assistant public defender and assistant state attorney general. From 1998-2002, she served as the legislative director of the Toledo City Council. Following that, she served as the director and deputy director of the Lucas County Board of Elections and chief legal counsel to the Ohio Office of Budget and Management under Governor Ted Strickland. Most recently, she represented Ohio's 44th House District.



State Rep. Paula Hicks-Hudson

"Throughout my time at the Statehouse, I've made it my duty to ensure the voices and interests of Northwest Ohioans are heard and understood by my fellow legislators," said Hicks-Hudson. "As a Senator, I promise to keep advocating for legislation that will benefit not only the people of Lucas County but all of Ohio."

From negotiating labor contracts for Ohio Shared Services Center and teaching domestic relations law, to conducting voter education activities for Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur, Sen. Hicks-Hudson has advocated for a diverse range of issues in a holistic and sensible way.

Outside of her dedicated, successful professional career, she enjoys many rich connections and activities with family and friends. She was married to her husband, Freeman W. Hudson, from 1973 until his passing in 2018, and is the proud mother of two adult daughters, Patricia Hope and Leah Free Star, and grandmother of seven grandchildren. An accomplished musician, Hicks-Hudson serves as the minister of music at Redeemer Lutheran Church.



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Hospice of Northwest Ohio served its first patients in 1981 and is northwest Ohio's largest provider of hospice care. A non-profit, community-based organization, we are the only local agency solely dedicated to caring for the terminally ill. We serve patients and their families in their own homes, in nursing homes and at our freestanding Hospice Centers. We are Joint Commission accredited and Medicare/Medicaid certified. No one is ever turned away due to complexity of their care or inability to pay.

#### Sincera Palliative Care

Sincera Supportive Care and Symptom Relief was established in 2008 at the request of community physicians who were seeking additional help for their seriously ill patients who were not on hospice. A signature service of Hospice of Northwest Ohio, Sincera has specialized expertise in managing pain and other symptoms associated with serious illness or the side effects of treatment to enhance comfort, wellbeing and quality of life.

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## **Investigate the Investigators**

By June Boyd Guest Column

The November 8 general election is over; the dust has settled and already U.S. Representatives Jim Jordan of Ohio, and Kevin McCarthy of California are ready to investigate the Bidens, the Department of Justice and any entity they feel is under the direction of the Democratic Party.

Instead of pledging good government and overall protecting our democracy they are hell bent on investigations. I am sure the Bidens are not perfect, however, they have never attempted to



June Boyd

overthrow the government and kill people, nor have they paid for same.

My mother, (may she rest in peace), always told me that people will believe liars before someone telling the truth; and what do you know, it is true and it is no wonder so many believe the former GOP president; QAnon and many of the followers.

My question: Why are the two Republican leaders, Jim Jordan and Kevin McCarthy not investigating the former GOP president and themselves for that matter? Voters need to stay informed on the real issues. It is unbelievable that Donald Trump can announce his candidacy for president while being investigated by the January 6th committee: potential treason; election fraud, bank fraud and other illegal acts. Most of us know had that been President Obama, well, you know the outcome.

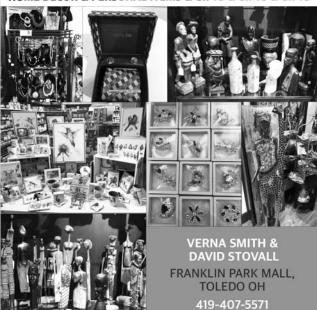
The fact that so many are following Donald Trump is a clear indication that 2024 will be a battle of sorts within the republican party.

A nationwide petition drive should be initiated in order to have those men who want to investigate the Bidens, demand they come clean with what happened on January 6th, including all the texts and phone calls between the insurrectionists and who paid them to come to Washington.

The Bidens did not initiate that riot. Donald Trump took unauthorized



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classified papers to Mar a Lago and, believe me, he has consistently undermined Joe Biden I am sure following his inauguration on January 2021. Trump is under investigation for election fraud in Georgia, bank fraud in New York not to forget the January 6th insurrection.

I repeat, voters need to ask Jim Jordan and Kevin McCarthy "who financed the thousands who stormed the capitol and threatened to 'kill Mike Pence and Nancy Pelosi?'"

It appears the investigators need to be investigated.

## Congressional Black Caucus Chair Honors Speaker Nancy Pelosi

Last week, Congressional Black Caucus Chairwoman Joyce Beatty (OH-03) and members of the Congressional Black Caucus released the following statement:

"Speaker Pelosi's unparalleled legacy of excellence, service, and dedication will be a model of effective leadership for generations to come. As the first woman to serve as Speaker of the House of Representatives, she has led the House in passing some of the most impactful legislation of our lifetime, including the Affordable Care Act, the American Rescue Plan, and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

"Under her leadership, the Congressional Black Caucus has remained a central part of the decision-making process on the issues that impact the more than 18 million Black Americans and 80 million Americans we represent. She has proven time and time again that she understands our nation is only as strong as those who dare to dream and work to inspire. As her time as Speaker comes to a close, we



Speaker Nancy Pelosi



Congresswoman Joyce Beatty

honor her historic, transformative leadership. Madam Speaker, we speak the two most powerful words one can utter: Thank you."



## African American Legacy Project Welcomes Renown Jazz Legend

By Tricia Hall

The Truth Reporter

Toledo's African American Legacy Project invited renown jazz professor and historian, William McDaniel, PhD. to speak about local legend Art Tatum, and announce an international piano competition.

"Just a few yards away from this site is the Art Tatum house. We've been working on celebrating his legacy since 2003 or 2004. We have figured out a way to really acknowledge him in a great way, with an international competition. There are a few businesses and organizations that are already involved," shared Robert Smith, African American Legacy Project executive director.

McDaniel's November 16 visit included a hospitality event that opened with live jazz music, refreshments and a live one-hour interview between Smith and McDaniel

"The African American Legacy Project has been working with WJUC 107.3fm on a program called Journey and we plan to launch that program with Dr. Mc-Daniel's interview. I am thankful to each of you for joining us for this event," said Smith

McDaniel has served as professor of African American Music at The Ohio State University from 1981 until his retirement in 2015. He has composed and directed numerous music arrangements in the style of jazz, R & B and marching band.

His 2013 music arrangement of Michael Jackson's halftime show of the Ohio State University Marching bank was viewed 10 million times on YouTube. He has also traveled to several US cities and international locations as Director of the Jazz Studite an OSU Jazz Ensemble.

He earned a Bachelor's degree from Morehouse College, and his masters and

doctorate degrees from the University of Iowa. He's a life time member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated and Martin Luther





William McDaniel

William McDaniel, PhD, and Robert Smith

King Performing Arts Complex in Columbus board member. He's married to Bernice a Spelman College alumna, father to two Morehouse alumni, William III and Elliot, and grandparent to four girls.

"I was brought here as an outsider, who can speak about Art Tatum. He was a giant of an artist, who was born here in Toledo, so his roots are here. I was impressed on a personal and professional level to learn about Robert Smith's vision. This city once honored Art Tatum in 1990 and I was invited to speak about Art Tatum so to receive another invitation to speak about Art Tatum and support the competition is an honor," said McDaniel.

The African American Legacy Project will announce in early 2023 additional details about the international piano competition in honor of Art Tatum. For additional information about the legacy of Art Tatum, visit https://www.africanamericanlegacy.org/blank-1.

## Kaptur Celebrates One-Year Anniversary of Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Law

Last week, Representative Marcy Kaptur (OH-09) released the following statement celebrating the one-year of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

"On November 15, 2021, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act was signed into law, laying the foundation for the largest federal investment in American infrastructure in generations. To date, more than \$5 billion in Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act funding has been announced for over 150 projects across Ohio.

Rep. Kaptur joined all Ohio Democrats and Senator Rob Portman (R-OH) and Rep. Anthony Gonzalez (R-OH-16) to pass the legislation in the House and Senate. "Rebuilding Ohio's crumbling infrastructure is both commonsense and bipartisan," said Rep. Kaptur. "Potholes are being filled, bridges rebuilt, lead pipes replaced, and highspeed broadband internet deployed. All of this is made possible through smart partnership between Republicans and Democrats – and it's putting Ohioans to work in good-paying jobs. Going forward, Con-

gress needs to bring this same collaborative spirit to the variety of challenges we face, and I'll work with anyone to advance these 'Big Middle' priorities for the American people."

Infrastructure investments in Ohio over five years

- \$1 billion for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative
- \$9.8 billion for roads and bridges
- \$1.4 billion for public transportation
- \$1.4 billion for water infrastructure
- \$100 million for broadband internet
- \$140 million for electric vehicle charging stations

U.S. Rep. Marcy ons Kaptur

More information on the impact of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act on Ohio can be found here.





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# Wilberforce Student Prepped for National Tournament

Special to The Truth

Eryk Taylor, a student in a master's program at Wilberforce University, competed in the national HBCU (historically Black colleges/universities) NBA2K Esports League championship.

Taylor, a mental health clinical rehabilitation major in the WU graduate program, is a high level esports participant at Wilberforce. He was invited to play in a competitive 2K event in Atlanta, Georgia, Sunday, November 20 at Skillshot Media, an esports event center. The competition will be broadcast from there via Twitch.tv.

The Cincinnati native says he has been involved in esports since childhood and sees the opportunity to compete on a national level as a culmination of years of practice and hard work. "For the most part, I want to see what I can do to expand esports at WU," Taylor said. "Wilberforce is the only HBCU in the north with an esports team and I want to make sure I represent well."

Taylor's skilled gaming reputation was built from his 5 wins, 1 (close) loss league record. The ESports Leagues producers were watching the Wilberforce team play each Tuesday and invited him to participate on the national level and represent Wilberforce. "This is so different from my other passions

- high school basketball and the marching band drumline. With esports, I can potentially turn a fun thing into profit."

Taylor got his "game on" and finished in an impressive 3rd place in the NBA2K Esports League championship. Taylor competed in the national event that was broadcast live via Twitch TV.

The Cincinnati native has been gaming since childhood and became proficient enough for the ESports League producers to notice his skillful wins during his team matches with Wilberforce.



Eryk Taylor

"It was a great experience - I can't wait to compete on that national level again," Taylor said. "In the meantime, I will continue the weekly matches with my Bulldog (Wilberforce) team and go from there." http://twitch.tv/cxmmunity

# Governor DeWine Announces Safety and Security Support for Colleges and Universities

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine today announced that 33 colleges and universities in Ohio will receive a total of \$5 million in funding for security projects that enhance the safety of students and staff.

"These funds will go directly toward helping our institutions of higher education become more secure," said Governor DeWine. "The importance of campus safety cannot be overstated, and Ohio is committed to supporting efforts that keep our colleges and universities safe."

The grant awards are part of the 2022 Campus Safety Grant Program, which was funded with support from the Ohio legislature in Senate Bill 310 of the 133rd General Assembly. The Ohio School Safety Center, which is a division of the Ohio Department of Public Safety, reviewed the campus safety grant applications in consultation with the Ohio Department of

Higher Education.

Funds will be used to cover expenses associated with physical security enhancements such as security cameras, door locks, alarms, public address systems, and metal detectors.

"Part of preparing students for future success is ensuring they feel safe on their campuses," said Ohio Department of Education Chancellor Randy Gardner. "Through these grants, the DeWine-Husted Administration continues to focus on helping our colleges and universities provide for the safest learning environments possible."

To be eligible for grant funding, colleges and universities conducted a security and vulnerability assessment to identify areas in need of safety enhancements.





## Did Midterm Elections Impact Increase in Violent Crime Rates

By Tiasia Saunders

Howard University News Service

Violent crime rates have been increasing, especially in places such as New York and Washington, D.C. According to the Major Cities Chiefs Association's Midyear Violent Crime Survey, there have been nearly 10,000 more crimes of robbery and aggravated assault in the first six months of 2022 than there were in the same period during 2021.

"Researchers, journalists and law enforcement officials have blamed the rise on several factors," said Elsie Scott, Ph.D., director of the Ronald W. Walters Leadership and Public Policy Center at Howard University and adjunct professor in the Department of Political Science. "The proliferation of guns in the U.S., the easy access to guns by young people, the lack of gun control legislation in many states, the economy and hatred" are prominent factors, Scott explains.

"Republican candidates are blaming Democratic mayors, but it is not clear what the Republicans will do differently if elected," she adds.

In New York, several people have been hospitalized or died after being brutally beaten in an onslaught of random subway attacks.

Another crime that has concerned citizens is the recent home invasion in which an intruder used a hammer to attack Paul Pelosi, husband of U.S. Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi.

The Howard community is concerned as well.

"About a month ago was the first time I had an experience where I felt unsafe at night," said Emma Theodule, a senior finance major who splits her time between New York and Washington. "I was alone and had to walk to the bus stop for 13 minutes. I didn't feel safe because it was dark and quiet, and I had to pass three men while walking."

These attacks have left citizens wondering how the winners of the mid-

term elections will prevent such crimes from continuing.

"Accountability is the main tenet of combating violent crime," said Laura Cooper, executive director of the Major Cities Chiefs Association. "Bail reform, lack of prosecution, and violent and repeat offenders cycling through the justice system are issues that need to be addressed."

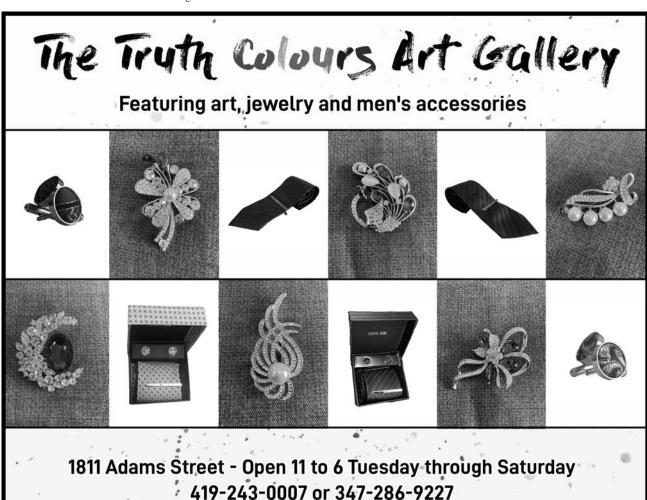
"Injecting more transparency into the criminal justice system would also help shed needed light, and every impacted community deserves that transparency," Cooper said. "Understanding that crime is a top issue for voters, elected officials are expected to represent their communities and address the voters' needs. That is why elections at every level of government are incredibly important."

With both chambers of Congress and several governorships on the line in the midterm elections, opposing parties offer different solutions to prevent crime in the country. The close gubernatorial race between incumbent Democratic Governor Kathy Hochul and challenger Republican Lee Zeldin in New York is a good example.

Hochul, who has led New York for a year, announced \$50 million in funding for the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services in September to invest in new technologies for law enforcement. Zeldin accuses Hochul of doing nothing to prevent crime in the state and opposes the 2019 law that allows cash bail for only serious misdemeanors and felonies.

Scott is skeptical of the relationship between elections and crimes. "I do not think there is a direct correlation between the elections and the crime rates," she said. "There are candidates and interest groups that want to use the crime rates to promote their agenda and their elections."

Tiasia Saunders is a reporter for HUNewsService.com



## The J. Frank Troy Turkey Trot

Special to The Truth

This year's J. Frank Troy Turkey Trot was attended by 100 guests at the Toledo Club in downtown Toledo along with Bill Harris, Area Office on Aging board chairman.

The evening began with a welcome and prayer by our chaplain and Turkey Trot chairperson, Elsie Harbour. Her welcome was followed by an introduction of our guest entertainer Ramona Collins by Dorothy Gray, Entertainment Committee chairperson.

Ramona Collins has been an entertainer for 54 years. She is a singer, songwriter, recording artist, actress, educator, emcee and a former WXTS-FM jazz radio personality. She has been voted Best of Toledo three times, has won the Lake Erie West People's Choice Awards and has been honored by the local National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs. She is a member of Warren AME Church and the Troy Booster Club.

The Club also had light refreshments and a drawing for door prizes. They honored their veterans with small gifts.

The evening included dancing. This was an After Five dress up event and guests were in their finest







Deborah Williams and Ramona Collins



Dorothy and Bobby Gray







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# The Spirit of Giving During the Holiday Season

Special to The Truth

Embrace the spirit of giving by donating to underserved communities this holiday season. Here are some of the local organizations that need our help!

#### LEADING FAMILIES HOME

Leading Families Home offers emergency shelter and behavioral health services. They have two shelters in Toledo, one on N. Erie and one on Ashland Ave that is currently under renovation. The new location will house 3x as many families as their current shelter. To support LFH, you can sponsor their Winter Wonderland event, browse their Amazon wishlist.

#### SEAGATE FOOD BANK'S PROJECT PJ

SeaGate Food Bank is collecting PJs (including teen sizes), slippers, blankets, pillowcases, books, stuffed animals, and hygiene items to help local children who don't have bedtime necessities. You can make a monetary donation here or browse their Amazon wishlist.

#### SUSIE'S COATS

Susie's Coats provides children in need with winter gear in Lucas, Wood, Fulton, Hancock, and Sandusky Counties in Ohio as well as Monroe County, Michigan. All children served by the organization receive a new winter coat, hat, and gloves. To date, over 30,000 warm apparel items have been distributed.

#### BED RACE TO AID CHILDREN, INC

This Monroe, MI cause has provided 3,500 beds to children in need. The Sled Race will be held in Downtown Ida on Friday, December 2nd. Help Bed Race to Aid Children reach their \$50,000 goal by registering for the lively event or by making a donation.

#### FINDLAY HOPE HOUSE

Hope House provides transitional shelter and helps individuals into permanent housing. They also provide case management and rental assistance for people in danger of losing their homes. Hope House is in need of toiletries, cleaning products, and gift cards. Donate and learn more.

#### TOLEDO NORTHWESTERN OHIO FOOD BANK

The Toledo Northwestern Ohio Food Bank serves Defiance, Fulton, Hen-

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ry, Lucas, Ottawa, Sandusky, Williams, and Wood Counties. 100 million pounds of food has been distributed since 1984. You can help them raise money for Operation Turkey which provides families with a hot, nutritious holiday meal.

#### TOYS FOR TOTS

There are plenty of ways to make local Toys for Tots donations. Click on the counties to donate online or find a toy drop site: Lucas and Wood, Hancock, Monroe and Wayne.



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#### SALVATION ARMY

You can make the holidays brighter through the many programs offered by the Salvation Army. Find out how to help in Hancock, Wayne, Monroe. Lucas. Ottawa and Wood Counties.

#### LUCAS COUNTY CHILDREN SERVICES

Contribute to the LCCS Holiday Gift Drive to ensure that every child involved in the agency receives a special gift this holiday season. You can also help families monetarily or by donating to the LCCS year-round items.

### WAYNE COUNTY CHILDREN SERVICES

Become a sponsor and get matched with a child for the Traditional Christmas "Make a Wish" program. Sponsors are asked to spend \$100-150 on brand new items. You can also make a financial contribution or donate "filler gifts" to assist with the last minute needs of children who become involved with Wayne County Children Services close to the holiday.

#### THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

The American Red Cross of Heartland, Stark, and Muskingum Lakes is celebrating its 2022 Festival of Trees. You can sponsor the event by purchasing from their three unique holiday tree offers.

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## Steps You Can Take to Care for Yourself **During the Holidays**

Special to The Truth

With seasonal stressors like end-of-year work deadlines, gift shopping and hosting potentially weighing on you, plus all those extra sweets and indulgent foods to nibble on, the holiday season may be the happiest time of year, but it's not always the healthiest. Here's how to take better care of yourself to feel your best this holiday season.

#### **Protect Your Skin**

You may be aware that the more free radicals you have in your body, the more skin damage can accumulate over time. But did you know that exposure can be particularly high during the holiday season? There are a few reasons for this. One is that cooler temperatures are linked to sugar cravings, making sweet treats especially hard to resist at a time of year when there are so many to choose from. Increased sugar intake can boost the production of advanced glycation end products, and ultimately unwanted free radicals. In general, diets high in fat, sugar, and processed foods can contribute to free radical production, as can stress

Fortunately, you can take steps to protect your skin from the inside out during the holidays and beyond. Fernblock PLE (Polypodium leucotomos extract), the natural antioxidant in the dietary supplement Heliocare Daily Use Antioxidant Formula, can help neutralize free radicals and the damage they cause. Dermatologist-recommended, Heliocare aids in eliminating free radicals to help maintain younger-looking, more resilient skin.

"Along with the cheer of the season comes skin hazards," says New Yorkbased dermatologist, Rachel Nazarian, MD. "But the holiday season is the perfect time to gift your skin additional protection from the damaging effects of free radicals. You can do this by incorporating a supplement like Heliocare into

your routine in addition to using a topical broad spectrum sunscreen."

To learn more, visit heliocare.com. (These statements have not been evaluated by the Food and Drug Administration. Heliocare is not intended to diagnose, treat, cure or prevent any disease.)

#### Move Daily

Be sure to take time for yourself each day to receive the combined physical and mental health benefits of movement. Head outdoors for a morning or afternoon walk to get some fresh air, improved blood circulation and some mood-boosting sunlight during the short, dark days of winter. To promote agility, flexibility and relaxation, take a few minutes to unwind with some meditation or gentle yoga.

#### **Practice Healthy Habits**

Holiday office parties and family gatherings often involve indulging in the kinds of food and drink that can leave you feeling more dehydrated, bloated and fatigued than you might normally. Counteract these effects by adopting healthy habits now that you can carry into the new year. Drink plenty of water each day, and incorporate decaffeinated green tea, coconut water or smoothies into your routine for added electrolytes. Likewise, get high-quality sleep each night. It's especially important to do so if you're burning the candle at both ends. For better shut-eye, avoid caffeine and blue light exposure before bedtime, and keep your bedroom temperature comfortable and consistent.

While it can be hard to set aside time in your schedule when there's so much to do, a bit of daily self-care is sure to have a restorative effect that helps you refresh, reset and be more focused.

Courtesy StatePoint

## TARTA Board Approves 3-Year Contract With CEO Laura Koprowski

The Board of Trustees of the Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority (TAR- to financial stability for an organization that sorely needed it, Laura has piled TA) has approved a 3-year contract extension for Chief Executive Officer Laura Koprowski, who has helped lead TARTA into a new era of system improvement, service expansion, and investment in the workforce.

Koprowski came to TARTA in April of 2020, and served in other executive leadership roles before being named CEO in October of 2021. The 3-year agreement is retroactive to October 21, 2022, and contains an option for the TARTA Board to extend the contract an additional two years through October 20, 2027.

"As a believer in the power of public transportation and the positive impact it can have on the lives of the people who depend on it, it is an honor to serve in this role," Koprowski said. "TARTA is fortunate to have an active board of trustees full of public servants who recognize the value of a strong transit system. I am delighted to continue working with them to serve all of Lucas County and Rossford.

"When I take our Route 20 in to work, I have the chance to talk to many of the customers who use our system. Those conversations give me a great sense of where we are, how far we've come, and where we need to go. I am eager to continue to the work of building a mobility ecosystem that serves the people and businesses of northwest Ohio.'

Koprowski has more than 25 years of experience in the transportation industry and served as the Executive Director of the Ohio Public Transit Association before joining TARTA. Her tenure has been marked by progress toward rebuilding TARTA into an effective and financially stable transit system capable of serving all of Lucas County and Rossford.

"From the passing of Issue 12 to bringing back Sunday and holiday service

up a long list of accomplishments in her short time at TARTA," said TARTA Board of Trustees President Kelsie Hoagland. "She is a proven leader with a track record of not only finding solutions to problems, but making those solutions a reality faster than anticipated."

Koprowski's time at the helm has been one of the most active and productive periods in TARTA's history, highlighted by:

- The passing of Issue 12 at the ballot box and the resulting changes to TAR-TA's funding structure
- The approval of the TARTA Next system redesign project and plans to cover all of Lucas County, expanding options for fixed-route and TARPS users
- A new microtransit program, set to hit the road in the first quarter of 2023, greatly expanding the number of residents for whom public transportation is a viable option
- · Investment in workforce with new contracts for both unions representing TARTA personnel
- Investment in customer experience with the addition of Sunday and holiday service, new vehicles in the fleet and technology upgrades
- · More than \$20 million in competitive federal and state grants won by TAR-

"One of the many things that strikes me about Laura is her drive to not only make things better for those who use the system, but to improve their quality of life," said Board of Trustees Vice President Mary Morrison. "Laura has been a joy to work with, and I look forward to continuing to work with her to connect customers to jobs, medical appointments, and all the great things this area has to offer."







## From Underground Railroad to Rebel Refuge: Canada and the Civil War by Brian Martin

By Terri Schlichenmeyer The Truth Contributor

It looks like your ticket was purchased the day you were born.

Your destination was unknown and the journey takes a lifetime, but a seat was reserved for you that no one can take away. And yet, you could change cours-

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es any time you wished, for greener pastures or safer homes. In the new book *From Underground Railroad to Rebel Refuge* by Brian Martin, your fellow travelers are good with that.

Even in the earliest days, there were slaves.

In 1501, says Martin, a Portuguese explorer came to the easternmost shores of what's now Canada with at least one slave. An unnamed Black person, probably a slave, died in Port Royal in 1606; another fell in Acadia two years later. There weren't a lot of slaves when those lands were controlled by the French, but after Great Britain took over in 1763, slavery surged and the number of Black people grew. Numbers jumped again during the Revolutionary War, when the Brits eagerly invited slaves to taste freedom by fleeing their American owners.

Immediately after the war, Britain realized how much its public disliked slavery, and they "inched" to abolish it with the Act on the Abolition of the Slave Trade in the British Empire of 1807. By then, runaway slaves from all over America had been seeking freedom in Canada. By the 1830s, running north had a name – the Underground Railroad – and it had several leaders to lead slaves away from bondage.

But Canada wasn't just a safe haven for former slaves or freedmen

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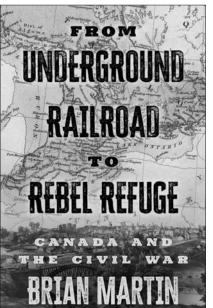
hoping for more tolerance or a better life. Bounty hunters came north across a border that was easy to ignore. Abolitionists crossed over, as did politicians and journalists eager to tell a tale or two. Canadians crossed south, to fight mostly with the Union.

Our northern neighbor was always welcoming and willing to shelter anyone who needed it. Even if, says Martin, they were once plantation owners.

Even if they were white supremacists and Klan leaders...

At this point in your life, you've probably heard your fair share of nineteenth-century American history. You know quite a bit about the Civil War and slave history, too, but *From Underground Railroad to Rebel Refuge* will open your eyes even wider.

Remember high school history class? It probably left you frustrated with vague information, when it came to slavery in America and Canada's role in it, but author Brian Martin gets specific here, regaling readers with exciting, surprising, astonishing stories of individuals whose



lives and experiences made a mark on both countries' attitudes and laws. These are tales you didn't get in high school – and though this book can feel somewhat text-bookish sometimes, you won't mind too much. The stories are the strength here.

This book will make a historian head for the easy chair tonight. From Underground Railroad to Rebel Refuge will introduce you to a new set of heroes and villains. And if your goal is to learn more about American history this winter, this book about Canada will get you right on track.



# Revolutionary Women: 50 Women of Color Who Reinvented the Rules by Ann Shen

By Terri Schlichenmeyer The Truth Contributor

Change is a-coming.

You can feel it. You know it's happening because you're a catalyst, you're one of the ones helping to make it. Change is a-coming, and it's everywhere you look: at home, in your neighborhood, in your entire coun-

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try and, as you'll see in the new book *Revolutionary Women* by Ann Shen, it's coming from history, too.

Take a look at the shelves of your library or favorite bookstore, and you'll see lots of books written about women. But Ann Shen says she "wanted to write a book that features something close to my heart..." She hoped to write about "the lives and work of BIPOC women..." because, she says, those women are "historically underrepresented."

Take, for instance, the actress-singer Eartha Kitt. She was born "dirt-poor" and it seemed that no one in her family wanted her. No matter; Kitt grew up to have a fantastic career on-stage, she was an activist, "she learned to speak four languages and could sing in eleven."

Seven years ago, Misty Copeland was tapped as the first Black woman to achieve the position of principal dancer at the American Ballet Theatre. Before her, Maria Tallchief was America's first Prima Ballerina and the first indigenous woman to achieve that honor.

Tracey Norman had an amazing career in fashion until she "was outed as a trans woman by a hairdresser..." She didn't let that stop her; today, she's the "mother" of the House of Africa, a team that competes at New York's drag balls.

Speaking of dance, Rita Moreno is one of three people ever to reach a coveted PEGOT: a Peabody, an Emmy, a Grammy, an Oscar, and a Tony award.

At 29, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez was the youngest woman to enter the U.S. Congress. Shirley Chisolm was the first Black woman and the first female candidate to run for the office of President in 1972. Joyce Chen was America's first celebrity chef of Chinese-American descent. Bessie Stringfield was "the Motorcycle Queen of Miami," and Celia Cruz was "the Queen of Salsa."

Sometimes – especially this time of year, when your schedule becomes extraordinarily packed – all you want is something quick to pick up, read and

browse. Revolutionary Women is exactly that.

Each page of author Ann Shen's diverse selection offers readers a brief biography of a women of history and influence and a short but fact-filled narrative of that woman's life and achievements, making this book perfect for time-crunched readers. Some of the entries will be familiar – Shen mostly honors audacious women who lived in the last 125 years – although some of the bios may serve as an introduction to a life. The fun of this book draws from the little-known info within those biographies; they're heavy on current events and politics, without ignoring science and the arts.

Dip into this illustrated book, learn about the trailblazers you didn't know and reacquaint yourself with those you did. While *Revolutionary Women* is good for older teens and young adults, older readers might find it to be a nice change.

## Howard Athletes Express Outrage Over Brittney Griner's Appeal Denial

U.S. Officials in Moscow Visit WNBA Star, Noting Her 'Tenacity and Perseverance'

By Bryce Parker

Howard University News Service

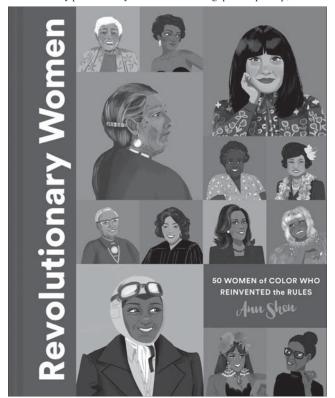
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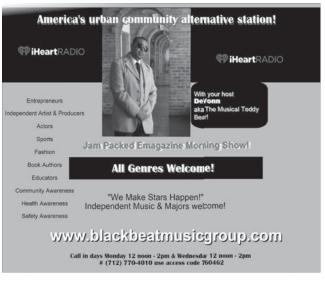
Athletes at Howard University share the same outrage and disbelief that professional athletes, politicians and fans have expressed over the past eight months for what they consider to be the wrongful detainment of Brittney Griner in a Russian prison. A recent Moscow Regional Court ruling makes the chances of the WNBA star coming home anytime soon doubtful.

"If Brittney Griner was a male, she would have a different story being played out in front of her," said Kendall Smith, a junior on the Howard University volleyball team, after Griner's appeal of her nine-year prison sentence for illegal drug possession was denied.

U.S. embassy officials in Moscow met with Griner on Thursday. "They saw firsthand her tenacity and perseverance despite her present circumstances," Edward "Ned" Price, a spokesman for the U.S. Department of State, said on Twitter.

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guidance over the years, which led us to the Believe Center this year," said Dre. P.

Another inspiration for turkey give-a-away was a fellow Atlanta hip-hop artist and friend, Bankroll Fresh, who organized a similar donation called Banksgiving before his unfortunate murder in 2016.

"Bankroll Fresh did Thanksgiving every year, he truly impacted the hiphop community and motivated me. My company, my brand and my website remind people that I haven't forgotten where I am from and I always want to give back to my hometown," shared Dre. P.

A team of self-described gobbler grabbers, led by Dre. P, worked for two days straight to purchase the turkeys for Saturday's give-a-way. Due to purchasing limitations, the team traveled to over five different Greater Toledo area markets and supermarkets to purchase enough turkeys.

"Every year we connect with more and more families and at times people don't realize how much poverty still exists. I remember during the Monroe Carryout give-a-way, I was really inspired to continue donating each year.

Cars were almost ready to hit each other in order to reach the turkeys, people sat for an hour and a half while waiting in the snow and rain just to get a turkey, and even a few people had tears in their eyes," he said.

Dre. P was born and raised in Toledo and is a Central Catholic High School 2003 Hall of Fame alumnus. Dre. P, also known as Andre Parr, currently resides in Atlanta where he runs an online clothing line and music entertainment company, madeitoutthemud.com.

The event was sponsored in part by Dre. P's two companies Fly Guy Entertainment Co. and Mud City clothing brand, along with his childhood best friends Danny Riccardi and Dwaun Hicks of Build-a-Body Fitness and Broke Boy Society.

"I first want to thank my parents, Daryle Parr and Karen Everage, step-dad Michael Ashford, and godfather, Vincent Riccardi. Secondly, the gobbler grabbers, Danny Riccardi, Dwaun Hicks, Mackenzie Haitch, Toka Fly and Jonnice Riccardi. Lastly, I want to thank my city, Toledo, who made me who I am. A star," shared Dre. P.

In addition to the donation, he also shared words of motivation to the boys at MLK Academy during his Toledo visit.

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It was on Feb. 17 that Griner was detained in a Moscow airport for being caught with what authorities said to be vape cartridges containing cannabis oil. Griner was attempting to enter Russia to play for her off-season basketball team, something many WNBA players do to make up for gender-related wage disparities in the United States.

National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan released a statement following the appeal hearing that said in part: "We are aware of the news out of Russia that Brittney Griner will continue to be wrongfully detained under intolerable circumstances after having to undergo another sham judicial proceeding today. President Biden has been very clear that Brittney should be released immediately."

The WNBA Players Association released a statement via social media reading in part, "This appeal is further verification that BG is not just wrongfully detained, she is very clearly a hostage."

With Griner being detained and not being granted any outside communication aside from her attorney, supporters have raised issues about the detrimental effects on Griner's mental health. Because of her race, gender and sexual orientation, it is widely believed that these factors are being weaponized against her.

Shalon McNeal is a softball player at Howard University.

Sophomore Howard softball player Shalon McNeal believes that if Griner was a "white, straight female," her case would not have been dragged along this far and her appeal would not have been denied.

"As an athlete, taking care of your mental health and well-being are huge, and by denying her appeal, that's just hurting her," McNeal said. "I don't think she'll be the same if and when she finally gets out."

The United States has been in negotiations with the Russian government to have Griner returned home. Russia has not responded to an offer in July to have Griner and former U.S. Marine Paul Whelan returned in a potential prisoner exchange.

Bryce Parker is a reporter for HUNewsService.com and wide receiver for Howard University's football team.





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## CIRCULATION SERVICES; SERVICE CLERKS; LIBRARIANS

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## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS MECHANICAL PLUMBING SERVICES RFP#22-R012

Lucas Metropolitan Housing (LMH) will receive proposals for Mechanical Plumbing Services in accordance with RFP#22-R012. Received in accordance with law until <a href="December 1">December 1</a>, 2022 at 3:00 PM ET. For documents: www.lucasmha.org; 435 Nebraska Ave., Toledo, OH 43604; or 419-259-9446 (TRS: Dial 711). Bidders are required to meet Affirmative Action and Equal Employment Opportunity requirements as described in 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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- Experience in creating and implementing communication plans
- Experience in social and traditional media planning and content
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#### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS MAIL & COURIER SERVICES RFP#22-R013

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## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS GUTTER MAINTENANCE, REPAIR, AND REPLACEMENT SERVICES RFP#22-R007

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## TARTA SEEKS FEEDBACK ON UPCOMING SERVICE CHANGES

The Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority (TARTA) has scheduled a series of public events to collect community feedback on upcoming proposed service additions and changes. Proposed adjustments, if approved by TARTA's Board of Trustees, would go into effect in March of 2023, and would include:

- The addition of Route 33, from TARTA's Transit Hub to University of Toledo College of Medical and Life Sciences and Walmart on Glendale Ave. This new route would replace portions of routes 28, 32, and 34
- The extension of Route 32 to Spring Meadows Place shopping center and other route modifications along Airport Highway
- · Modifications to Route 34
- Removal of Route 28 A/B

These events will include two in-person forums and one virtual feedback session. These forums will focus on the Title VI equity analyses surrounding the service changes. Public meetings are scheduled for:

- In-person meeting, Monday, Dec. 5, 2022, 5-6 p.m., conference room at TARPS, 130 Knapp St., Toledo
- · Virtual meeting, Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2022, 10-11 a.m.
- In-person meeting, **Friday, Dec. 16, 2022**, 2-3 p.m., conference room at TARPS, 130 Knapp St., Toledo

If you are unable to attend, a recording of the virtual meeting will be posted on tarta.com.

All language assistance services for TARTA programs are provided to the public at no charge. In-person translation services for events can be provided and should be requested at least 5 business days prior to the event.

Registration and additional details will be available in the coming weeks at tarta.com or by calling 419-243-7433. Customers and others from the public interested in submitting questions may do so by sending them to customer-relations@tarta.com.

## **Toledo-born Entertainer Hosts Turkey Give-**A-Way

By Tricia Hall The Truth Reporter

Andre Parr, also known as Dre. P, generously donated an estimated 100 free turkeys on Saturday, November 19, 2022.

Dre. P has organized this turkey give-a-way for the past eight years in Toledo at various locations. Previous locations include: Rosa Parks Elementary and Monroe Carryout, to name just a few.

"We started out by selecting locations by referral eight years ago, from Rosa Parks school to in the middle of the neighborhood at Monroe Carryout. My Godfather, Vincent Riccardi has always worked with kids and given me

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