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Bill Cosby Takes to the Streets of Toledo



“Children, bring your parents into your school. Make them come in. Say ‘Mama, this is important to me, this is about my success.’ And go find your father if he’s not there. If you can’t find him, go on a search and tell your father, ‘I need you. Your problems are with mom, not with me.’”

Essentialized Blackness

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



The Negro was invented in America. – John Oliver Killens

The normally always poised and unflappable television host Doni Miller, never saw it coming. Bill Cosby's reply to the final question of her memorable interview on last week landed flush and was totally unanticipated.

"If black America is ever to truly reach it's potential, it must – do what,?" she posed the black community's own and arguably most celebrated and vocal critic. Cosby, without hesitation, answered firmly, "It must define what is black!"

Following a short silence, which seemed like an eternity, Miller, a true professional, quickly regained her composure to reply "OK, alright. I like that," while continuing to digest the true depth of Dr. Cosby's seemingly simplistic solution

to the community's massive ills.

Implicit in Cosby's remarks is the intra-racial struggle for control in articulating who and what is authentically black or acceptable in the black community, a subject seldom a part of academic or lay discourse.

Yet, in a real sense, this conflict has always existed in the black community from the post and antebellum "house against field negro" days of psychological dispute, the "wannabe versus jiggaboo" battles a la *School-Daze*, and more recently in the class and status conflicts among the "bougie-fied and the ghettoized." The controversy seems to intensify as socio-economic diversity increases within the community.

What is essential blackness and how does its definition solve issues within the black community?

Often heard within the black community are accusations of not being "Black" enough because one's complexion is too light, they are too ambitious, refined, or work too hard. The opinion of some is that you are devoid of blackness if you are educated, married, married to a white person, or not of the poverty class.

Yet, almost half of today's African Americans are now occupationally middle class, a result of entering schools, institutions, jobs and other white environments in which they were once excluded; 30 percent of black families earn over \$50,000 per year; and nearly 17 percent of blacks possess a college degree.

There are many blacks today who have never experienced ghetto life, have a multitude of white friends, prefer sushi over ham hocks and vitamin water over Kool-Aid. Some are adept at code switching and speaking ebonics but also speak perfect standard English. But they are not less black because they do not fit the oversimplified, monolithic and stereotypical representations of blackness from the past.

On the other hand, there is also a competing ideology of black identity which promotes youthfulness, rebellion and sensuality while highlighting black dysfunction and pimpin', killing, conspicuous consumption and irresponsible behavior.

It is defined by commerce and technology, prospering due to the digital age's ability to influence many to imitate the behavior and models of success that they see portrayed on TV.

Scholars and activists such as Cosby tout these media representations of the black experience as "perceived" rather than authentic black culture.

Scholar Greg Tate (2003), goes even further to declare that hip-hop, which he calls a minstrelsy of black aesthetic, with its lucrative relationship to pop culture, manifests "the need by white Americans to acquire Blackness by any means necessary" and is another example of the co-optation of "the Black presence from whatever Black thing they took a shine to: jazz, blues, rock and roll, doo-wop, swing, cornrowing, ... you name it."

What is important is that through the destructive cues provided in contemporary music videos and cinema, some African Americans attempt to differentiate themselves via their language, dress, demeanor and behaviors in order to impose what they consider to be legitimate life-style and "keeping it real."

Whose idea of African-American culture will prevail?

There is a larger issue in my opinion.

Although many African Americans have advanced socially, politically and economically, the race still lags far behind collectively compared to white Americans, and a large portion of the community is still suffering from the negative effects of poverty. In addition, despite the advances of some, a bond of shared history and contemporary oppression remain along with some core values and beliefs.

And, as a wise woman replied to those whose elevated tastes could no longer tolerate those who fixed their cars on their street, bar-b-qued and hung out on their front porch, or did not meet their housekeeping or maintenance standards, "I've, had a position too, but I didn't look down. You don't look down on anyone. Because all of us know where we've been, honey, but we don't know where we're going."

Yes, "every tub must sit on its own bottom," but the current recession revealed the dangerous precipice upon which many of us sit who have "arrived." We learned that we are one or two paychecks from foodstamps or foreclosure ourselves and that discrimination, injustice and racism exist at every socio-economic level.

Therefore, what is more needful is the solidarity that comes out of a collective black experience and which transcends the class distinctions and static, monolithic cultural representations of the past.

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Community Calendar

March 23

UT Eberly Center Women's History Month Event: "My Black Is Chic;" 7:30 to 9 pm; Student Union Rm 2591; Discussion on fashion, self-esteem and self-expression: 419205-0900

March 24

Eberly Center Women's History Month Event: "Beyond White Leadership;" 3 to 5 pm; Panelists AnChung Chen, PhD, Shanda Gore, Ed.D, Asma Abdel Halim, Ph.D., Srinivasan Smitra, Ph.D.

March 26

Iota Theta Sigma Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc 14th Annual Youth Symposium: 8:30 am to 1 pm; Mt. Pilgrim Church: "H3: It's all about me: Healthy Choices, Healthy Living and Healthy Generations;" 419-345-4486

Cass Road Baptist Church Young Adult Ministry Kick-Off: Food, fun, games; Ages 18-30; 3 to 5 pm: 419-893-2008/crbyaministry@yahoo.com

Glass City Church of Christ 19th Annual Ladies Inspiration Day: "Running the Christian Race... Get F.I.T. with God;" Continental breakfast at 8 am; Program from 9 am to 12:30 pm: 419-346-1248

Citywide Christian Trustee Association Meeting: United MBC; 10 am: 419-380-9477

Central Catholic Gospel Choir: Braden United Methodist Church; 6 pm: 419-386-2700

March 27

Calvary MBC 22nd Pastoral Anniversary: Pastor Floyd Smith; 4 pm service with guests Bishop Clifton Jones and Agape Love Ministries

Crusaders for Christ Church "Fresh Start" Ministry's Freedom Experience: 2:30 pm to 5 pm; Ages 18 and up: 419-376-2331

Parkwood SDA Church Single Parents' Association Support Group & Education: 4 to 5 pm: 419-508-9648

Beulah Baptist Church Men's Day: 11 am preacher, Elder Steve Allen of New Bethel; 4 pm preacher, Pastor Clayborn Arnett of Greater Harvest

Jerusalem MBC: 6th Pastoral Appreciation Service for Rev. W.L. and First Lady Monica Perryman; Guest Indiana Avenue MBC congregation; 4 pm

March 29

Greater Toledo Urban League Senior Program Annual Black History Celebration: "Celebrating You;" 12:30 pm; J. Frank Troy Center; Speaker Robert Smith of African American Legacy Project: 419-255-6206

April 1-2

Phillips Temple CME Pre-Women's Day Event: Fish and Chicken Wing Dinners; 10 am to 5:30 pm

April 2

Calvary Baptist Church Youth Department: Concert – "The Blood Still Works;" Featuring Tye Quarles & Recovered; 6 pm: 419-466-9731

April 9

Women Blessing Women Mentorship Program Kickoff: 11 am – 1 pm; 419-408-3993 or 419-241-9789

Annual Community Health Fair: Cordelia Martin Health Center; Sponsored by Toledo Council of Black Nurses and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity; 10 am to 2 pm; Free adult health screenings – blood pressure, diabetes, cholesterol, HIV, color-rectal, prostate, lupus, etc: 419-531-4310

UAW Local 1435 Women's Committee Shero Luncheon: Honoring women in the workplace who have proven to be heroes; 11 am to 2 pm; Panelist Celia Williamson, Ph.D., of UT: 419-666-7070 or 419-215-9367

April 15-17

Calvary Baptist Church Women's Ministry 14th Spring Retreat: 419-787-9635

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YWCA's 2011 Milestones: A Tribute to Woman

Sojourner's Truth Staff

The YWCA of Greater Toledo held its 16th annual Milestones awards luncheon on Thursday, March 17 –

St. Patrick's Day – at the SeaGate Convention Center as an audience of more than 700, many wearing the green, celebrated the accomplishments of eight honorees.

Among that number were Dr. Samantha Adams, for her work in the sciences, and Lisa McDuffie, the 2011 YWCA Woman of Distinction.

Dr. Adams was licensed to practice chiropractic medicine at the age of 21, the first African-American woman to do so. She remains the only black chiropractic physician in Toledo.

Dr. Adams attended The University of Toledo, City College of New York and the Chiropractic Institute of New York and eventually returned to Toledo to practice and raise a family of six children.

She has served as president of the Toledo Board of Education and as president of the Toledo Branch of the NAACP board. She was honored in 2005 by the NAACP for her outstanding dedication to the organization and its mission and has also been named a "legend" by the African American Legacy Project. In 2009, she received one of the first Glass City Awards from the mayor of Toledo.

McDuffie is president and CEO of the YWCA of Greater Toledo, a job she began 15 years ago with a budget of \$2 million and a staff of 60. Today she oversees a budget of \$5 million and a staff of 100 in a service area that includes 16 Ohio counties.

Just recently, under McDuffie's leadership, the YWCA completed a \$10 million low-income apartment building that houses 65 formerly homeless women and their children.

McDuffie has served as the Ohio State representative for the YWCA, treasurer for the five Great Lakes Alliance of YWCA and recently completed a term as the president of the National Association of YWCA Executives.

This year's other honorees included Marge Trumbull in the arts; Rite Mansour in business; Martha Newhort in education; Olivia Summons in government; Pam Howell-Beach in social services and Pamela Hershberger for volunteerism.

Trumbull is an art historian and serves as a docent at the Toledo Museum of Art. She is past president of the Arts Commission of Greater Toledo.

Mansour is a senior managing director and partner with the firm of Thomas

McDonald Partners. In 2006 she was named to Barron's Top 100 Female Advisors in the U.S. list.

Mewhort has been an educator for over 40 years and is a former faculty member of Lourdes College and a Trustee Emirita of the college.

Summons is director of Government and Public Affairs for the Toledo Refining Company, a subsidiary of PBF Energy (formerly Sunoco, Toledo Refinery) and is past chairman of The University of Toledo's Board of Trustees.

Howell-Beach is executive director of The Stranahan Foundation and has been responsible for an increase in its assets from under \$20 million to nearly \$100 million during her tenure.

Hershberger, a partner in the Toledo office of Ernst & Young, has worked with the YWCA and the area's chapter of the American Red Cross (chairman of the board of directors) among other agencies over the years.

The mission of the YWCA is to eliminate racism, empower women and promote peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all. The YWCA of Greater Toledo operates a battered women's shelter; a free after-school program for seventh grade students in East Toledo; a child care resource and referral program; health programs that include an early breast cancer detection program and support group and one that encourages a healthy lifestyle; a hotline and crisis intervention center for survivors of sexual assault along with its housing program and youth development program.



Dr. Samantha Adams



Lisa McDuffie



Marge Trumbull



Martha Newhort



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Bill Cosby Takes an Enlightening Stroll Through the Central City

By Torri Blanchard
Sojourner's Truth Reporter

On March 19, an estimated crowd of 2,000 men, women, boys, and girls waited in great anticipation for Bill Cosby to complete his walk through one of Toledo's many central city neighborhoods.

Once Cosby made his way to Forest Ave., the thunderous drums played by the Jefferson Express Marching Band led him to the forefront of a very welcoming crowd.

"What's up Smith Park," yelled John Jones, president of the Greater Toledo Urban League. After giving the spectators their opportunity to clap in appreciation of Jones' acknowledgement, he added, "This is the weekend that we begin to change Toledo and its landscape!"

Finally, the crown simmered down and Cosby took center stage to deliver his "safe passage" speech.

He called for "safe passage" for the children and elderly of the urban commu-

"I don't care what white man is dealing what, we don't have to take it," said Cosby. "Our elders have to be able to walk, any time, day or night, with their pocketbooks wide open and nobody puts their hands in it."

"Amen," shouted a woman in the audience. "He sure is telling the truth!"

Sternly, he addressed the Christians in the audience.

"In this area alone, there are seven to eight Baptist and Christian churches. Drug dealers get run of out Muslim

neighborhoods, but operate freely in a neighborhood filled with churches. It makes no sense," said Cosby.

He continued, "Why can the black Muslim men have the strength and care about their children, about their wives, and the Christian men are missing?"

From the quiet of the crowd, it was evident that everyone had taken to heart to the words being spoken.

Giving the crowd an opportunity to hear from a mem-

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Bill Cosby Wows Overflow Crowd at Urban League Dinner

By Fletcher Word
Sojourner's Truth Editor



city neighborhood anchored by Smith Park on Dorc Street.

"My reward is tomorrow, to walk through that neighborhood and we get to start educating our children in places where you never thought of educating people before," he said of Saturday's mission. By this point in his address, Cosby had lowered his voice almost to a whisper as he spoke of the challenge facing the black community.

"We want to get people back to the old time neigh-

First and foremost, he was funny. Very funny.

Whether he was talking about the poverty of his childhood, the difficulties between his father and the rest of the family or even expounding on his now-famous remarks about the absence of proper parenting in the black community, Bill Cosby was very funny last Friday night as he enthralled an audience of 750 who had gathered at the Parkway Plaza for the 14th Annual Greater Toledo Urban League's Dinner.

And he was passionate.

"It's about the children; it's always been about the children," he said. "I'm tired of hearing about people not raising their children; tired of hearing about children raising themselves. Some of us expect the Boys and Girls Clubs to raise our kids."

And he was dismissive of excuses.

"I'm not interested in why we went wrong," he told his listeners. "Or in how we went wrong. FIX IT. I want responsibility. For 400 years you're gonna stay devastated?"

And he was, quite frankly, insulting.

"These people," he said



pointedly, explaining to his audience that he intended to say just that. "These people don't respect what they've seen."

But, he also took pains to point out that while the situation in African-American communities might be grave, it is by no means beyond repair.

"That doesn't mean they can't be helped," he added.

And help was exactly what he was prepared to offer as he explained to the Friday night crowd, what he intended to do on Saturday in an inner-

boroughs," he said. "Maybe we ought to start growing cotton in Ohio, or tobacco. Then we could see the kids saying 'algebra is a lot easier.'"

Cosby's Friday night speech was the culmination of an evening that dwarfed previous such Urban League events. The 750 in attendance was more than the 2009 and 2010 combined.

"Ooohh wee!" said Mayor Mike Bell when he took the podium to extend greetings from the City of Toledo and

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Committed College Coach Program Comes to Toledo

Sojourner's Truth Staff

Lucas County Commissioner Tina Skeldon Wozniak, along with officials from Toledo Public Schools, the Toledo Federation of Teachers, the Toledo Community Foundation, Lucas County Jobs and Family Services and Partners in Education announced the arrival of the Committed College Coach Program on Monday before an audience of about 70 TPS fifth graders.

The program will include about 100 fifth graders in four classes at Sherman Elementary and Grove Patterson Academy, where Monday's announcement was made. The program requires a commitment from a student's par-

leges.

The University of Toledo, Bowling Green State University, Lourdes College and Owens Community College are all participating in the program.

Partners in Education will coordinate the program in collaboration with the other partners.

The first parent and stu-

White, a former TPS student herself and a graduate of UT, addressed the students during Monday's announcement.

"It is imperative that we teach our children that a college education is the norm," said White, a UT administrator.

The program will start with a commitment from student

"Our economic future depends on more of us going to college."

ent to commit to the program were Terrina White and her daughter Nakiya, a student at Grove Patterson.

and coach in the fifth grade. In the sixth grade campus visits will begin along with the identification of career



Sherman and Grove Patterson fifth graders



Terrina White (center) and her daughter Nakiya (right) sign up for College Coach program

ent or other significant adult in the child's life. That adult will be trained, regardless of whether he or she has attended college, to assist the student in preparing for college from an early age.

The student and coaches will receive: regular training on preparing for college; information packets with tasks to help students start thinking about college and a career and invitations to participate in visits to local col-



Commissioner Tina Skeldon Wozniak announces College Coach program

interest. Visits continue through the seventh grade. In the eighth grade, a high school plan is developed and by the ninth grade, information is filtering in about scholarships offered by local colleges.

For the rest of the high school tenure, the student is receiving information on the steps necessary to apply for entrance and scholarships as well as preparing for entrance

exams.

"We'd like you to go to college, because we want you to make more money," said Skeldon Wozniak in her opening remarks to the fifth-graders. "Our economic future depends on more of us going to college."

She then pointed out the statistics that show the Toledo area falling behind other parts of the country.

Fewer than 14 percent of

Lucas County's residents have a bachelor's degree and nearly one in five do not have a high school diploma, said the commissioner. Part of the problem, she said, was the area's traditional reliance on manufacturing jobs which has led young people to believe that they can still find a good job without a degree.

"We're going to get our community off the ground," she told the youngsters.

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Maumee Valley Romance Writers Second Annual Spring Book Lovers' Event at Sanger Branch Library

Special to The Truth

The Maumee Valley Romance Writers of America (MVRWA) announces their second annual Spring Book Lovers Event to be held on

www.mvrwa.net/

Maumee Valley Romance Writers of America (MVRWA) is based in Toledo, Ohio and is a local chap-

scripts written and are looking for a publisher or agent, while still others are struggling to finish their first book. No matter what stage your

we'll hold your hand when those nasty rejection letters foul your mailbox."

Writers interested in joining MVRWA may attend two

meetings to see if RWA and the local chapter is a good fit.

Before becoming a member of MVRWA, membership with RWA is required. RWA

represents more than 10,000 members in 145 chapters nationally.

"No matter what stage your writing career is at, we can identify with you."

Saturday, March 26th from 10:00 A.M. till 2:00 P.M. at the Sanger Branch Library. The purpose of this event is to celebrate the love of writing and reading romantic fiction and to promote the awareness of MVRWA. It is free to the public and no registration is required. Connie Phillips, president of MVRWA says, "It's an opportunity to meet and talk with nationally published authors of romance, and also to network with other authors in various stages of their writing career."

This event, sponsored by the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library, will offer free book giveaways, book readings of published works by authors, and refreshments. For more information, visit the MVRWA website at <http://www.mvrwa.net/>



ter of the Romance Writers of America (RWA). Their purpose is to advance the professional interest of career-focused romance writers through networking and advocacy. "MVRWA members are friendly and welcoming," says Phillips. "We have published authors, from debut to multi-published, who have been writing over a decade. Others have many manu-

writing career is at, we can identify with you. We encourage each other through the ups and downs of our careers. Topics discussed at meetings include brainstorming for ideas, writing contests, submitting to editors, finding an agent (without losing your dignity or your mind), dealing with your first publishing contract, and promoting your work. And yes,

Arts Commission of Greater Toledo Is Pleased to Announce Artomatic 419! 2011 to Take Place April 2, 9 & 16

The Arts Commission of Greater Toledo is pleased to announce that its popular program, Artomatic 419!, returns in 2011, taking place over three full Saturdays, April 2, 9 & 16, from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. each day.

Celebrating its fourth incarnation, the biennial event – held every other year – is looking at one of its biggest and best years yet! As northwest Ohio's largest nonjuried, multi-media arts showcase, Artomatic 419! 2011 will see nearly 300 visual, performing, and literary artists from across our region's Creative Community take over two buildings in downtown Toledo's St. Clair Village, situated right in the heart of the burgeoning Warehouse District neighborhood across from Fifth-Third Field.

Due to an overwhelming response from ACGT's call for artists in the autumn of 2010, Artomatic 419! Out grew its first building, adding for the first time in the event's history a second site. The 2011 event will take place simultaneously in the 3-story historic building at 407 Washington St. (behind Jed's), and kitty-corner at 25 S. St. Clair Street (across from Homeslice Pizza). Both of these wonderful structures have been empty for some time, despite being situated in the city's core. Filled with art, live performance, and Artomatic 419! event-goers, these buildings will enjoy new life and new recognition for the first time in years.

This year's event will also feature the new addition of an "official after-party." The after-party event is sponsored by The Ottawa Tavern and Toledo.com, and will feature regional live entertainment each night from 10 p.m. to midnight at The Event Center (23 N. Summit St.).

This year's event is made possible through the generosity of our building partners STS Management (407 Washington) and Martin and Wood Appraisals Group LTD along with new tenant, The Art Supply Depot (25 S. St. Clair St.), and The Event Center.

This event is also supported by the Ohio Arts Council, the Small Business Administration, The Toledo Blade, ProMedica, Clear Channel, WTO5 Toledo's CW, Devious, Toledo.com, Wayne Lumber, SFC Graphics, the Ottawa Tavern, Flash Toledo, Old West End Records, Crafts 2000 Monroe, Scrap4Art, and the Toledo Warehouse District.

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I Found a Gift Certificate, Now What Do I Do?

By Teri Schilichenmeyer
The Truth Contributor

The other day, you were cleaning out your wallet, looking for something you needed and you got quite a surprise.

Oh, sure, you found what you were looking for. As well as three outdated coupons, a seventh grade photo of your niece (she's 25 now), a grocery list from who-knows-when, and two phone numbers scribbled on scraps of paper – with no names.

And you found the bookstore gift certificate you got last Christmas.

Okay. So you know what to do with all that other stuff (sorry to the niece) but what do you do with a bookstore gift certificate?

Send it to me, care of... no, just kidding. Instead, why not GO TO THE BOOKSTORE and look for these books...

IF YOU'RE A NOVEL LOVER... And you love westerns, try *The Brave* by Nicholas Evans (who wrote *The Horse Whisperer*). This is the story of a cowboy whose past comes back to haunt him when his son is charged with murder. Also look for *Blind Your Ponies* by Stanley Gordon West which, like *The Brave* is set in Montana and tells the story of a man who is hiding from his past and the basketball team that changes his life.

Historical novel lovers will want to look for *The Book of Negroes* by Lawrence Hill. That's the story of a former slave woman who decides to pen her memoirs, starting with her life in an African village and what happens to her on her journey back. This is one of those books you won't be able to put down. You've been warned...

Connie Briscoe's last novel, *Sisters & Husbands* is now in paperback. It's a story about a woman who can't seem to settle down, particularly since she's seen her sister's marriages flounder. Another paperback novel to look for is *These Things Hidden* by Heather Gudenkauf, a book about a woman who wants to put her past behind her and re-connect with her sister after a prison term for a crime that happened long ago. But the past can't always be hidden. And don't miss *Color Me Butterfly* by L.Y. Marlow, a novel based on a true story of four generations of mothers and daughters – also in paperback.

Best thing about a paperback is that you can buy more with that gift certificate...

IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT TO READ... Try *Blood Contract* by Biola Olatunde, which is

set in the Niger Delta. It's the story of a man who tried to escape his past by leaving his village, until that very past pulls him back.

Set in Ireland, *They Never Gave Up* by Linda Penhall is the story of two women and their lifelong friendships and the support they give one another.

The Savion Sequence by D. Amari Jackson is a little new age, a little fantasy, and a little mystery, set partially in the Sahara and partially in North Carolina.

And *The Abominable Gayman* by Johnny Townsend is a novel about a gay Mormon who's doing his two-year missionary work in Italy, his "torment" and the things he faces while so far away from home.

All these books may be a little difficult to find, but if you're in the mood for something completely unusual, give them a try.

IF YOU'RE LOOKING TO BUY A HOUSE THIS YEAR... Don't shop before you read *Before You Buy!* by Michael Corbett. This book takes you from dreaming of home ownership to painting your new bedroom and everything in between, and it even addresses your "freaking out" moments. If this is your year to own a home, what better way to use that gift certificate?

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If there's a 20-something in your family, look for *Not Quite Adults* by Richard Settersten, PhD & Barbara E. Ray. That's a book to help you understand why your post-teen is still a kid (to you) and why it's a good thing. And if you've got other challenges in your family, you'll want to read *Siblings and Autism*, edited by Debra L. Cumberland and Bruce E. Mills, an anthology of true stories from people who have brothers or sisters with the

autism spectrum.

I also liked *Yellow Dirty* by Judy Pasternak, which is a chilling historical account of nuclear development and what happened when the government knowingly contaminated an entire tribe of Native Americans. If you're looking for outrage, this is your book. Another outrageous book is *American Plasticity* by Laurie Essig. How does our love of plastic money affect our plastic lives? Read on...

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I also liked *Double Play* by Mike Weiss; a true-crime story of the double murders of George Moscone and Harvey Milk, and includes a DVD and new information you might not know.

FOR THE GARDENER.... who's tired of putting the same old thing in the ground, look for *Bizarre Botanicals* by Larry Mellichamp and Paula Gross, which will give you dozens of cool ideas for the garden and for that landscaping project you've been thinking about. I also liked *The Blueberry Years* by Jim Minick, which is a very sweet book about a different kind of family farm. Bonus: RECIPES!

FOR THE BUDDING WRITER.... who can't seem to get started on that new novel, look for *Mastering Creative Anxiety* by Eric Maisel. This book – which is useful for anyone who needs creativity – can boost your brain and get you to the next level on your book, your artwork, your screenplay, song, or skit. I also really loved *The Word: Black Writers Talk About the Transformative Power of Reading and Writing*, edited by Marita Golden. This book, filled with interviews of authors such as Pearl Cleage and Edwidge Danticat will also get you motivated to put pen to paper or fingers to keyboard.

IF YOU CRAVE A BIOGRAPHY or MEMOIR... then try *My Week at the Blue Angel and Other Stories from the Storm Drains, Strip Clubs, and Trailer Parks of*

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FORTHETRIVIAFAN... Look for complete fun in *The Celebrated Pedestrian and Other Historical Curiosities: A Miscellany* from BBC History Museum. It's a book about quirks and oddities throughout history and throughout the world, and it's a browser's delight. Also look for *Campbell's Weather Compendium* by Harry Campbell, which is a book for gardeners, cooks, trivia buffs, and weather fans alike.

TO MAKE YOU LAUGH... Look for *Daily Scoldings* by Beryl Barclay. That's a book filled with advice and quick wit, and it's

quick to read, too.

IF YOU WANT A BUSINESS BOOK TO READ... Look for *Now... Build a Great Business!* by Mark Thompson and Brian Tracy. This book will teach you how to take your business to the next level to maximize profits and grow. Bonus: it includes website information. Also look for *Black Business Secrets* by Dante Lee. That's another entrepreneurial book, but this one is specifically for African Americans who want to make a better business.

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Also try *Some We Love, Some We Hate, Some We Eat* by Hal Herzog. This interesting, lively book explains – among other things – why view animals differently and why most people prefer a pup of the canine sort and not of the rodent kind.

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Art work of Nick Leeper, 7th-grade student at Byrnedale Middle School

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The Color Purple Musical: A Soulful Experience

By Monique Ward Special to The Truth

It's 8 p.m. at the Stranahan Theatre (March 10-13) and the venue is filled to capacity with a diverse audience from all different walks of life. Many have a common love for art and theater but this crowd was here in particular to experience one show in particular. This Broadway show, produced by Oprah and music legend Quincy Jones was based on the Pulitzer Prize winning book by Alice Walker, *The Color Purple*. It was to become quite obvious why the Broadway musical received over 10 Tony Award nominations as act one began. The story opens with Celie (Dayna Jarac Dantzler) and Nettie (Traci Allen) playing the clapping game called Huckleberry Pie which has become so well known from the movie. Soon after Celie is married off by her Pa to Mister (Edward C. Smith) and takes her second child from her. Nettie also runs away from her Pa to be with Celie but Mister tries to take advantage of Nettie when she moves in. When Nettie defends herself against his advances, Mister puts her out and she promises to write

Celie before she departs the stage. We are then introduced to Harpo, Mister's son (Cameron J. Ross) and his pregnant wife Sophia (Pam Trotter) you can't help but to fall in love with the two spirited characters. Harpo is the doting husband while Sofia has all the attitude. Mister gives his son advice on how to deal with his wife which Harpo doesn't agree with. He then turns to Celie for advice who agrees with her husband in saying that Sophia should be beaten. Songs such as "A Tree Named Sofia" and "Hell No!" had the audience laughing and in tears after witnessing Harpo's bruises from Sofia beating him up instead. Soon after this, Sofia leaves Harpo who turns their house into a juke joint and hires a girl named Squeak (played by Allison Semmes) as a waitress. Squeak soon becomes Harpo's mistress and moves in with him. By this time, the town temptress, Shug Avery (Taprena Augustine), makes it back home from her travels. She makes her entrance onstage to the townspeople singing "All We've Got to Say" as part of the local gos-



sip. Celie ends up caring for Shug after Mister bring her to his house. While caring for Shug, Celie starts to develop deep feeling for her and they become good friends. Shug finds a letter written by Nettie and gives it to Celie which disproves her previous thoughts of her sister being dead. "Too Beautiful for

Words" and "Push Da Button" were too well-received numbers sung by Shug. Act two begins with Celie discovering the numerous letters that Mister hid from her over the years. She also learns that Nettie traveled to Africa on a mission trip to Africa with a local pastor that also adopted Celie's babies. Dur-

ing this time, Shug returns home for Easter and realizes that Celie is mad at God which lead to a spiritual rendition of the title number "The Color Purple." The musical continued with comedy and silent moments of awe throughout. Celie is reunited with her sister & children, Mister becomes a changed man &

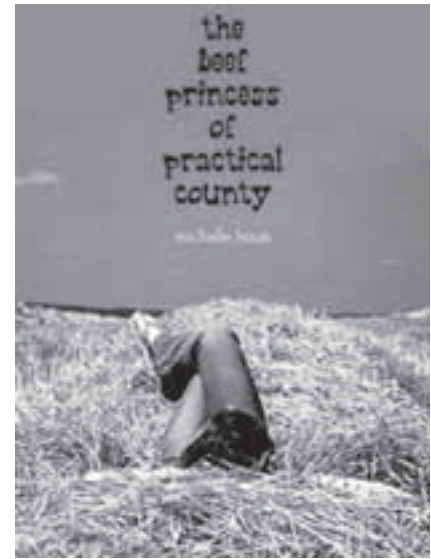
Sophia takes Harpo back. It was obvious that the cast managed to capture the minds and hearts of the audience with amazing voices and well-choreographed dance moves. By the conclusion of the show all the seats of the theater were empty due to everyone in the standing for a thunderous ovation.

Gift Certificate

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but it's such a pretty book that they'll never notice. AND THEY'RE MIDDLE-SCHOOLERS... Look for *How to Trap a Zombie, Track a Vampire, and Other Hands-On Activities for Monster Hunters* by A.R. Rotruck. Published by the Dungeons & Dragons folks, this book is funny and very fun for young wizards. I also liked *Beast Friends Forever: Book 1, Meet the Beast* by Nate Evans and Vince Evans. Part comic book, part chapter book, this is a great bridge between the two, and your young monster-lover will love it. And if you're heading on vacation this year, check the bookstore for *Cool Stuff Every Kid Should Know* by Kate Boehm Jerome. This is a series of books, each focusing on a specific city, its history, sites, and trivia, includes pictures and plenty of information for the young vacationer. Cincinnati, Orlando, Dallas, Tampa, Atlanta, Houston, Buffalo, and Charleston are available now...

more books are slated to be released in the coming months. IF THEY'RE TEENAGERS... then look for *The Twin's Daughter* by Lauren Baratz-Logsted, a gothic novel about two girls separated at birth and the creepy things that happen when they unite as grown-ups, one with a daughter who sees too much. I also liked *The Beef Princess of Practical County* by Michelle Houts, a novel about one girl's week at the county fair after months of preparation and weeks of avoiding the nastiest girls in her small Indiana town. And if you've got a "Twilight" fan who's chomping for something to read, look for *iDrakula* by Bekka Black. Get this book, and they'll say fang you very much (sorry, I couldn't resist). And there you are: a few dozen ways to spend that found gift certificate by spending a few hours in a bookstore and then, curled up with a book you'll love. Happy Reading!



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In Search of Our Past: Women of Northwest Ohio

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What do Nancy Drew, a jazz club owner, and a Native American activist have in common?

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This last volume celebrates the Women Alive! Coalition's 25th year Anniversary and includes: Millie Benson, author of many of the Nancy Drew books; environmental activists Jane Forsyth, PhD, and Betty Jo Carstensen; black historian Edrene Cole; big band singer Helen O'Connell; sculptor Joe Ann Cousino, evangelist Ottabee Simms; Rusty Monroe, the queen of Toledo jazz; Joyce "Snowfeather" Mahaney, Native-American activist

and early bus driver Virginia Wiezbicki.

Also included are nine women from Fulton County, including Edna Crisman, who closed her business at the age of 100 1/2!

Volume XI costs \$10 with \$1.50 each for shipping and handling.

The Coalition will be hosting a Family and Friends Event to gather those who knew these women on Saturday, April 2, 2011 at the Sylvania Branch of the Toledo-Lucas County Library in Sylvania, Ohio from 2 - 4 pm.

The Monroe County Community College's Whitman Center, 7777 Lewis Avenue, Temperance, MI (just across the state line) is hosting an authors roundtable of several in the women in the book on Tuesday, March 22, 2011 from 12:30-1:30 in Room 8.

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Album Review Lupe Fiasco Lasers

By Michae Hayes
Minister of Culture



It's sad that hip-hop heads seem to be the most boxed-in people on earth.

If this was 1998, Lupe Fiasco would be shoulder to shoulder with the Mos Def and Common types. He would've been seen as back-packer royalty that keeps that boom bap so alive that it only adds to their artistic cache when they attempt genre blending or reaching into alternative sounds. But, this man came on the scene five years into the new millennium. Sort of as Atlantic Record's one-two punch.

Plies and Lupe Fiasco are on the same label and as their first and second albums hit the shelves both rode a powerful wave of fans who dug deeper and deeper into them with every song and appearance. But Lupe had a heavier cross to bear (and yes, I know he's a Muslim... but you get the reference).

Fine, don't call it conscious hip-hop. Fine, don't call it progressive hip-hop.

But even as fans and artists never seem to want be

defined by a category or title, the entire premise of this type of hip-hop is that it intentionally categorizes itself opposite mainstream rap.

Just as Erykah Badu ushered in and then killed the term neo-soul, it's a double-edged sword because people who like that kind of music need to call it something!

Lupe represents that lane once filled by Tribe Called Quest, and occasionally filled by Talib and the aforementioned. Along with The Roots and a few others, creating this particular type of hip-hop is what artists like Lupe Fiasco are known for.

Lyrics with substance, tracks that aren't glittery or bass heavy but more organic.

Lots of metaphor, simile and wordplay and subject matter that address the conditions we live in not just personal ambition.

But as much as fans of "conscious" hip-hop appreciate our heroes who keep giving us that real, there's the other edge to that sword.

More than any other form of urban music, artists are held to a strict standard of expectations.

Lupe has always played the line between conscious hip-hop and some kind of skater boy, alternative semi Pharell-esque type of artsy-ness.

But the rhymes, the rhymes, the rhymes... are always there.

Lupe's recent label troubles became major internet news late last year.

Atlantic Records was allegedly trying to force him to sign one of those nefarious 360 Deals (which I explained in an article last year, any rappers - hope you read it) and they also wanted to force him to pick more radio friendly singles.

After name dropping the title of his unreleased album a year prior, fans were not only rabid but they were actively campaigning for Lupe's fair treatment.

Then an online petition was started with the fans demanding that Atlantic let Lupe do him and let his album come out.

Lupe spoke out about the situation, the video lit up the internet.

And within a week.. Julie Greenblatt (remember..the same three people who lead Def Jam to major success in the late 90s then went to Atlantic?. She's one of the three.) and Lupe are photographed cheesy-faced doing business that supposedly will make everyone happy.

So label drama dies down, fans are happy to see their man being treated with the respect he deserves but one thing remains: is this album any good?

The appeal is very wide on this one. Fans of Paramore and Wale will love this equally.

Lupe Fiasco has managed to create highly-polished songs that sound more like mainstream pop rock than mainstream rap.

It's catchy as hell and not

exactly urban. But somehow it works. Must be a Chi Town thing (what up Sherita!, I know you are reading this). The ability to occupy that same lane Kanye did when he came out, like a new era of back-pack but with entirely new rules and wider boundaries.

And just like with "Ye, it's the subject matter that is Lupe's saving grace. On "Words I Never Said" there's an obvious ploy to more commercial audiences (but pop, not commercial rap) by adding the now ubiquitous Skylar Grey singing over a track that's just as much Eminem as it is Linkin Park.

However, Lupe's first verse rips into atrocities like corporate news and the 9/11 cover ups with glaring detail and measured urgency. It's nothing short of brilliant.

Now how Chicago is this? On the same track he blatantly says he hasn't and never will vote for President Barack Obama. WHOA!

See, I won't even go into detail.

Another of my absolute favorites is the "Trey Songz assisted "Out Of My Head."

The production is genius! Just as what Pharrell and Jay Z think they are capable of

every time, Lupe and Trey have achieved with ease. And Lupe needs that lady's track bad and this is it!

The lead single "The Show Goes On" is an attempt at that stadium music - bigger than life sound, but it's just so-so to me. I remember seeing the video weeks ago, and it just wasn't on par with what I expect from Lupe.

It's not wack, it's just missing the identity of the artist.

But artists of this caliber are always capable of creating a song that is sure to be a fan favorite for years to come. "State Run Radio" and "All Black Everything" are two of the best hip-hop songs I've heard in five years. At least.

Lupe Fiasco tackles the matrix of corporate radio, vents about the pressure to make hits (a la dumb down) and then caps it off with an urge for fans to take control of what they listen to. The music along with Matt Mahaffey's vocals create a sonic experience so pleasing you don't care what genre it does or doesn't fit in.

Now the other song I mentioned, "All Black Everything," is the song that Lupe Fiasco made that Nas, Common, Mos Def and Talib

should've made.

This is the song that cements his position as one of the few lyricists who can transport listeners to somewhere beyond where they stand. It is singularly one of the best hip-hop songs I've ever heard in my life.

The album only has one or two songs I don't care for at all, one of them is the avoid-at-all-costs "Coming Up" and the title track "Beautiful Lasers" just feels like a forced anthem, and I have had this album for over a week and I don't check for that one.

But there is material on this release that you absolutely need in your life and as I said, the rhymes are there!

True grade for Lupe Fiasco's LASERS is a solid B.

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Lucas County is requesting proposals for Alcohol and Other Drug treatment programs for its Fiscal Years 2012-14 (July 1, 2011-June 30, 2014). A detailed Request for Proposal may be downloaded from the Board's website at www.co.lucas.oh.us/mhrs under the heading of AOD Treatment RFP. Copies of all required forms are also available from the same location on the website. Organizations interested in providing services may also get copies of the RFP by written request submitted to:

Scott A. Sylak
Executive Director
Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of
Lucas County
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A bidders' conference will be held on April 4, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in the Board Office to provide further detail and afford an opportunity for prospective providers to ask questions related to the Request For Proposal.

Request for Proposals Basic Plumbing Services RFP #11-008

The Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority (LMHA) will receive proposals for the furnishing of all labor, materials and equipment for Basic Plumbing Services. Proposals will be received in accordance with law until **Monday, April 4, 2011 at 3:00 pm.**

RFP documents are available on LMHA's website at: www.lucasmha.org or in the LMHA offices, 201 Belmont Ave., Toledo, OH 43604. These documents may also be obtained by calling (419) 259-9419.

All proposers shall be required to meet the Affirmative Action requirements and Equal Employment Opportunity requirements as described in Executive Order #11246. Each proposer must ensure that all employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their age, race, color, religion, creed, sex, military status, ancestry, disability, handicap or national origin.



Request for Proposals Tenant Moving Services RFP #11-007

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Toledo Refining Company has an immediate need for two Area Maintenance Supervisors assigned to either the Crude or Hydrocracker area. Candidate will support the Area Business Team in all aspects relating to Maintenance. The Area Maintenance Supervisors serve as the liaison between the Area Business Teams, Planning, Scheduling, and Execution to ensure proper Maintenance representation.

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Candidates must have at least 10 years supervisory experience and 5 years refinery experience or 5-7 years craft specific experience. Bachelor's Degree or minimum 2 years college preferred. Must be able to respond 24/7 to unscheduled call-ins.

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Cosby Central City (Continued from Page 4)



tor of Scott High School, to the stage where she introduced the audience to the schools "Stand Up" campaign.

"The "Stand Up" campaign is sphere-headed by our students to encourage their peers to stand-up and succeed. We have students who are ready for success, but we need community support and advocates to be great role models and help lead our kids in the right directions," said Jeffries.

In addition, the students from Ella P. Stewart Academy and Martin Luther King Jr. Academy were addressed directly by Cosby.

"Children, bring your parents into your school. Make them come in. Say 'Mama, this is important to me, this is about my success.' And go find your



father if he's not there. If you can't find him, go on a search being time and tell your father, 'I need you. Your problems are with mom, not with me.'"

As the rally came to a close, Cosby's words were heard loud and clear. He was disgusted by the amount of drug dealing in the area, in addition to all of the crime it brings to the

black community. Above all, he was more bothered by the black men who do not take the initiative to be fathers to their children.

Cosby made sure to emphasize the importance of bettering our inner-city and the people in it.

"You can't expect somebody to come from City Hall to clean up a mess that you're giving an okay to," he added.

After Cosby delivered his final remarks, cheers could be heard all throughout the park. Apparently, his message was well received by numerous individuals who appeared, at least on Saturday morning, willing and ready to improve the black community.

Cosby Dinner (Continued from Page 4)

glanced over the packed room. "I'm glad I'm not the fire chief."

The evening's mistress of ceremonies was Kristian Brown, 13abc news anchor. The Shades of Brown from Bowling Green led the crowd in the Black National Anthem ("Lift Every Voice and Sing").

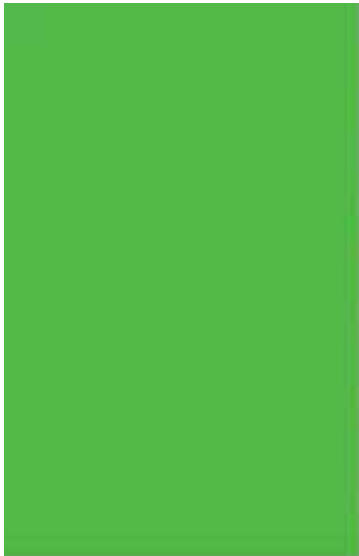
This year's Charles H. Penn Humanitarian Award winner was Crystal Ellis, former superintendent of the Toledo Public Schools. Derick Gant, financial advisor received an award for his entrepreneurial achievements.

The evening closed with remarks by John Jones, president and CEO of the Greater Toledo Urban League.

The chairman of this year's banquet committee was Rhonda Sewell. Cheryl Slack and Sena Mourad were co-chairmen. Also serving on the committee were Phyllis Crockrel, Alan Bannister, Darlene Miller, Deborah Barnett, Keith Jordan, Walt Crockrel, Laneta Goings, Gina Thompson and Jermaine Young.



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