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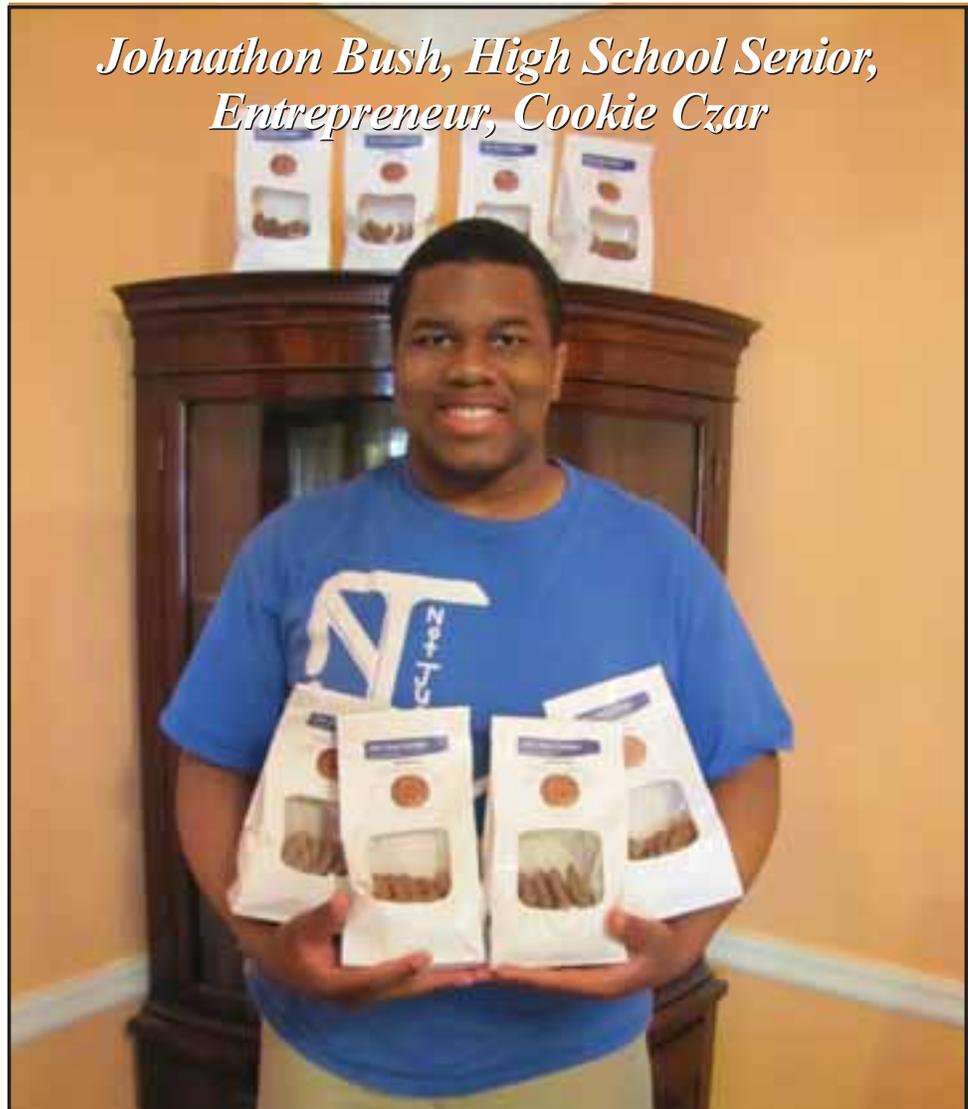
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*Johnathon Bush, High School Senior,  
Entrepreneur, Cookie Czar*



*"I started cooking in general when I was five – helping out in the kitchen, doing small things like stirring up stuff. Started with cookies when I was around 12, baking things for the holidays ... for family"*

## A Call for a Definable Community



Long ago African Americans gave up their tastes, interests and values to accept the tastes, interests and values of others.

We just marked the 43rd anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King's death with a whole generation of young people who will live and die without having an appreciation for who they are.

The Cubans get off the boat, look in the mirror, like what they see and seek out others who look like them. They build Little Havana. They have their own schools, businesses, banks and churches. They see Jesus through the

eyes of their own culture. They control the politics and the politicians who represent them. They control the distribution of goods, services, jobs and business opportunities in Little Havana. They respect each other, protect each other, and through group economics, support each other. And subsequently they are respected and supported by others who don't look like them.

The Chinese get off the boat, look in the mirror, like what they see and seek out others who look like them. They build China Town. They have their own schools, businesses, banks and churches. They see Jesus through the eyes of their own culture. They control the politics and the politicians who represent them. They control the distribution of goods, services and job opportunities in China Town.

They respect each other, protect each other and, through group economics, support each other. Subsequently, they are respected and supported by others who don't live in China Town.

The same can be said of the Italians and their Little Italy, the Cambodians and their Little Cambodia, the Vietnamese and their Little Saigon, the Germans and their German Town, the Poles and their Polish Village. They all have their definable community, and practice group economics. Money that is spent by them, for them, returns to them through the creation of businesses and jobs for them.

If African Americans are to survive, we too must have a definable community, where we have our own schools, businesses, banks and churches, where we see Jesus through the eyes of our own culture. A community where we produce and control the jobs, and job opportunities for our own people, and have a code of conduct which teaches us how to buy from, and support those who live among us. We must build political structures whereby we select, elect and collect from politicians who represent us.

We had such a community in Toledo. It was called, "Dorr Street." There were flourishing businesses along Dorr Street. It was our Black Mecca. Then along came "Urban Renewal", which some called, "Negro removal," and we lost it all. Today the largest black-owned businesses in the black community are the black churches and the funeral homes. In fact, we really don't have a definable community, we have neighborhoods; neighborhoods which were designed by others for the benefit of others.

*Floyd Rose*

## Community Calendar

### April 13

ProMedica Health Education Series for Breast Cancer Survivors: Toledo Hospital Kellermeyer Auditorium; 7 to 8:30 pm; "Self Advocacy: Your Rights as a Survivor:" 419-291-2330

St. Paul's Community Center Annual Soiree: "Help Us Build a Better St. Paul's" fundraiser; Georgio's Café; 6pm: 419-255-5520 ex 224 or 419-261-9914

### April 13-15

Toledo District of Full Gospel Baptist Church Fellowship International Annual Prayer Conference: "It Shall Be Done ... Greater Works;" City of Zion campus; 6:30 pm nightly

### April 14

Mercy MARC Blood Pressure Program Information: Mercy St. Anne Hospital; Conference Rm #1; 5:30 to 7 pm: 419-251-2004

### April 15-17

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

### April 16

Birth Your Business Workshop: End Time Christian Fellowship; Noon to 1:30 pm: 419-346-7426

Dental Health Fair: Warren AME Church; For families and their children; Noon to 3 pm; Free dental screenings – oral hygiene instruction: 419-243-2237

United MBC Nurses Guild Wellness Workshop: 11 am to 1 pm; Topics – Dementia and Alzheimer's

### April 16-17

Palm Sunday Prophetic Summit: River Life Church; Saturday seminar from 10 am to 12:30 pm, luncheon at 12:30 pm; Sunday worship service at 10:30 am and 6 pm: 419-380-9357

### April 17

Beulah Baptist Church 5<sup>th</sup> Pastoral Anniversary: 11 am service with guest Rev. James Wilson; 4 pm service with guest Pastor F.A. Sheares

New Prospect Baptist Church "Old Ship of Zion" Program: 4 pm; Various groups from around the city

Palm Sunday Parade: "In His Footsteps;" Corner of Ewing and Indiana Ave; 5 pm; Sponsored by Walls Memorial, ETM Productions, Amazing Grace AME, St Paul AME

### April 18

Calvary Baptist Church Citywide Mission Fellowship: 7 pm

### April 20

ProMedica Health Education Series for Breast Cancer Survivors: Toledo Hospital Kellermeyer Auditorium; 7 to 8:30 pm; "Giggling Your Way to Good Health:" 419-291-2330

### April 22

Eater Eggstravaganza: Wayman Palmer YMCA; Easter egg hunt, Easter egg roll, arts and crafts; 4 to 7 pm

### April 29

Central MBC "A Evening with the Gentleman's:" 7 pm;

### April 29-30

Calvary Baptist Church Youth Explosion: "Chosen Vessel in Christ;" Friday – 6 pm fellowship; Saturday – 9 am to 1 pm; Saturday at 7 pm – worship service: 419-535-9793

### April 30

First Annual 2K Walk-A-Thon to Support Sexual Assault Awareness: "Steps to Healing and Wholeness;" Ottawa Park; 10 am registration: 419-460-5994

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# Rep. Ashford Votes No on Bill to Gut Collective Bargaining Rights

*Special to The Truth*

The Ohio House of Representatives two weeks ago voted to approve Senate Bill 5, legislation which would take away the rights of middle class workers by virtually eliminating collective bargaining. State Representative Michael Ashford (D-Toledo) voted against the bill, and issued the following statement:

"Senate Bill 5 takes away the rights of middle class workers and does nothing to create jobs. This bill will re-

turn the state to the old days when patronage, cronyism and nepotism were rampant. This bill will turn the clock back to when the color of your skin or your gender stopped you from being promoted or getting a job in the first place. If you take away all the protection from public employees you will have elected official every four years coming into state government and sweeping everyone out the door and giving those jobs to their friends,

family member and the political machine.

"The sponsor of the legislation, State Senator Jones, testified repealing collective bargaining will not do anything to resolve the budget deficit. This does nothing so there is no connection between Jones bill and the budget deficit, according to Sen. Jones, not me. State employee payroll is about nine cents of every \$1 in the budget. If you fired every state employee, including the Governor,



prison guards, state highway patrolmen, and every other state employee, you would save \$2 billion. The budget

deficit is \$8 billion. Where do you find the other \$6 billion?

"The policies of Governor Kasich and the Republican lawmakers will force the firing of local police, firefighters, teacher, nurses and others who deliver vital services in their community force hard working families to pay higher property taxes because of Governor Kasich devastating policies. This extreme legislation will harm working people and weaken the middle class.

"Small shop owners, grocers, gas stations, dry cleaners, barber/beauty shops, locally-owned stores, will be forced to lay off workers, fire employees and force homeowner to lose their homes. This legislature wants to do away with overtime (HB 61). You can work 60 hours a week and only get paid for 40 hours. This legislation is aimed to weaken the working class, unions, Democratic Party and undermine the 2012 presidential election."

## S.T.R.I.V.E. Program Needs Funds to Continue Tutoring Efforts

I am a 27-year veteran of the Toledo Police Department. I am writing this letter in hopes of soliciting funds for the S.T.R.I.V.E. (Success Through Review Incentive Vision Effort) summer tutoring program.

This program was created to assist high school students (at that time) with tutoring in proficiency (math, science and social studies) testing areas. The students are tutored by Toledo Public School teachers.

Students are required to have 20 hours of tutoring and once the hours are completed, the students are administered the Ohio Graduation Test. If they pass the test, it is counted towards graduation.

The program started with 30 students in December 1997 and has served over 200 students per year since. This was a totally free program until this year but due to the lack of funding, students will now be charged \$35.00. This is the largest proficiency-tutoring program in the city of Toledo.

In the summer of 2007, the program began tutoring students for the current Ohio Graduation Test. The program began with a cost of \$5,000 per summer program and is currently at a cost of \$15,000 with the monies being paid to teachers, assistant teachers and team assistants.

Although I am the coordinator, I do not get paid. The Toledo Police Department allows me to volunteer my time.

This program was created to assist my own children but has grown to service youth throughout the

city to help them achieve their goal of graduating from high school.

The program is currently administered out of Robinson High School and will begin on June 8, 2011 and run through June 24. The Greater Toledo Urban League and the Afro American Police League are the sponsors of this program with all monies being dispersed through the Urban League.

The statistics for 2010 for S.T.R.I.V.E. are as follows: science - 91 students participated in science classes with 37 passing the OGT; social studies - 38 students participated in social studies classes with 32 passing; math - 48 students participated in math classes with 24 passing.

This program cannot be

successful without sponsorship from the community. If you feel this is a program you or your organization would be interested in making a contribution to, please send the donation to: Greater Toledo Urban League, 7 East Bancroft Street, Toledo, OH 43620.

Because "a mind is a terrible thing to waste" and "it does take a village to raise a child."

Although any amount will help, one of the following donation amounts will have the highest impact as a donation:

- \$1,000 will pay a teacher
- \$500 will pay for a student teacher

Sincerely,  
**Officer Flo Wormely**

## Toledo Zoo Throws a Party for the Planet!

In addition to being a great family destination, the Toledo Zoo is also a first-rate conservation organization. So it's no surprise that the Zoo makes Earth Day a **Party for the Planet**.

This year's celebration takes place on **Saturday, April 16**, and in addition to activities, feeding demonstrations and great green tips, your family can also drop off some of those harder-to-recycle items!

Throughout the day, your family will see feeding and enrichment demonstrations, from the polar bears in the Arctic Encounter® to the vultures to the snakes in the Reptile House—they're not only fun to watch, but they also help remind us that our planet's animals are relying on us to take care of the land, water and air that they call home.

A complete schedule of animal feedings and demonstrations can be found at the Zoo's website, [www.toledozoo.org/planet](http://www.toledozoo.org/planet). You'll also find a list of more items that will be accepted for recycling, which is made possible by Keep Toledo/Lucas County Beautiful, Lott Indus-

tries, Allied Waste, Aluminum Cans for Burned Children, and Goodwill Industries for their assistance in accepting recyclable items. Recyclables can be dropped off without entering the Zoo, so admission charges would not apply.



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# National Broadcaster Byron Pitts Visits the Glass City

By Torri Blanchard  
Sojourner's Truth Reporter

On April 5, a welcoming crowd of more than 200 citizens filled the McMaster Center of the Toledo Lucas County Main Library to hear the optimistic works spoken by television journalist and CBS chief correspondent, Byron Pitts.

Born to a single-parent home of a woman who only had a 10th grade education, Pitts grew up in East Baltimore as a stuttering, disadvantaged youth who only possessed the simplest of literacy skills. Due to his lack of literate knowledge, Pitts came very close to being declared as mentally retarded at the age of 12.

However, it was the faith that his mother had in him and his faith in the Lord that overturned the diag-

noses.

"Test him again," is exactly what his mother told the education administrators when they told her that Byron was illiterate and that he should be institutionalized.

"By golly, the folks at

my school tested me again, and I still failed, but my mother did not give up on me and I did not give up on myself," says Pitts.

It was this sense of perseverance that he carried with him as a young man who was academically

challenged, but willing to learn. By the time he made it to his senior year in high school, Pitts was academically capable of applying for college in search of a brighter future.

"By the grace of God, I was accepted into Ohio Wesleyan University," says Pitts. As with most college students, the television journalist experienced his fair share of ups-and-downs throughout his tenure at Ohio Wesleyan. But, it was the thoughtfulness of his Estonian professor and the undeniable support

"Besides my mother, it was those people who stepped out in faith and believed in me. They did not have to, but they did and not only am I grateful, but it has helped to morph me into the man I am today," says Pitts.

From his own personal experiences, he has learned the positive effects of believing deeply in the power of words. Pitts encouraged his listeners last not to be indifferent and to remember that indifference itself is a deadly weapon.

"If you're doing things

Undeniably, Pitts has made quite a success for himself. He dared to dream of success and dared to seek out and conquer his dream – a dream he lives out every day. At the age of 50, he has reported live from 49 countries and interviewed the last six United States presidents.

Pitts feel-good book, *Step out on Nothing*, is a positive read for all of those who were unable to attend. The inspirational words of community spoken by the *60 Minutes* contributor was part of *Au-*



**"Besides my mother, it was those people who stepped out in faith and believed in me. They did not have to, but they did and not only am I grateful, but it has helped to morph me into the man I am today,"**

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of his freshman roommate that helped him to expand his vocabulary, and his 'mountain moving faith' in God that saw him through the good and bad times.

in your community, please keep doing them," he said. "There is no instant reward – the time you give may not bear fruit for years.

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## Black Nurses, Omega Psi Phi Host Annual Health Fair

Sojourner's Truth Staff



Once again, the Toledo Council of Black Nurses and the Toledo chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., among others, hosted an annual health fair on Saturday, April 9 at the Cordelia Martin Health Center to commemorate April as Minority Health Month.

The sponsors also held a symposium earlier in the week at the Toledo Club as Vince Davis of State Farm moderated a panel discussion on prostate cancer. This year's panelists were two survivors – Johnny Hutton and Norman

Bell. The health fair, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. offered dozens of visitors free screenings for high blood pressure, diabetes, cholesterol, HIV, colorectal, prostate and lupus, among others. The fair also presented dozens of vendors who specialized in the health-care field.

The symposium at the Toledo Club was an opportunity for the audience to learn of the experiences of those who have undergone treatment for prostate cancer.

In a 2000 study published

by the Journal of the National Cancer Institute, African-American men were found to have nearly twice the risk of prostate cancer compared to white men and the highest rate of such cancer of all ethnic groups in the United States.

Hutton emphasized the need for testing during his address noting that only timely testing brought his condition to his doctor's attention as he had been totally without symptoms of the disease.

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## Johnathon Bush: There's a Cookie Monster on the Loose in Toledo

By Fletcher Word  
Sojourner's Truth Editor



Some reporting assignments are more difficult than others and this was a particularly difficult assignment – a conversation with Johnathon Bush, entrepreneur, marketing whiz, cookie magnate.

Not that Johnathon isn't an engaging young man with a terrific sense of where he's going and how he wants to get there. No, that's not it at all. He's all that and a bag of cookies.

The problem during a meeting with young Johnathon, a senior at Central Catholic High School and bound for The University of Toledo in the fall, is that one feels obligated to be polite and well ... sample his wares. You've got to eat his cookies.

And therein lies the problem, you see. The problem is, let's face it, you can't just eat one of these darned things. They're just so ... so ... well, they're cer-

tainly delicious, of course. Mouth-watering and all that. You would expect that, of course. After all, Bush has been at this sort of thing – baking cookies – for years now.

And his cookies are carried in area grocery stores – Monnette's, Churchill's – after all.

But it's more than that, isn't it? It's as if they're addictive. You eat one. Put the bag aside. Keep glancing over at it. Try to focus on what he is saying, what you're writing. Give a little sigh. Ah, well, one more can't hurt, can it?

And again there's the rub. The guy has done something to these things. He's put something in them. He really has not played fair at all, you're thinking as you lick your fingers after cookie number three.

"People like that it's a good quality product,"

he's saying to you as you're reaching for the bag again. "It's an all-natural product."

That's it! An all-natural product! The guy really has sunk to an all-time low. He uses butter, for example. He doesn't use preservatives. What the heck made him want to do such a thing? Why in the world would anyone want to inflict his fellow man with such cravings?

As it turns out, Johnathon has been at this cooking thing for quite a while, honing his devilish instincts. Plotting to lure all of mankind into cookie nirvana. He is totally without conscience, the scoundrel.

He started helping his mother, Rosemarie Bush, in the kitchen when he was about five – stirring the bowl, a little chopping here and there.

By the time he was 12,

he had started baking for the holidays. Just for the family.

Shortly thereafter though, he started getting the itch to go out and earn his own money. He wanted a job.

So he looked at his options, slim as they were. As a 13-year old, a job at McDonald's or Burger King was just a bit further off in the future. In the entrepreneurial custom, he put together flyers to market his availability to do yard work or walk dogs.

Got no bites.

So Johnathon fell back on what he knew – baking. In March 2006, he sent 20 letters to family and friends to let them know he was starting a cookie business. He let them know he would be using all-natural ingredients and baking stones ... and a cookie fiend was officially born.

"I realized I could start my own business," he recalls. "Since I had experience, my goal was to make money in lieu of a job."

Business was good and steadily improved by word of mouth. Two years later, he set up a web site to bring in more business – NJCookieDough.com. Two years after that he established Cookie Dough for fundraising, enabling customers to purchase tubs of his cookie dough and use it for their own worthy charitable purposes.

In between all of that activity, he contacted stores and managed to get his product placed on shelves. Later this spring, he will be placing his popular turtle cookies in the Huntington Center and in the Anderson's on Talmadge.

This summer he hopes to find a storefront to market the retail portion of the business and, as he continues to market his wares, he hopes that Krogers and WalMart are within his reach one of these days.

He will be honing his non-baking skills at UT studying business although he has been no slouch at

mastering that side of the entrepreneurial world.

The turtle cookie is Johnathon's big seller these days, but one can also order online in any of the following choices: chocolate chip, M&M, oatmeal raisin, peanut butter, sugar, walnut chocolate chip and white chocolate macadamia nut.

But it's that turtle cookie that was this reporter's downfall. It's a chocolate cookie with caramel, pecans and chocolate chips. Johnathon gave me a bag to take with me so I could share it with others. As if!

It was a chore trying to type and nibble turtle cookies at the same time. Someone's got to do it though. I am the editor and I feel it's only fair to take all the really tough assignments myself. Sort of lead by example, as it were. Oh, maan, that bag is empty. I gotta go, folks.

Anyone know how late Churchill's is open?

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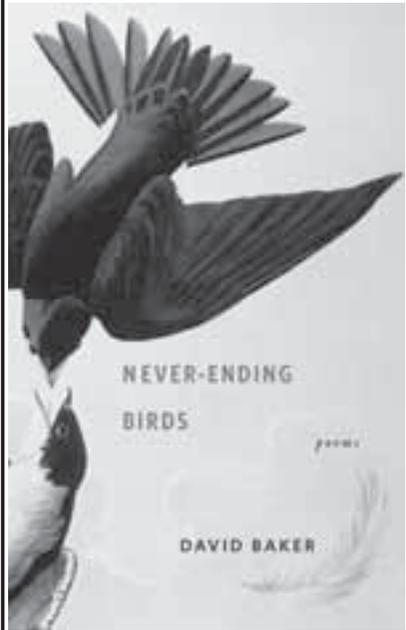
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## National Library Week

In observation of National Library Week, the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library recommends the book of poetry, *Never-Ending Birds*, by renowned Ohio poet David Baker, who is scheduled to visit Main Library, 325 Michigan St., on Monday, April 11. (Visit [toledolibrary.org](http://toledolibrary.org) for more details).



Well observed, careful and shot through with sadness, this eighth set of poems from Baker (*Midwest Eclogue*) is his best: syllabic stanzas, occasional rhyme, and short, clear looks at nature frame a life that almost came apart in middle age: we read of the poet's days with his young daughter, and of what appears to be his recent divorce.

When a lark flies/ up, I know its name, writes Baker—it is no boast: he returns over and over to the natural history of the Midwest, its meadows and exurbs, where Hummer means both a tiny bird and a gargantuan vehicle. Baker's daughter's childhood, his own teen years, middle age and approaching death get attention from his exacting eye. And as he looks hard at animals, they look back at him: he sees, in a poem about Virgil, how the oval eyes/ of goats and sheep/ turn rounder as the day/ goes down.

Like Marianne Moore and Amy Clampitt, this poet likes to borrow from earlier texts: swaths of quotations from 17th-century prose can overwhelm his quiet verse. Yet most of the time Baker's terms remain his own: *To see each thing clear/ is still not to see/ a thing apart from/ words or our wild need.*

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## Local Food Is the Topic of April 15 Conference

Special to The Truth



"Local Food: Strategies for Jobs and Health" will take place Friday, April 15, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Dana Conference Center on The University of Toledo's Health Science Campus.

The daylong event will address several topics related to the growing local food movement.

"The lineup of speakers for this conference is incredible," said Paula Ross, a research associate in the Urban Affairs Center and the conference's primary organizer. "With the help of our partners and sponsors, we're able to offer information and inspiration to everyone in our community who grows food, sells food or eats food.

"The conference and our local food initiative are called 'Strategies for Jobs and Health' because what we eat and where it comes from have a major impact both on our health and on our local economy," she said. "We hope that by bringing together local, state and national experts with faculty and students from UT and with a range of stakeholders from the broader community, we can create more opportunities for collaboration."

Ken Meter, a noted food system analyst, will give the opening keynote address, "Local Foods: Building Health, Wealth, Connections and Capacity for Ohio."

He is president of the

Crossroads Resource Center, a nonprofit organization in Minneapolis that works with communities to foster local self-determination.

"Building a local food system will require knowledge bases that ensure that community-based food initiatives can rely on the best technology and expertise available and can effectively measure progress in creating a more sustainable Ohio economy," Meter said.

Other speakers will include:

• Marcia Caton Campbell, Ph.D., assistant professor of urban and regional planning at the University of Wisconsin at Madison, who will talk about national, state and local policy. She is a staff member at the Center for Resilient Cities, which works with citizens, nonprofits and government partners to create healthy environments.

• Amanda Archibald, a registered dietician, who has revolutionary ideas about food, food choices and food education. She will address health and hunger. She

founded Field to Plate, a visionary food education company that emphasizes learning more about food choices.

• Phil Cooley, co-owner of Slows Bar B Q in Detroit, who will give the lunch address. He is working to revitalize the Motor City.

Sessions will cover entrepreneurial opportunities, planning and land use, health and hunger, federal and local policy, and area food projects. Details, including registration information, are at [uac.toledo.edu/localfoodstrategies.htm](http://uac.toledo.edu/localfoodstrategies.htm).

Cost is \$20 and \$5 for students and includes lunch.

The conference is sponsored by The University of Toledo, the UT Urban Affairs Center, ProMedica Health Systems, The Andersons, Local Initiatives Support Corp., Toledo Botanical Garden, Metroparks of the Toledo Area and Toledo Grows.

For more information, contact Paula Ross at [paula.ross@utoledo.edu](mailto:paula.ross@utoledo.edu) or 419.530.3595.

## Lourdes Choirs Celebrate Spring with Series of Concerts

Special to The Truth

This spring, the Lourdes Choirs led by Director Karen T. Biscay are celebrating the season with the following series of concerts:

**Wednesday, April 20 – 7:30 p.m.**

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All concerts are free and open to the public. For more information visit Lourdes Music Department online at [www.lourdes.edu/music](http://www.lourdes.edu/music) or contact Karen T. Biscay, Director of Choirs and Music Department Chair, at 419-824-3772 or email [kbiscay@lourdes.edu](mailto:kbiscay@lourdes.edu).

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# St. Francis de Sales Knight Life: A Chronicle

## Part VIII: A Killer Interview

By Keon Pearson  
Sojourner's Truth Reporter



scholarships worth \$40,000 each. That's 4 with four zeros and a dollar sign!

If I tell you that I wasn't nervous and excited for this weekend's events, I would be telling a lie. Giddiness had so overcome me that I couldn't catch any sleep until 3:00 a.m. on the night before my flight.

The weekend beginning Friday, March 25, 2011 was monumental for me. I, along with 15 other finalists, was scheduled to fly to Washington D.C. in order to interview for the Ron Brown Scholarship. Over 6,300 African American seniors from across the country had applied for this scholarship, which honors the legacy of the late-Secretary of Commerce who passed away in a tragic plane crash over Croatia, and of those 6,300 students, 16 finalists were selected to compete for 12

When I arrived at the Detroit Airport, I met up with another one of the finalists. We spoke briefly about our own ambitions: he wants to go to Harvard, Yale or Stanford to study political science, then earn a law degree from Harvard, and then start a political career that will reach its pinnacle in the President's office. He had already been accepted to the schools he was considering, and was weighing his choices like I was weighing mine.

We spoke about our experiences as African-

American students excelling in predominantly white schools. He had formed an organization called "The Brotherhood" to help raise the retention rate of African Americans at his school. His "Brotherhood" parallels the Afro Club at St. Francis. He and I are also very passionate about narrowing the achievement gap between African

hand that there are fine black youth out there who are handling their business in the right way, and are on track to be the leaders of tomorrow.

When the finalists arrived, they congregated in a suite at the Renaissance Hotel in Georgetown. One extremely extroverted finalist from California broke the ice by suggesting that

one of the most memorable ones in my life.

On Friday evening, there was the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual American Journey Awards Ceremony at the Marriott. The purpose of this ceremony was to honor three outstanding individuals for their commitment to service. The honorees were attorney Thomas Boggs, entrepreneur Eddie Brown

and pass the microphone on to the next person in line. Everyone before me did exactly that, but when I received the microphone, I felt the compulsion to thank everyone in the room for their support of the Ron Brown Scholarship Program, because the program had given me a weekend that I would never forget.

I thought my small breach of protocol would be acceptable, given the fact that I was merely expressing my appreciation.

Well, the next morning came, and I was sitting down for my first of three interviews with the members of the selection committee. The first question of my first interview was prefaced with this:

"Last night at the American Journey Awards Ceremony, you were given very clear instructions on

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*It is so very encouraging to see first hand that there are fine black youth out there who are handling their business in the right way*

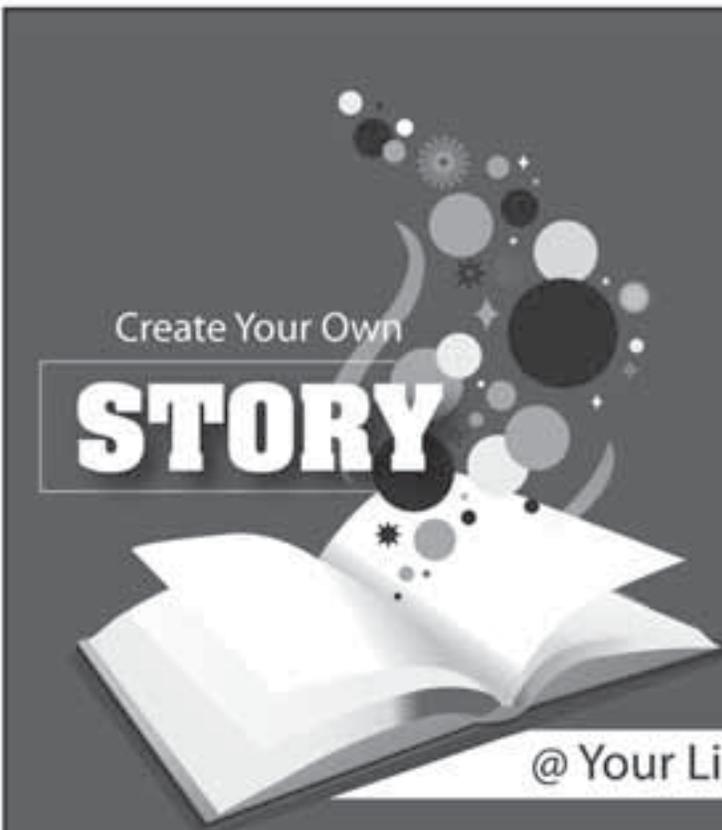
Americans and non-African Americans.

When we arrived in D.C. and met the other finalists, I was stunned and overjoyed to see that all of them had similar ambitions and motivations to mine. I felt like I was in a room full of my twins! It is so very encouraging to see first

we go around the room and state our names and a sample of the slang used in our hometowns. After sharing some good laughs, we all felt a family connection to our fellow finalists. I knew then that, whether or not I went home with the scholarship prize, this weekend was going to be

and civil rights activist Julian Bond. This event was also a fundraiser for the Ron Brown Scholarship Program.

Near the end of the event, all of the finalists were lined up at the front of the room. It was suggested that we state our name and our hometown,



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## Star Academy Holds Paragon Night – Primary Education

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Kindergartners, first and second graders entertained parents and guardians on March 22 as they took their audience to a trek to foreign lands and to the past.

The charter school on Airport Highway, under the direction of Mosaica Education, Inc., focuses on individual assessment in order to achieve the goals of its interactive curriculum. Mosaica Education, founded in 1997 by Dawn and Gene Eidelman, bought Star Academy from Constellation last year after a disastrous academic year, during which the school remained in academic emergency according to the Ohio

Department of Education report card.

Last month's program featured performances by the kindergarten classes of teachers Danielle Zielinski and Shari Lavolette; the first grade classes of Eli Siegel and Vicki DeGasto and the second graders led by Keris Lee.

The kindergarten classes presented a trip to India; the first graders took a trip back to the days of Pilgrims and Native Americans and the second graders explored the people and culture of Japan.

In attendance on this special evening was Gene Eidelman who later spoke with

The Truth about Mosaica.

Eidelman arrived in the United States when he was 18 with no money and no visa documents. He earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Southern California and spent 22 years in early childhood education before founding Mosaica. The company currently operates more than 80 schools in eight states and the District of Columbia in the United States and in the Middle East.

According to Eidelman, Mosaica has set its sights on tremendous growth in the future.

"There is great demand for the schools," he said explaining that one aspect of the plan is to extend the curriculum into the 12<sup>th</sup> grade. He is also bullish on online learning. All of the Mosaica schools will have at least part of an online component by the next academic year.

Mosaica also partners with school districts to turn around failing schools such as in Detroit and Youngstown. Eidelman expects that part of the company's portfolio to grow rapidly.

And, the company will be



Second graders explain Japanese culture



Star's first graders



Principal Gaye Dobson



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growing internationally, said the president. Next up are Turkey and India.

Eidelman noted that Star Academy is one of Mosaica's turn-around projects. He echoed

the sentiments of Principal Gaye Dobson, who made the move to Toledo in August to lead the academy, and her assistant, Samuel Hancock, retired University

of Toledo vice president, who have declared flatly that the academic emergency ranking is a thing of the past.

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what to say when you received the microphone..."

My heart plummeted into my gut; my eyes began to cloud. Had I just ruined my chance to receive a substantial scholarship simply by saying thank you? I almost wanted to stand up right then and there, thank them for their time, walk out of the door, and head back to Toledo! But I kept my head.

The interviewer then asked, "Why did you break the rules?"

I responded, "Well, I felt the need to express my gratitude to all of the patrons who had made this week-end experience possible for me. I didn't view this as

significantly breaking the rules."

He asked, "Do you think it was unfair to the other finalists that you spoke more than you should have?"

With my mind racing, and my heart pounding, I answered, "No, I don't think it was unfair at all that my fellow finalists did not say as much as I did. Each of us had an equal opportunity to express our gratitude, and I seized that opportunity. I cannot be blamed if the other finalists did not feel the same way."

He then asked, "How can we be sure that you will follow the directions of the Ron Brown Scholar Program in the future if you are

selected as one of the finalists?"

That was a fair question. I answered, "The goals of the Ron Brown Scholar Program are in perfect synchrony with my goals. Therefore, what the RBS program wants, I want. You do not have to worry about me deviating from the correct path."

The question remains: did I get the scholarship? I guess you'll have to wait to find out!

Keon Pearson is a senior at St. Francis de Sales, the valedictorian of his class and is headed to Harvard in the fall to join the incoming class of 2015

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## Ella P. Stewart Academy for Girls' Third Graders Learn to Stay Fit

*Sojourner's Truth Staff*

Third-grade students at Ella P. Stewart Academy for Girls just completed an eight-week glimpse into just what it takes to stay fit and, for that effort, a commencement celebration was held this week at the school to praise the girls' for their participation.

Angela Steward, fitness motivator; Deborah Barnett, business consultant, and Dr. Joan Griffith, MD, a pediatrician, organized and conducted the once-a-week program that focused on instilling in the students a sense that their future health was in their own hands, said Barnett.

Steward, Barnett and Dr. Griffith introduced the girls to information on how to take care of those health needs through proper nutrition and eating habits as well as exercise and fitness.

Barnett secured the assistance of Mercy Health Partners in funding the program.

On Monday, April 11, eighteen third graders were presented with plaques for completing the program and, in turn, the girls acknowledged their three program mentors with remembrances.



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## Crazy U: One Dad's Crash Course in Getting His Kid into College by Andrew Ferguson

c.2011 \$25.00 / \$28.99 Canada 228 pages

By Terri Schlichenmeyer  
 The Truth Contributor



On any normal day, your teenager couldn't care less about the Postal Service.

Oh, sure, there's some interest around his birthday when the mail might hold a card with a "little extra" from Grandma, but Email and text are his main communications tools. Snail mail is old school.

But then there's that period in life when the mailbox is your teen's favorite hang-out, the postal carrier is his best friend, and Emails are forgotten in favor of thick catalogs and fat letters. In the new memoir, *Crazy U* by Andrew Ferguson, you'll find out how one father helped his son push the envelope right into college.

When the glossy brochures and hefty viewbooks began arriving in the mail, Andrew Ferguson knew what was happening: his 16-almost-17-year-old son had landed on a national list of high school juniors.

And it was time for Junior to start thinking about college.

college.

But things were different than when Ferguson was in high school. What had been a "fairly brief and straightforward process" had become complicated, confusing and expensive. It was no longer possible to apply for school, get accepted, then leave for home without leaping through several hoops and over piles of paper.

Ferguson went on a mission to find out why.

Not long ago, he discovered, college leaders looked at the future with lumps in their throats: not everybody aspired to higher education and jobs were plentiful without a degree. Faced with possible declining enrollment in the 1970s, administrators used "every technique of modern marketing" to urge high schoolers to matriculate. Today, about 60 percent of 18-to-21-year-olds attend college.

By sitting in on a high-priced seminar with a notable college admissions counselor, Ferguson learned that applications need a nuanced touch and that the money you throw at fancy lessons may be wasted. From the man behind the *U.S. News & World Report* magazine, he discovered that college ranking numbers can be "massaged" and conflicting.

Ferguson took the SAT test with his son (who had a higher score). He slogged through an Olympian pile of catalogs and a maze of bank-baring financial forms. Together, father and son tackled essays and campus visits. Then, in a blink, all that was left to do was wait and hope that the longed-for college liked what they saw...

Looking at an emptier nest this fall? Then you'll surely see your own household inside *Crazy U*.

With a journalist's eye for facts and a father's eye for the absurd, author Andrew Ferguson shoves aside pomp and circumstance to explain why getting into college has become such an ordeal and how harried parents can survive the process. While those explanations can get bogged down by minutiae now and then, Ferguson keeps his audience's attention by liberally applying his sense of humor about the whole thing. That makes this book funny as well as useful.

If there's a future Class of 2017 member in your house, read this book. You'll both want to keep your sanity, and *Crazy U* does that to the letter.

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## Urban Art in Bowling Green, Ohio

By Michael Hayes  
Minister of Culture



is Urban Nu Sense, in detail—

Urban Nu-sense is a grassroots organization that strives to represent the under-represented...both people and social movements. We do our best to live up to our mission statement: "to promote the creation and celebration of urban art forms in our region. In doing this, we aspire to provide an environment for members of the urban arts community to create and celebrate urban art. "urban nu-sense" will commit to stand for justice, equality and humanity, seeking to incite our community to movement through the use of urban art forms."

Michael: Even though the founders of Urban Nu Sense have roots in Toledo, The Outlet is something that has taken hold in Bowling Green.. can you describe this series of events, it's aim and what it's been like doing it in B.G.?

Urban Nu-sense" was founded in 2007, striving to provide an opportunity for the creation and celebration of urban art forms in and around the Bowling Green, Ohio area. Two of

the Urban Nu-Sense co-founders – Natural and D Jones – were students at BGSU at that time and realized a space for an artistic outlet in the area was needed.

"The Outlet" has a three-pronged approach; a visual art gallery, an open-mic showcase, and a time slot dedicated to a featured performer or performers, depending on our chosen "genre," which changes from month to

month.

The historic Clazel Theatre in Bowling Green has been gracious enough to allow "urban nu-sense" to show films, bands, dancers, drummers and much more, as well as providing space for visual art gallery showings, and our signature open mic which is one of the longest running in BG.

Because of the awesome facility and its location in relation to BGSU,

the experience with The Outlet has been nothing short of amazing. Hungry artists and lovers of the arts from campus as well as the cities of Bowling Green and Toledo have been loyal attendees and participants. It's a very inspiring atmosphere every month.

Michael: What have been some of the most memorable moments while doing this series?

Most memorable has to be the positive responses we receive from artists or attendees on how grateful they are to have a place to come to and express themselves and enjoy the different art forms. I personally like getting to know some of my favorite artists up close and personal through featuring them on one of our nights.

Michael: What is the (Continued on Page 13)

Once again, reppin' National Poetry Month but in a way in which you can get involved. Remember last week when I spoke about my own roots in spoken word in the area?

Well one of the people who ushered me into the art form is a very special artist and friend of mine known as Natural. She's done much for this city, and now has taken her talents down I75 to a smaller city but with an even greater need for respectable urban artistic influence.

This is something you need to know about, so I sat down with Urban Nu Sense as a collective and as always let them represent in their own words. Read on. (also catch their next event 4/20 at the Clazel Theatre in Bowling Green)



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next installment and why it is so significant?

The final event of the school year (we plan our events utilizing the university's schedule, so the events run monthly from September through April) is on Wednesday, April 20, 2011.

We intend to follow the same format as our other Outlet events, only on a grander scale for April. Our visual art gallery will offer something it has never offered before in that we will allow our audience to help create the art, which will actually be done at the event.

There will be a "tagging" wall, several cans of spray paint and rubber gloves so that attendees can engage in the classic urban art form of graffiti.

Guests will also have the opportunity to see one of our former visual artists, Jack Hedrick, as he does on-site body graffiti.

Our open mic, which usually runs one hour, will be extended to two, taking place during the visual art gallery and with a more relaxed format than usual. With a "spit it and quit it" format; no open mic list, just impromptu sharing.

Finally we will bring our featured performers, Climbing Poetree, to the stage. The group is made up of a dynamic duo of ladies, Alixa and Naima. The two have graced a variety of stages to bring a voice of reason, truth, perseverance, resilience and hope to communities ranging from earthquake victims in Haiti, hurricane victims in New Orleans, and

disfranchised people all over our country.

Earlier in the day, the ladies of Climbing Poetree will be hosting a workshop, S.T.I.T.C.H.E.D. (an acronym for stories, testimonies, intentions, truths, confessions, healing, expressions, and dreams), at Bowling Green State University in the Arts Village (a living learning community on campus).

The program developed by Climbing Poetree encourages those in attendance to express themselves through words or pictures on fabric. The pieces will then be stitched together to make a tapestry of many lifelines. We will incorporate the theme of the workshop at the venue later by setting up a S.T.I.T.C.H.E.D. sewing station, allowing our guests

who didn't attend the workshop to create their own square; the pieces will then be sewn together at the event. There will be raffles throughout the night; this is also a ticketed event; \$5 sold in advance or at the door.

Michael: What do you want people to take away from this event?

The hope is that the Urban Nu-Sense tagline, "a collective, a common-unity, a movement" will be felt, experienced and carried on by the people who come to share and experience.

Michael: What are your thoughts on Greater Toledo artists and the support our arts and entertainment scene gets from the community?

I view the local arts community as one of the stand-out areas of growth in the city. The recognition that events such as Art for Haiti and Artomatic 419 have gotten recently shows a growing interest by not just local artists, but residence as a whole as well as those outside of north-west Ohio. Art, in all its forms, is garnering vast appreciation, and I for one am truly inspired to keep sharing my art form.

Michael: In your opinion, does the economy make it harder for people to invest in quality grassroots arts and entertainment?

If anything, the downturn the economy's taken gives more a boost for

people to invest in the arts. Not necessarily financially, but these are times in which people need an outlet to express themselves more than ever. Being able to spend time amongst like-minded people and feeling comfortable enough to share, to unload pent-up feelings, is crucial. And that's what The Outlet and The Rant (the monthly periodical published by Urban Nu-Sense) provide.

Michael: Any final words to our readers about the upcoming event?

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## Notice to Bidders:

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## REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

Request for qualifications from licensed general contractors to furnish all labor, materials and equipment necessary for the development of the Cranes Landing project/3315 Mayo Street shall be received by United North Corporation, 3106 Lagrange Street, Toledo, OH 43608, until 4:00 p.m. on April 25, 2011. Bids should be sealed and will be privately opened. Bidding documents are to be obtained from United North Corporation, 3106 Lagrange Street, Toledo, OH 43615, and 419-255-8406 ext 307.

## LEGAL NOTICE

### REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

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Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to Pre-Qualify General Trades (Concrete, Masonry, Carpentry, Glass and Glazing, Roofing, Misc. Steel, Millwork, Accessories), Doors/Frame/Hardware, Drywall/Studs/Acoustical, Flooring, Painting, Plumbing, Fire Suppression, Mechanical, and Electrical Contractors, Project #0104-10-656 for The University of Toledo Center for Biosphere Restoration Research – Bowman-Oddy Laboratories and Wolfe Hall Renovations project on the Main Campus. Total Construction Budget for project: \$5,878,000.00, of which \$1,500,000 is for Wolfe Hall and \$4,378,000 is for the Bowman – Oddy Laboratories. This project is a State of Ohio Construction Reform Demonstration Project and will use the "Construction Manger at Risk" project delivery format with a guaranteed maximum price (GMP). Contracts will be awarded by the Construction Manager at Risk to the pre-qualified bidder that represents the best value to the project, as selected by the Construction Manager and approved by the owner. The construction services required are described in the RFQ. Please submit all responses to the RFQ to The Lathrop Company, 460 W. Dussel, Maumee, Ohio 43537 by DATE: Wednesday, April 20, 2011, TIME: 4:30 p.m. All questions and inquiries and requests for copy of the RFQ can be emailed directly to [gkayne@tcco.com](mailto:gkayne@tcco.com) at The Lathrop Company. Prequalification information and forms may also be obtained at [www.lathropplanroom.com](http://www.lathropplanroom.com) under Public Projects

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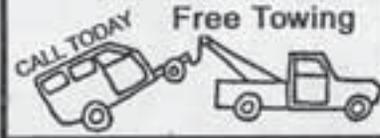
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# Local AME Churches Hold Palm Sunday Parade: "In His Footsteps"

*Sojourner's Truth Staff*



On April 17 – Palm Sunday – Walls Memorial Chapel AME Zion (Rev. Shirley Sparks, pastor) in conjunction with Amazing Grace AME Zion (Rev. Arlene Coles, pastor) and St. Paul AME Zion (Rev. Dwight Gutridge, pastor) will sponsor a parade through Toledo's inner city streets created and produced by ETM Produc-

tions. The parade will feature scenes from the last days and hours of Jesus Christ's life including the climactic crucifixion. "We wanted to do something outside of church," said Dr. Karen Adams-Ferguson, MD, head of Walls Memorial outreach effort. "We are too often on the inside. We wanted to take what we believe to

the streets and renew interest in our community." The Sunday parade will commence at the corner of Ewing and Indiana Ave and head east on Indiana to Elizabeth. From there, south to Avondale to Miller. Then the parade will wind its way north, cross Dorr Street and end in Smith Park. By that time, said Bonita Adams of ETM Pro-

ductions, it is hoped that a crowd will have gathered and joined in the march with the 50 or so re-enactors.

Along the way, Adams and her collaborators will stage the triumphal entry, the cleansing of the Temple of the money-changers, the Last Supper, the arrest and trial of Jesus and, finally, the crucifixion.

"We want to get people out of their homes to see it live," said Adams.

Adams, who has written numerous plays with a religious theme, has adapted her play *No Greater Love* for the occasion.

The churches' purpose in staging several critical scenes is to "help the community reconnect with their faith and the sacrifices made for our redemption," said Dr. Adams-Ferguson.

The parade will start at 5:00 p.m. with the re-enactors dressed in period-piece costumes. The volunteers hope that viewers will continue their interest onto the following Sunday – Resurrection Sunday.

"This is not the end of the story," said Dr. Adams-Ferguson. "This is just the beginning."

# Mentoring, Education & Leadership Minority Health Fair: "A Healthy Today for a Better Tomorrow"

*Sojourner's Truth Staff*



The Mentoring, Education & Leadership, Inc held its annual minority health fair at the Wayman Palmer YMCA on Saturday, April 9 from noon to 5 pm.

Along with about a dozen vendors, there were breakout sessions for attendees including one on high blood pressure by Dr. Tasha Jenkins, MD, and a session on obesity by Linda Collins, BSN.

Health awareness booths provided information on healthcare and health educational careers as well as health screenings and hands-on health activities.

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