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Kristian Brown
News Anchor, WTVG Channel 13 ABC News



"I have the best of all worlds. To be able to do what you love and to be with those you love."

'Hood Fellas

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



A ghetto can be improved in only one way - out of existence. ~James Baldwin

With a reported 15 shootings in Toledo during just the first 12 days of June, the long, continuous and sad procession from the 'hood to prisons and cemeteries continues. Many being carried away are talented, bright, funny or physically gifted. Most are young, male, black or brown and trapped in poverty.

Crime is definitely a problem. And so is the loss of so many gifted lives and wasted social capital in what is now a very competitive global arena.

But really, what did we expect?

In the 1970s, expressways were built and a government-sponsored "Urban (Negro) Removal" program implemented to physically quarantine the economically

poor in the inner city. Industry and resources also fled leaving only those businesses and institutions designed to capitalize on black poverty. As white and black middle class families "bounced to the burbs" the poorest of the poor were kept separated from mainstream suburban experiences by limited public transportation options.

Yet the isolation has resulted in an epidemic of normalized terror which has made crime, violence and social dysfunction a constant companion for all of us.

The time has come to try something new.

"Basically, what we now have is a youth problem," states Toledo Police Chief Michael Navarre. "And we have it primarily because young men, ages 16 - 24 don't have jobs. If we could get them jobs and positive supervised activities, much of our crime would disappear," he adds.

Research seems to back up Chief Navarre's assertion. A number of scholars have shown that young, black males are substantially more likely to be sentenced to prison when unemployed (Spohn, 1998). They also do harder time and therefore possess a heightened feeling of desperation.

Although the recent "Great Recession," has been difficult for everyone, young racial minorities and those with lower levels of schooling have been hit particularly hard. Unemployment last month, was 40.2 percent for African-American youth ages 16 - 24 compared to an overall unemployment rate of 9.1 percent, according to the Department of Labor's May 2011 statistics.

What does it take to march young people of color away from the negative effects of poverty towards a new destination of success?

While some of the disparity is due to a still racially-segregated workplace where "black males are still being crowded into low-wage occupations and out of high-wage occupations," the key to restoring hope and making our young people competitive and employable once again, lies in adequately equipping them for 21st Century jobs.

But with a U.S. president who is ultra-sensitive to opinion polls and careful not to offend the same legislative bodies who are insensitive to the needs of the poor, can it be done?

Higher learning and post-secondary education are critical. However, a few people are getting the message and beginning to make a difference by linking poverty and education to employment in innovative ways.

One such program is the Committed College Coach program. It's mission is to steer youth towards college by teaching and talking to them about college at an early age. Guidance counselors seldom keep economically deprived family members informed therefore many children frequently learn about college only when they reach high school or when it is too late to grip their interest.

Committed College Coach (www.committedcollegecoach.com) begins the process when the student is in the fifth grade and then continuously mentors both the child and parent or concerned loved one until the youth reaches sophomore year in college. The program starts the college visitation experience and preparation process while the child is in grade school so that they begin early to feel comfortable on a college campus.

This program, created by Lucas County Commissioner Tina Skeldon Wozniak, is a public-private partnership with The University of Toledo, the Toledo Community Foundation and the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. It is presently available in Sherman and Grove Patterson public schools and looks to expand in the fall.

So "higher learning" is the key to eliminating unemployment and poverty.

Success for impoverished youth in urban areas is also accomplished, says Al Guskin, PhD, when there is a match between the skills taught in school and those required by employers. "We can do this at the university level through refocusing college education on student learning rather than the present focus on faculty expertise. Most colleges are built around faculty expertise and how faculty can teach students rather than on what students need to learn to be effective employees or members of 21st Century society. This is key," says Guskin.

It is estimated that 60 percent of all jobs will require postsecondary education by 2018. We must focus our attention on reclaiming our lost talent if America is to maintain its competitive standing in the world. That will require new partnerships - public and private, business and education, democrat and republican.

It will also require those left out economically and educationally to be brought back in.

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Community Calendar

June 13-17

United MBC's Vacation Bible School: 5:50 to 8 pm nightly

June 13-24

Grace Temple COGIC "Fun Filled Summer Camp Day:" 9 am to 3 pm; Ages 5 to 16; Field trips, cooking, arts and crafts: 419-242-9321 or 419-343-4658

June 18

R.E.S.T.O.R.E. Inc First Annual Fatherhood Walk: Starts at Central Catholic; Chuck Ealey is keynote speaker; Registration at noon; To raise awareness of the importance of the roles fathers play in their children's lives: 419-377-1488

Libbey HS Round Up Committee Scholarship Banquet: Army National Guard Recruiting Center; 3 pm: 419-250-0491 or 419-255-0433

June 19

Historic Third Baptist Church Men's Day: 11 am; Speaker John Jones of Greater Toledo Urban League: 419-248-4623

June 20-21

Canaan Outreach Center Pre-registration for Summer Enrichment Program: 11 am to 3 pm; Program for youth five to 14 years; Math, language arts, physical activity, drama, dance and more: 419-205-7433 or 419-535-0933

June 20-24

9th Annual Carnel Smith Summer Youth Free Football Camp: St. Francis de Sales HS; Grades 3 to 8; Registration at 10 am; Camp from 11 am to 2:50 pm daily: 419-917-3547
Union Grove Baptist Church Vacation Bible School: 6 to 8 pm nightly; "Where Faith and Life Connect"

June 22-24

Shelter in a Storm Ministries First Pastoral Anniversary: Honoring Mother Pearl Russell; 7 pm nightly; Saturday 5 pm banquet at American Legion Post 553 on S. Byrne: 419-244-7458 or 419-720-9070

June 24 & 26

Hope Fest 2011: New Order National Human Rights Organization's first annual two-day community outreach event; Smith Park; 10 am to 3 pm each day: 419-283-1017

June 25

Bethesda Christian Center Cathedral Women's Department Color Rama: Noon: 419-508-0885

St. Philip Lutheran Church Community Day: Church parking lot; Food, games, music
New Bethel Bountiful Blessings Church Community Give A Way: 9 am to 3 pm; Gently used items available to the community

Citywide Christian Trustee Association Meeting: United MBC; 10 am
Isaiah Thomas Giving Foundation Community Yard Sale: 1 to 5 pm

June 26

Bethesda Christian Center Cathedral Men's Day: 11 am: 419-944-0984
Calvary Baptist Church 81st Men's Day: 11 am morning service with guest speaker George P. Lee, pastor of St. John's Baptist in Savannah
Interfaith Mass Choir Concert: Indiana Avenue MBC; 5 pm: 567-225-2673
St. Paul MBC Annual Youth Day: 10:45 am; "Because He First Loved Me;" Speaker Min Lance Lawshe of Mt Pilgrim
Calvary Baptist Church 81st Men's Day: 11 am; Guest speaker Pastor George P. Lee III of St. John's Baptist of Savannah, GA

July 8

Liberty Ministries Church Kingdom Family Fellowship: 7 pm; Guest speaker Pastor Rodney Jackson

July 16

Isaiah Thomas Giving Foundation First Annual DAD 4 Life Conference: Wayman Palmer YMCA; 10 am to 32 pm: 419-213-0323

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A letter to Shauntae and DeMarcus

By Lafe Tolliver, Esq



Dear Shauntae and DeMarcus:

As two of my favorite named school-age kids who have a zeal for life but may find yourselves in situations not of your choosing in regards to maximizing the educational options that life has given you, I have some more bad news for you.

In a recent Blade story, it indicated that each freshman of the incoming class at St. John's Jesuit High School will receive an iPad 2.

Those hand-held gizmos will take the place of some workbooks, novels and books that you normally would have to buy separately and lug around to classes and up and down long hallways.

Now, presto, you will have a hand held computer savant that will keep you plugged into the 21st Century and in synch with the warp speed of how information moves on the Net.

What! You do not have access to an iPad 2? Your high school is not providing each of your classmates with such a device that will allow you to at least make a good stab effort of keeping up with your wealthier white counterparts?

Zinging and zipping through cyber space and being able to almost instantly access research portals, to exchange notes with classmates via social networking sites and to obtain class assignments on line is now ho-hum for those who have the big bucks to be in charge of their educational destinies.

What? Your school alumni organization has not organized itself to obtain the same "separate but equal" electronic technology for you?

Say it isn't so! Has no one organized the churches, fraternities, sororities, NAACP, Urban League, Links, Jack & Jill and the various political clubs and social dens including the hallowed men of Boule (...a pause now to bow my head in submissive awe) to get off of their "meet, eat and greet" duffs and find ways by which the upcoming black high school fresh

classes can stand toe to toe with their toney and well-heeled counterparts at good ol' St. John's.

What! There is no outcry from the community that our minority youngsters are being left in the "educational dust" by any of the richer white high schools who are able to ply their young with the latest gadgets and technology so that when they graduate and go on to college, they are un-fazed by the wizardry and rewards of the computer age.

No, it sadly appears that when one examines the gross disparity between the high school experiences of our central city high schools and the ample financial caches and abilities of certain private and parochial schools, you will find out that if you are from a Scott or a Waite (sorry Libbey grads and alums...you did not fight hard enough for the Cowboys to live another day...so sorry...so sad) or "other" schools, you will be in a third world school environment trying to compete with kids who are part of a system in which their paths to success are clearly marked out and religiously followed.

TPS is trying but with all of the fighting on the school board about who gets the blue pencil and who gets the red pencil, nothing is accomplished that will propel the schools that come under their jurisdiction into a mode of continuous academic excellence.

The TPS board is in seemingly disarray and even when there has been a majority of minority members, a consensus was not reached in plotting a progressive agenda for public education that would

rival any private or parochial school in this area.

Are there or were there excellent teachers in TPS? Absolutely, scads of them.

Regrettably, their cause was not championed due to

financial issues, the pettiness of labor bosses and the "me and my turf only" syndrome of the administration bosses who saw any progressive teaching approach to be first viewed through the short

sighted prism of "will it affect my position and pay?"

So, what does a Shauntae and a DeMarcus do when the powers that be tell them, directly or indirectly, that their educational needs are a

second fiddle to the infighting and bickering of the TPS and the labor unions?

How do you attempt to bridge the educational gap between Toledo public and

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General Assembly to Make It More Difficult to Vote

Proposed Ohio legislation, HB 194 and SB 148, approved in the House and Senate, substantially weakens the opportunity to vote in Ohio, in some cases destroying traditional safeguards long existing in the State. Three specific concerns are noteworthy:

Eliminating Poll-Workers' Requirement to Assist Voters: The bills eliminate the need for poll workers to direct voters to the correct voting table in multi-precinct polling locations. The voter is left to find his/her own way! The likely result is that honest but confused voters will be denied the right to vote. If the voter is in the right polling location but the wrong precinct table, a provisional ballot would not be counted.

Reducing Options for Absentee Voting: Although decade old reforms have increased voter turnout, the bills would roll back the clock by impairing early in-person absentee voting before Election Day. Moreover, local election boards will be barred from mailing absentee ballot applications to every voter in the county. The result is fewer voters.

Decreased Recognition of Voter Intent: Perhaps most disturbing is language in the bills refusing recognition of voter intent, when simple mistakes are made, even when the mistake is obvious. If a voter, for example, writes in the name of the same candidate he or she already voted for on the same ballot, the vote would not be counted at all, despite the obvious intent to vote for the candidate. Ohio has always used "intent of the voter" to determine whether a ballot could be counted, but if the proposed legislation passes that will no longer be the case.

In a democracy where voter turnout remains a national embarrassment, it is difficult to understand or accept efforts to suppress turnout as proposed by this legislation. Absentee access will be restricted and simple misinformation will be permitted to become a bar to the exercise of a constitutional right. The bills should be opposed with respect to these provisions. **CONCERNED VOTERS SHOULD CONTACT THEIR STATE LEGISLATORS** to highlight these issues and call for carefully crafted legislation that helps individuals exercise their right to vote.

Sincerely,
Bonnie Bishop and Peg Hull Smith, Co-Presidents
League of Women Voters Toledo-Lucas County
The League of Women Voters of Toledo Lucas County is a member of Northwest Ohio Community Shares

HB 45-Allows Guns in Bars and Restaurants

If you remember Toledo's "Route 66" incident a few years ago, you'll know why I oppose a bill recently passed by the Ohio House allowing an owner of a concealed carry permit to carry their firearm into any bar or restaurant in Ohio. It means there might be people with guns in any place you go that serves liquor, including restaurants, clubs, malls, marinas and even museums.

Allow me to refresh your memory of the incident at the Route 66 Bar and Grill on Westwood Avenue near Nebraska Avenue in Toledo, where on October 8, 2009 there was an old fashioned western shoot-out. The incident was captured on surveillance tape for all of us to witness.

The surveillance video showed the place packed with patrons when some people begin exchanging words. A few seconds later, gun fire was caught on video with approximately 20-30 shots exchanged. Innocent bystanders fell to the floor and some patrons scrambled to the door. Luckily no one was hurt. This is exactly the type of incident that we want to try to prevent by not allowing guns in places where alcohol can be a serious factor.

The shoot out made national news, and gave Toledo a black eye in the national media. As a former City Council member, I had the opportunity to serve on the Zoning and Planning Committee. Almost 90 percent of liquor licenses are renewed each year without objection from the vice division of the Police Department. Yet when those licenses are revoked it is usually because of the number of 9-1-1 calls made about an establishment, the majority of which are assaults and battery.

Many everyday citizens enjoy visiting our local bars and restaurants to meet with friends and to blow off some steam; there is no need to possibly make those locations any less safe for them.

Now because of the passage of House Bill 45, guns will be allowed in troubled liquor establishments, causing concern for citizen's safety.

The simple truth is: guns and alcohol don't mix.

Sincerely,
State Representative Michael Ashford

SECOND IN A SERIES

Letters from the Heart

Our family was able to focus on just being with my dad. Thanks to the care from Hospice of Northwest Ohio. Now, we always recommend that people consider hospice care early. *Patricia, 2007*

They were the most professional caregivers I've ever seen. But my wife and I waited too long and we didn't get all of the benefits we could have received. *Tom, 1994*

Hospice of Northwest Ohio cared for both my mother and father. They relieved a lot of the worry, stress and fear. Don't wait to get them involved. *May, 2001 and 2010*

For 30 years, families have been writing to Hospice of Northwest Ohio to express their thanks. Yet they often also say, "We wish we would have started hospice care sooner." The earlier you seek our expertise and support, the more we can do to help.

Share your story. Visit hospicenwo.org
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LMHA to Raze Housing Units, Build

Sojourner's Truth Staff

The Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority will soon be razing two of the nation's oldest public housing units in order to make room for a \$46 million, three-phase construction project.

Brand Whitlock and Albertus Brown, both over 70 years old and encompassing 400 units, will be demolished in phases beginning this October. In their place will rise the first part of the new units, Collingwood Green, a four-story, 65-unit senior citizens' building on division Street.

At a news conference last week, Linnie Willis, LMHA's executive director noted that over the past few years, she and her staff head found themselves unable to arrive at solutions for refurbishing the aging complexes.

"We determined that there wasn't any more fixing up to be done," she said. "We needed to start over."

The staff put together a committee which included several residents of the units only to be met initially with resistance to any large-scale changes in the complexes.



Of course, with the demolition comes displacement of all of the residents of the structures and the new buildings will not contain as many units as Brand Whitlock and Albertus Brown currently have.

But the conditions of the buildings – mold, an antiquated boiler system – combined with over-population left the staff of LMHA with little choice but to start over.

During bus tours of new housing units in Columbus, Cincinnati and Chicago, residents on the committee finally began to understand that the inconvenience of relocation was a price worth paying for updated housing.

"This will bring a better quality of life ... and the city of Toledo will help in any way possible," said Toledo

Mayor Mike Bell during the press conference.

The first phase of the project will cost around \$10 million which will be funded primarily from state and federal sources. The city of Toledo will also supply funds for the project once the formal budget is finalized.

Ninety-seven families will be relocated for the first phase of the project which will be complete in early 2013. The second and third phases – 96-unit and 111-unit buildings – do not yet have funding in place.

Part of the rationale for rebuilding in the central city location, said Willis, is the recent activity in the area such as the continued development in Washington Village of upscale homes and the new Warren AME senior citizens' center.

Credit - Advance Steps That Count:

When you think about the many advances made within technology it's mindboggling. For example, think about the washing and drying machines. Their arrival not only transformed the lives of millions, but today they can ultimately be programmed to process the handling of various materials and eliminate ironing too. Who could have foreseen these advances coming in the early 19th century? In fact, it's optimistic to imagine many more things that technology will make easier.

When contending for your financial resources some things are of basic importance, which many already know. The challenge many face is in understanding that there are some things that are progressive in nature. Foregoing them is like forgetting to put in the soap in your washing machine.

These advanced steps normally come into play when I'm asked about how a person can increase their credit scores. I'm amazed that there are technical advances that can tell you who, when and why someone looked at your credit report and even let you check your reports anytime, but don't focus on progressive information to help raise credit scores.

Dana Dratch of Bankrate.com recently offered a rundown of some essential actions that will be profitable in raising your credit scores. They are tried and true, which means no magic wand is needed and used with consistency can deliver favorable results.

Pay Early – many don't know that if you pay on the due date, your account balances may have already been reported. This can have a negative score impact, even if paying in full. Instead pay by the statement date, the date your credit issuer cuts the new bill, for the best credit report benefit.

Multiple Monthly Payments – divide your monthly payment into several smaller ones during the monthly cycle, if you are able. This means that you will have a lower balance to be reported to the credit bureau no matter when reported. The lower the balance the better. Note, be sure your creditor will accept extra payments first.

Ask for a Goodwill Deletion - John Ulzheimer, the president of consumer education for SmartCredit.com, based in Costa Mesa, CA says that if you've had a late payment, but have

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A letter to Shauntae and DeMarcus

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Toledo private schools by using the same old techniques and mindsets but yet expecting different results?

How do you try to galva-

nize a sleepy semi-committed black community to rouse itself up to see that too many minority youths are being anesthetized into mediocrity

and which will only result in underpaid and underperforming jobs and future disillusionment with life?

In the secular world, if the fight for decent and quality education for minority youths and the needed coupling of the family unit into this life encompassing activity is not won, the casualty rate and the downside for society in general will be enormous.

Post-bellum slavery times called for the proverbial 40 acres and a mule so that the newly enfranchised slave could at least be self-productive and earn an income and possibly become an entrepreneur in a "new" South.

But that did not happen. The white powers that be saw to it that Jim Crow and the black codes stripped any hope of financial equality from the slaves and kept the levers of economic aggrandizement in the hands of the white planters, northern financiers and the cast of suppliers and providers of goods and services that locked up and locked out any sustainable black aspirations for economic comity.

Today, a caste system is revisiting America but in the form of educational dissonance and a vast technological divide between the haves and the have-nots.

The scorecard? Shauntae and DeMarcus: 5 and I Pad 2 users: 11.

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Register Now! Classes Start June 20!

If you care about kids, join our tightly woven community of foster parents!

Lucas County Children Services needs foster and adoptive families for teens with special needs and groups of three or more siblings. Our FREE foster/adoptive parent training classes run June 20-27, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. You can complete your training in just six days!

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- Can own or rent.
- Don't need a college degree.
- Must show that you have enough income to meet your own needs.
- Must complete the free, required training classes.
- Should be able to pass a background check.

Classes are held at the Lucas County Training Center, 705 Adams Street. Space is limited; please reserve your seat today.

Call 419-213-3336 to register today!

7th Annual African American Prayer Breakfast

In Memory of Marcella Boldon, Barbara J. Corggens, Gladys L. Mitchell & Marjorie Welch

Friday, July 8, 2011 ~ 8:00AM
St. Martin de Porres Church
1119 W. Bancroft St.
Sister Virginia Welsh, Pastoral Leader

Tickets \$10.00
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Kristian Brown: WTVG's New Weekday Afternoon

Anchor

By Fletcher Word
Sojourner's Truth Editor



“If I can get a normal shift in Toledo, I’m good,” she adds. “To sit at the desk, to report and be able to see my kids.”

Kristian Brown, the newly appointed afternoon (5:30 p.m.) anchor for WTVG, Channel 13 ABC Action News, vividly recalls when she decided that a career in broadcasting was in her future.

When Brown, a Toledo native, was in her junior year at St. Ursula's Academy, Marsha Bonhart, Brown's aunt and now the lead anchor at WDTN in Dayton, told Brown: "There's something about you that makes me think you could do my job."

How prophetic those words were!

And how Brown took them to heart.

After St. Ursula's, she

entered the prestigious E.W. Scripps School of Journalism at Ohio University in Athens and, shortly after graduation, headed off to Monroe, LA for her first job as a broadcaster accepting a position as reporter at KTVE region 10 news. For the long-time Ohio resident, the experience was a culture shock. It was also a short-lived experience.

Her boss in Monroe was a colonel in the U.S. Army's Special Forces and was called to active duty in Afghanistan. He informed Brown that he knew the news director at Toledo's WTOL and advised her to check out opportunities at the station during a brief return to her hometown.

She did just that. WTOL put her on the air the very next day and she was back home.

After eight months with WTOL, Brown was lured over to WTVG by news director Brian Trauring in 2002 as a reporter and weekend anchor. She was teamed with Efrém Graham as the first pair of African-American anchors in Toledo's broadcast history.

In that position, Brown followed in the footsteps of one of her mentors, former WTVG weekend anchor and reporter Jala Anderson, whom she had met through the National Association of Broadcast Journalists.

For Brown, the recent assignment to the afternoon

anchor desk couldn't be more timely. She's ecstatic about the move for a variety of reasons even though it's not what she might have foreseen or wanted a decade ago as she was starting her career.

"When I arrived home, I thought 'two years... and I'm off to New York or L.A.,'" she recalls. "But life happens."

Life happens indeed and in a most bountiful way at times. For Brown life happened by expansion. Marriage to husband Tirrell; the birth of son Isaiah, who's now five years old, then the birth of identical twin three-year old girls, Laila and Lauren.

Over the last few years, Brown's evening and weekend hours have been anything but easy on family but her new gig has suddenly changed the whole family's perspective.

"I'm working 9:30 to 6:30—regular, normal people hours," says Brown gleefully. And are New York and L.A. still on her mind?

Not anymore. Normalcy and consistency are the things this young wife and mother

has craved... and received.

"If I can get a normal shift in Toledo, I'm good," she adds. "To sit at the desk, to report and be able to see my kids."

Brown has always expressed her joy and fulfillment at working at WTVG over the years. The local ABC affiliate was previously owned by the Disney Corporation and was recently purchased by new owners—SIL Broadcasting of Eric, PA.

Shortly after the new ownership arrived, changes were made at the station, lots of changes involving personnel. In a virtual "Bloody Friday," a number of employees, many of them long-time employees, were jettisoned—bought out of their contracts in most cases.

The on-camera personnel remained relatively intact, however, and after all the turmoil of ownership changes, Brown views a station that is better positioned to enhance the quality of its content.

"When you work for Disney, you get the pixie dust

of having a lot of people, of having a lot of fat," she says. "But we are doing things we weren't able to do before. They are putting resources into content rather than into people"

The changes in content include a lot more feet on the ground in news-breaking situations. The news staff has been told to make sure their passports are in order. Lee Conklin, nightly news anchor, for example, just came back from China and covering Mayor Mike Bell's trip.

Brown is also excited by the positive attitude new ownership has displayed about a variety of issues—diversity, commitment to Toledo and the willingness to seek input from the news staff.

A new company, a new job, a young family and living in her hometown... anything missing?

Nope. "I have the best of all worlds. To be able to do what you love and to be with those you love."

Summer Food Program Kicks Off in Lucas County

Special to The Truth

Thanks to the Sumer Food Program, thousands of kids in Lucas County who have breakfast and lunch at school won't go hungry when school is out for the summer.

At roughly 40 sites throughout Toledo, kids can receive free meals this summer, Monday through Friday at various times.

"Our goal is to make sure no child in Lucas County goes hungry this summer," said Todd Tibbits, president and CEO of the YMCA and JCC of Greater Toledo. "We are pleased to be one of the facilitators of this worthwhile program, along with various other organizations in our community."

During a media briefing on Friday, June 10, the YMCA and other participating organizations kicked off the Summer Food Program with a meal at the Sofia Quintero Art and Cultural

Center on S. Broadway. Over 40 community organizations, agencies and businesses have come together to promote and implement the Summer Food Program to ensure that area children do not go hungry.

The federal program is funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and administered by the Ohio Department of Education, with support from local organizations including United Way, feed Lucas County Children, the YMCA/JCC of Greater Toledo, local food banks and ProMedica.

The locations of the feeding sites are based on proximity to schools in which at least 50 percent of the students receive free or reduced-price lunches during the school year. Sites will be staffed with a combination of paid and volunteer staff. The food served will meet state guidelines and include

milk, fruits and vegetables, grains/bread and a meat and will be provided by a variety of vendors.



Below is the list of sites open for meals this summer. Children and parents will be directed to the nearest site to them by dialing 2-1-1.



Sofia Quintero's Joe Balderas, State Sen. Edna Brown, Cherry Street Mission's Dan Rogers, ProMedica's Stephanie Chion, United Way's Kate Sommerfeld and Ann Longworth Orr of U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown's office

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June 7 - July 22
12:00-12:30
- Birmingham Terrace (East Side Central)**
June 6 - Aug 19
9:00-10:00 and 12:00-1:00
- Boys & Girls Club - East**
June 6 - Aug 26
12:45-1:30 and 3:45 (snack)
- Boys & Girls Club - Homer Hanham**
June 6 - Aug 26
1:15-2:15 and 4:00 (snack)
- Boys & Girls Club - Sherman**
June 6 - Aug 26
12:30-1:30
- Boys & Girls Club - South**
June 6 - Aug 26
1:00-2:00 and 4:00 (snack)
- Brand Whitlock**
June 6 - Aug 19
9:00-10:00 and 12:00-1:00
- Collingwood United Methodist Church**
To be confirmed
12:00-1:00
- Deliverance House of God**
June 6 - Aug 19
12:00-1:00 and 3:00-4:00 (snack)
- Eagle Academy**
June 7 - Aug 6
8:00-9:00 and 11:00-12:00
- Ebenezer Baptist Church**
June 27 - Aug 5
12:30-1:30
- Elmdale Court**
June 6 - Aug 19
9:00-10:00 and 4:00-5:00
- Grace Community Center**
June 20 - Aug 12
12:00-1:00 and 4:00-4:30 (snack)
- Greenbelt Place**
June 6 - Aug 19
9:00-10:00 and 12:00-1:00
- Gunckel Park**
July 13 - Aug 19
6:00-8:00
- Hope Ministries**
June 6 - Aug 19
12:00-2:00
- Linques Neighborhood Center**
June 6 - Aug 19
9:00-10:00 and 12:00-1:00
- MLK Center for the Poor**
June 6 - Aug 19
12:00-1:30
- MLK School**
June 12 - Aug 19
11:30-12:30

Toledo EXCEL and 50 Men and Women of Toledo Celebrate High School Scholars

Sojourner's Truth Staff

The end of the school year is never complete until Toledo EXCEL and 50 Men and Women of Toledo honor the multitude of talented young high school seniors for their achievements

The Toledo EXCEL program held its Group XIX graduation and Group XXIII Induction ceremony on June 12 at The University of Toledo's Nitschke Auditorium and celebrated the graduation of 37 outstanding scholars.

Caleb K.S. Edwards was this year's valedictorian. A summa cum laude graduate of St. John's Jesuit High School, where he was also a member

of the National Honor Society and a National Achievement Scholar, Edwards will attend Washington University in St. Louis in the fall to study biology/philosophy-neuroscience-psychology in preparation for a career as either a pediatric neurologist or neurosurgeon.

The two co-salutatorians for Group XIX were Raelyn Mejias Santoro, a graduate of the Toledo School for the Arts and Taylour Upton, a graduate of Start High School.

Santoro, valedictorian of her class at TSA, will attend The University of Toledo and plans to become a pharmacist.

Upton (The Truth 6.08) is headed for The Ohio State University to study architecture.

Other members of Group XIX were: Bryan Adams of Waite, Andrea Almanza of TSA, Jamesha Bolden of Start, Dominique Boykin of Start, Jade Symone Branch of Central Catholic, Daniel Brandon, Jr. of Maumee Valley Country Day, Chelsea Coleman of Whitmer, Deneicia Cunningham of Central, Sinem Naz Damci of Whitmer, Angelina Edwards of Whitmer, Kaila Renee Gardner of Notre Dame, Desiree Goldi of Waite, Ke-

nasia Guilford of Sylvania Northview, Robbie January of Springfield, Whitley Johnson of Bowsher, Charnique R. King of Rogers, James King of Central, Tyson R. Jordan, Jr. of Rogers, Suma Kolla of Maumee Valley, Jordyn Landrum of Central, Justyn Landrum of Central, Aaron V. Lee of St. John's, Candacia McBride of Start, Morgan McDougle of Central, Heather McWilliams of Whitmer, Amine Mahmud of Sylvania Southview, Ambria Moye of Central, Amber Palomin of Whitmer, Olivia Phifer of Maumee Valley, Lance Price, Jr. of Rogers, Keona Radney of Toledo Technology Academy, Amati Simmons of TSA, Ashley Smith of TSA, Coyana Sutton of Start and Kacie Truss of St. Ursula Academy.

The 50 Men and Women of Toledo organization has handed out hundreds of thousands of dollars in scholarships over the last quarter century. This year the group selected 16 recipients for awards. They were: Danielle Barnes of Central; Taylor Joyner and Os'sad Shaheer of Rogers; Sara

Koelsch of Central; Tristan Burt of Notre Dame; Briana Lancaster of Start; Ariana Turk of TSA; Ariqua James of Notre Dame; Dominique Boykin and Rheanne Dunlap of Start; Janae Garrett of

Bowsher; Semone Wilbert of Notre Dame; Jonathan Bush of Central; Savannah Hill of Bowsher; Jordan Glaze of Rogers and Cameron Glover of Central Catholic.



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Knowing the basics for improving your credit scores such as paying on time and in full is necessary. Taking advance steps to increase your scores is highly profitable to include in your overall credit score strategies.

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Best in the Class This Year

Special to The Truth

The Zeta Alpha Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. proudly presented the 2011 scholarship recipients to the general membership on Saturday, June 11, 2011 at the Toledo Club. Ten Toledo scholars from various parochial, public and community schools were awarded nine scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$500.00 and one \$250.00 book scholarship.

Scholarship recipients



present to receive their award included Ashley Smith-Toledo School for the Arts, Kianna Wilkes-Bowsher High School, Alyssa Dorn-Central Catholic, Taylor Harris-St. Ursula Academy, Kelvin Lawrence II-Central Catholic, Lindsey Rankin-Anderson-St. Ursula Academy, Wil-

liam Schumacher-Sylvania Southview High School and Jessica Williams-Bowsher High School.

Awarded but unable to attend the ceremony were Keia McCaver-Roy C. Start High School and Cameron Terrell-Toledo Preparatory Academy. The proud recipi-

ents were escorted by their parents who also received a token of appreciation for their hard work in getting their son/daughter this far.

Zeta Alpha Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. is proud to present The Best of the 2011 Class to the city of Toledo.

Stewart Academy Bids Farewell to Retirees

Sojourner's Truth Staff

Stewart Academy for Girls bid a fond farewell to three long-time educators on Friday, June 3. Students, fellow teachers and neighborhood volunteers turned out to say goodbye to Jackie Houston who has been a teacher for 26 years, all of them spent at Stewart; Teresa Day, a 32-year Toledo Public Schools veteran and Cecilia Ragans who has taught with TPS for 52 years.



Captions

Above: Principal Teresa Quinn and WilliAnn Moore

Below: Jackie Houston, Teresa Day, Cecilia Ragans



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The First Annual "In Her Shoes" Luncheon

Special to The Truth

The Toledo Club was the setting Saturday June 11, 2011 for the first "In Her Shoes" luncheon and shower hosted by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.

The luncheon/shower

benefited Bethany House (a domestic violence shelter). Guest were asked to purchase and item from the gift registry at Target or Wal-Mart to be donated to the shelter.

As a part of a National Ini-

tiative of Alpha Kappa Alpha "Social Justice and Human Rights" the members of the sorority decided to focus on helping women and children who have been victims get back on their feet by provid-

ing basic house hold items. Over 50 gifts were collected with a value of over 500.00. Chairman for this year's event was Danielle Goodwin.

Guest played shower games and prizes were award-

ed. At the end of the event there was a shoe contest which provided the winner with a gift card from DSW Shoes. After all you never know what a woman has been through until you have walked a mile in her shoes.

Clara L. Petty is the president of the local chapter. For more information about Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc please go to AKA1908.com or visit the local website at zetaalphaomega.com.



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“Tea Time” for Grand Parents on Saturday, June 5, 2011

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On a breezy, beautiful Saturday morning at 11:00 a.m., The Toledo Chapter of Top Ladies of Distinction hosted a “Tea Time” for residents of the Vistula Manor located at 614 Cherry Street in downtown Toledo.

The chapter fulfilled one of their primary goals of enhancing the quality of life for senior citizens through the outstanding efforts of Chairman Mary L. Oakes and her committee. This endeavor was additionally sponsored by their thrust of Community Partnerships, led by Ladies Barbara Tucker and Denise Black-Poon.

For the “Tea,” guests and Top Ladies donned beautiful chapeaus from Lady Denise Black-Poon’s huge collection of fancy hats! Additionally, each of the five tables featured three straw beach hats of various bold and beautiful colors and shapes which served as centerpieces atop pink table cloths.

Guests were celebrated in song and verse by T.L.O.D. ladies. After the first part of the program, “TEATIME” began with an elaborate ‘light’ luncheon consisting of salads, tea/beverages and highlighted by a delicious cake beautifully decorated with roses and the T.L.O.D. logo!

The “Grandparent Tea” concluded with guests selecting gifts that were provided by T.L.O.D. members. It was such a rewarding experience for the chapter’s members to note the happy and appreciative expressions of

thanks from the guests! After the tea, members enjoyed singing together and listening to an original poem composed by Top Teen Opal Dunlap. Dunlap, a high school student, is a gifted and creative teen who is also a playwright and theatrical producer.

Top Ladies of Distinction is a national organization which consists of six areas throughout the U.S.A. Area V has chapters in Michigan, Indiana, Ohio and West Virginia. Other primary goals are to improve the status of women in

all areas of their lives, to provide meaningful activities for the youth component, Top Teens of America. And to implement projects to beautify

our community, each year the chapter provides activities such as “Boys/Girls Hooked on Books” at local businesses and hosts an annual Prayer

Breakfast.

For any questions/comments, Contact J. Harris @419.754.1524 or sirrahjoan@yahoo.com



Northwest Ohio teens to experience medical school at CampMed

The University of Toledo will host a CampMed this week for 36 northwest Ohio incoming high school freshmen to engage in hands on activities to stimulate their interest in science and medicine.

The students participating in the 14th annual CampMed program will receive close-up, hands-on lessons making casts, learning procedures in a medical simulation center, suturing a wound, and touring a gross anatomy lab.

The two-day program will be held Thursday, June 16 and Friday, June 17 on the UT Health Science Campus. (See full schedule below)

The students will begin their medical school crash course Thursday morning with a “tools of the trade” session where they will learn to use blood pressure cuffs and stethoscopes. Throughout the camp students also will learn about plastination, see a medical helicopter, and make wrist casts.

UT medical students serve as camp counselors, and the students also will interact with physicians and professors.

CampMed, which began in 1998, is coordinated through the UT Area Health Education Center program that works to improve the health of individuals and communities by transforming health care through education.

The competitive scholarship program requires students, most of whom are minority, rural or from other underrepresented groups, to submit a letter of recommendation, a nomination from a science or math teacher or counselor, and a personal essay to be chosen to participate.

The complete schedule:

Thursday, June 17

Time	Session	Location
9:30-10:30 a.m.	Tools of the Trade	Health Education Bldg., room 110
10:30 a.m. – noon	Advanced Simulation Center	Collier Bldg., room 0407
Noon-12:30 p.m.	Lunch	Skyview Cafeteria, UTMC
12:30-3:30 p.m.	(Student groups rotate to each 60-minute lab)	
	A) Perioperative Experience	Health Education Bldg., room 110
	B) Plastination	Block Health Science Bldg., basement
	C) Life Flight (ICU tour as backup)	UTMC Emergency Dept.
3:30-5 p.m.	Gross Anatomy	Block Health Science Bldg, anatomy lab

Friday, June 18

Time	Session	Location
8:30-9:30 a.m.	Radiology	Health Education Bldg., room 103
9:30-10:45 a.m.	Medical Multimedia	Health Education Bldg, room 110
10:45 a.m.-noon	Living Healthy-Enjoying Life	Morse Center
Noon-1 p.m.	Lunch	Skyview Cafeteria, UTMC
1-4 p.m.	(Student groups rotate to each 60-minute lab)	
	A) Clinical Skills	Hillebrand Clinical Skills Center
	B) Wrist Casts	UT Orthopaedic Center
	C) Suture Workshop	Health Education Bldg., room 110

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Arts Commission of Greater Toledo Announces June Art Walk Venues & Features

Special to The Truth

The Arts Commission of Greater Toledo (ACGT) is pleased to announce that Art Walk series will continue on Thursday, June 16. Art Walk is held each summer, on the third Thursday of each month, May through September. This is the Art Walk's fourth season.

Remaining 2011 Art Walk dates are July 21, August 18, and September 15. Hours are 6 – 9 p.m.

The program is presented as part of the Arts Commission of Greater Toledo's Live Work Create Toledo initiative, embracing economic development and revitalization through the arts. Under this umbrella, Art Walk is the sister program of Artomatic 419! and The Gallery Loop.

The Art Walk has grown exponentially in its previous three short years, growing from featuring less than 10 venues in its first year and a slim attendance, to finishing the 2010 season with a peak attendance of more than 700, and featuring an average of 20 venues each month.

The Art Walk offers Toledoans an opportunity to come out and explore their Downtown, visiting great locally-owned galleries, businesses, artist studios and other venues while perusing and purchasing unique, locally-crafted one-of-a-kind art work and gifts – all while enjoying the fresh summer air and getting a little exercise, be it walking, biking, or otherwise.

This year, ACGT will continue the 2010 implementation of sponsoring local performers with "busking" (a.k.a. street performing) licenses from the City of Toledo, allowing them to perform legally on city sidewalks during the event while collecting tips.

June's sponsored street performers will be musicians Meaghan Roberts and Lucian Townes (both solo acoustic guitar players), musician Ian Welch, performance artist Katie Komunicki, performance artist Bianca Marcia, and experimental rock/jazz duo What's Next.

Also up-coming this season will be the installation of nearly 20 more "Art Benches" installed in the Arts Zone/Warehouse District. Ten of these colorful benches were installed during the 2010 season to help spruce up the streets of the neighborhood and increase its identity and

visibility as an arts district. The benches were painted by youth apprentices in the award-winning Young Artists at Work program, which employs diverse and at-risk teens for six weeks in the summer, exposing them to an intensive multi-media arts training and long-lasting job training skills.

Continuing this year will be the use of ACGT's teal Live Work Create Toledo flags, which Art Walk-goers can use to identify participating venues during the event, and creative-based businesses throughout the season.

New this year is the addition of a local pedicab (bicycle taxis) service offering event goers rides from the St. Clair Village to Uptown, and vice versa.

June Art Walk Venues:

Maps and venue/artist details are available for download from www.acgt.org. Maps will also be available at participating venues the day of the event.

ARTS ZONE / WAREHOUSE DISTRICT

1. Shared Lives Studios Gallery 20 N. St. Clair St. "Artist Review," showcases Linda Richards, Jennifer Scheff, Jeffrey O'neil, Craig Toczynski, Marc Arnett, Beth Robinson, James Dungan, Bianca Roberts.

2. 20 North Gallery 18 N. St. Clair St. 419.241.2400 40 Greatest Hits, this career retrospective of Toledo native Phil Hazard spans his mid-70s work as a pioneering neon artist in NYC, to his more recent pop art paintings.

3. Sur Saint Clair 1 S. St. Clair St. 419.241.7100 Kelly Crosser-Alge (glass bowls, collages and jewelry), Dawn Ann Culp-Hailstock (acrylics), Ruth Foote (photography), Tim Hacker (photography), Jennifer Muse (glass), Elyse M. Osborne (paintings).

4. Jack Wilson Gallery 19 S. St. Clair St. Gallery entrance is up the stairs in the rear of the building.

Features metal-worker Jack Wilson's sculpture, pottery by Red Stanley, and drawings and paintings of 2011 Toledo School for the Arts graduates, Gabrielle Grumelot and Katherine Davis.

5. The Office of Paul R. Sullivan 23 S. St. Clair St.

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pottery of Shine Ceramics, created by Julie Webster, as well as unique steel sculptures by H & H Metalsmiths.

6. Homeslice Pizza 28 S. St. Clair St. 419.724.7437 Paintings by Jerry Gray, Kerry Krow, Jason Vahle, Yusuf Lateef, Nathan Masternak and Helen Grubb.

7. Ahava Spa & Wellness Center 34S. St. Clair St. 419.241.5877 In the Wellness Center, nature photography by Carol Besticker, glass work by Firenation's Mathew Paskiet, and painting from KA Von Hasenbalg, plus glass jewelry by Pam & Bob Vollmar.

8. Downtown Latte 44 S. St. Clair St. 419.243.6032 Danielle Herrera's innovative art works uses recycled materials as their main medium.

9. Swank Gifts 48 S. St. Clair St. 419.241.9340 Swank Gifts boutique shop specializes in unique, affordable gifts. View a large selection of one-of-a-kind jewelry, and an array of products from talented local artists.

10. T-Shirts by Max Reddish Corner of St. Clair & Lafayette Streets An array of unique, Toledo pride-themed t-shirts are for sale.

11. Bozarts 151 S. St. Clair St. 419.464.5785 Note Books & Sketches Exhibition. ALL ARTISTS ARE WELCOME TO BRING WORK for "pin up" display or passing around. The evening will also feature live painting, live music & performances, & a film showing at 9pm following the Art Walk.

12. Olive Street Studios 252 Ottawa St. Enjoy open studio tours, featuring: Brad Bechtel, Brian Juchartz, Carl Porreca, Crisstoffler Muntz, Dan Wallace, Doug Kamper, Jessica Besterman, Jodie S. Peace, Mike Cerveney, Renee Spillius, Richard Reed, and Scott Ziegler.

UPTOWN / OLD WEST END

13. Toledo Free Press Warehouse Huron at Washington Street www.toledofreepress.com

The evening will include readings by featured poet Michael Grover, along with local art works.

14. Secor Studios 425

Jefferson Ave. 419.514.7496 (Take elevators to floors 5, 6 & 7) In the historic, former Secor Hotel, The Secor Artists host Open Studio Night. Visitors are encouraged to roam the studios of more than 15 artists located on the 5th, 6th, and 7th floors, as well as the 1st Floor Gallery.

15. Space 237 237 Michigan 419.255.5117 space237.com

Flamingos, Dust Bunnies & Decay, features 14 national & regional artists exploring contemporary social problems & ominous natural disasters. Work ranges from humorous to dark. Art is in the 1st & 4th floor galleries. Thru June 24.

16. Zyndorf Glass & Arts 320 N. Michigan St., 2nd Floor (across from library) Presents unique and creative expressions in glass, chic and unique women's clothing as well as many other art forms from an array of talented artists. Wearable, functional and decorative art at affordable prices.

15. Studio M Printmakers 320 N. Michigan St., 3rd Floor (across from library)

Image and Text - Dajnak and Kress: An exhibit of artwork and poetry that coexist in print. Including published books with illustrations, original artwork, and collaborative prints by Mania Dajnak and Leonard Kress. Poetry Reading by Kress at 8 p.m.

18. Toledo City Paper Offices 1120 Adams St. 419.244.9859 www.toledocitypaper.com

Judy Paschalis, an edgy quilt artist whose sociopolitical commentary and satirical touch blows the doors off a normally tame art form. Also displaying, Marcie Sigrist, a mixed-media artist with light-hearted, relaxing pieces.

19. Glass City Cafe 1107 Jackson St. 419.241.4519 www.glasscitycafe.com

The Café stays open late with live music, great, homemade food and its amazing collection of historic Toledo memorabilia on display, along with the best collection of locally-based merchandise, including Toledo-themed T-shirts and hoodies.

20. Madhouse Gallery

1215 Jackson St. 419.873.0538 www.madmadmad.com Arturo Rodriguez brings his unique perspective on his blended Cuban and American cultures to Madhouse Gallery. Pop-aganda is a mixture of cultures and pop culture in what Rodriguez says is "a reminder of what a wonderfully absurd place the world can be." Show runs through June 30.

21. Manos Garden Mural w/ Toledo Grows/ACT Corner of Jackson & 14th Streets www.artcomertoledo.com

The mural at Manos Garden was designed and painted by Har Simrit-Singh as an Art Corner Toledo Project. This is a partnership between the artist and local urban agriculture agency, Toledo GROWS. Enjoy live music and see the seedling of a new community garden, just beginning to bloom.

22. Gallerie 333 at TSA 333 14th Street www.ts4a.org Gallerie 333 will be featuring student works from Kaleidoscope 2011 for the

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Book Review

My Dad, My Hero by Ethan Long

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32 pages

By Terri Schlichenmeyer
The Truth Contributor

Superman is not so super. Oh, sure, he can leap over buildings, but does he give horseback rides? He can stop trains, but can he stop your sister from bugging you? The answer is probably no to both questions.

Really, come to think about it, Spiderman is just another guy on the web and the Hulk is a hunk of green compared to the real hero in your life. When you read *My Dad, My Hero* by Ethan Long, you'll definitely agree...

Yes, it's true. Your dad is a pretty great guy. He's funny and smart, but he's not a superhero like the ones in the comic books.

He can't jump over buildings; in fact, he probably trips

on your toys now and then.

He likes to pretend that he has all kinds of muscles, but there are times when you're much stronger than he is. For sure, even Mom is sometimes stronger than Dad.

Fortunately, your dad can't see through walls. Imagine what kind of trouble you'd be in if he could...

He's a fast runner, but he's not like the guys in the movies who are just a blur when they move. Your dad isn't made of steel or plastic, he's not taller than just about everybody, and his hands don't transform into guns, tanks, or big claws. He doesn't become a snarly monster when he's mad, there are no webs coming out of his wrists, and he doesn't get his messages from a light



in the night sky. There's no fancy car in his garage and no laboratory in the basement.

You have to admit that Dad can climb trees and walls. He's good at that, but he can't

fly. He learned that the hard way when he fell off a ladder. So what good is your dad, anyhow?

Well, he makes you laugh. He fixes things and he spends time with you. He teaches you lots of fun things, lets you help him with his chores and he lets you win at your favorite game.

And – if you ask nicely – your favorite hero (Dad) will read this book to you.

Go to any bookstore or library, and you'll find thousands of books about kids and their moms and the things they do together. Isn't it time to bring home a book for the other side of the family?

With illustrations that will make kids giggle, spare narrative that moves the story

along very well, and a sentiment that all comic book fans will understand, author Ethan Long at first seems to make fathers look like zeroes more than heroes.

Ah, but faster than a speeding bullet, Long brings this story around to a wonderful, heartwarming and happy conclusion. That will make every child know who the real champion is, and it will make every father feel bulletproof.

Whether you're a little kid or just one in Daddy's eyes, this book is a definite delight. If you're looking for a cute way to celebrate Father's Day, *My Dad, My Hero* is just super.

Zeta Alpha Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Health and Business Expo 2011

By Ebony Jones
Special to The Truth

On May 21, 2011 the Zeta Alpha Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority held their Health and Business Expo in the Stephenson-Roberts fellowship hall at Indiana Baptist Church from 8:30AM to 6PM. The event was free and open to the public.

Upon entering the event, attendees were asked to sign in by a hostess. She gave everyone a complimentary bag containing a magazine promoting Greater Toledo, a pack of cookies and a bottled water. Also, attendees were given a chance to participate in a raffle. Everyone received a ticket and periodically the organizers would call out a winning ticket number.

The table where the hostess was seated was decorated in the sorority's colors of salmon pink and green. Everything from the tablecloth to the balloons represented these

colors. Also, the sorority's emblem could be seen on signs throughout the event.

The expo had an array of vendors set up at separate tables so that they could display their products and services. Independent beauty consultants were selling Mary Kay cosmetics. They had samples of products that attendees could test before purchasing.

Vendors were selling fashionable hats for women, stylish clothing, costume jewelry, and designer handbags. Your Computer Needs of Toledo was selling computer training courses. In addition, baked goods were also being sold.

Tables were set up for informational purposes. Donate4Life was there. They promoted signing up for donating your organs after death to save someone else's life.

Neighborhood Health Association, Office of Area Aging, Life Connection Ohio,

and Monroe Neighborhood Center were there to advertise the services they offered. Importantly, registered nurses representing Mercy Health Partners gave free blood pressure and blood sugar level checks. For \$5 you could also have your cholesterol checked as well.

Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority is one of the nation's largest organizations for college educated African-American women. This event was held by the Zeta Alpha Omega Chapter who established themselves locally on April 25, 1952. Since then, they have sponsored many community based events based on local needs and the sorority's national signature programs.

These initiatives include I. Emerging Young Leaders; II. Health; III. Global Poverty; IV. Economic Security; V. Social Justice and Human Rights; and IV. Internal Training for External Service.

Mt. Nebo Church Celebrates 18th Pastoral Anniversary of Rev. Cedric and First Lady Debra Brock



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By Michael Hayes
Minister of Culture



What is it about pro sports that captures us so?

We've got poison in our food, and fewer and fewer jobs but major league sports occupies our focus.

And I mean, I'm included in this hoopla myself.

The NBA Finals this year took my mind off of gas prices and low wages.

But more than just mere distraction (sometimes good, sometimes bad) the allure of watching your favorite team win it all is powerfully personal.

We use terms like "we" and "our" when we discuss pro sports teams we support.

When your favorite movie wins an Oscar, or your favorite album wins a Grammy.. what then?

Do we say "yea, I knew my movie would win this year!"

In one sense, professional sports is sickening.

Big, black men bought, sold and moved around.

Hype and dysfunction. Chauvinism. Materialism. LeBron James is worth over \$90 Million Dollars.

Ninety. Million. Dollars. (... basically like 1,400 in Amero's)

No ring.

And barely the maturity, poise and dignity of a champion.

Also sickening because were approaching another anniversary of the attacks on Sept 11 and millions of people feel that members of our own government committed th em.

Compare how much media attention has been given

to that theory, to how much media time and space is devoted to the inner workings of a professional sports franchise.

Now compare how many analysts, reporters, statisticians and full-blown newscasts

are devoted... to professional sports on a 24-hour news cycle basis to how many personnel are researching the Patriot Act which was just extended.

Pro sports is a deadly distraction in many ways, a giant mind job.

But even worse than that is how redundant so much of it has become.

Even the statistics have statistics now.

In many ways, pro sports turns my stomach.

However... watching Dirk Nowitski, Jason Kidd, Jason Terry, Tyson Chandler, J.J. Barea & etc.

win their first-ever NBA championship earlier this week was transcendent.

Sublime.

Awesome and inspiring and awe-inspiring.

Some of it.. is just a great story to watch.

David V. Goliath (David = Mavs. Goliath = Lakers, Heat, = Dallas' own track record, age and perception)

Also part of the great story is Jason Kidd.. beginning his career in Dallas 17 years ago.

Then after a few trades landing in New Jersey and reaching the finals twice

but only getting his ring after his return to the team that first chose him.

Jason Terry's tattoo, Marc Cuban's expert chess skills and Dirk Nowitski's personal guru..

I mean this is replete with subplot.

But, really.. deeper than what it means to them... what does it mean to a fan?

Is it simply that we love that release and arc on father Dirk's jumpshot?

That we are addicted to the emotional highs of watching

a team just turn it on in the fourth quarter?

Do we like sitting on our couches watching another person's dreams come true? yea.. read that line again.

Do we like sitting on our couches watching another person's dreams come true?

Or is it the possibility we see our own dreams becoming more tangible?

I think it may be coping technique at times, but in many ways it's a window inward.

Remember the 90s? "I Wanna Be Like Mike"

Meaning: "damn, I wanna get paid to do what I love while succeeding and inspiring others"

Not just endorsements and dunking from the foul line.

We all want to do what we love, and do it well enough to earn a living from it.

Period.

And maybe we become enamored with such constant coverage of pro sports because it gives us proof that it's possible.

In my case, I'm the same age as Dirk Nowitski.

A generation younger than Jason Kidd and Shaq.

But the older members of the Chris Paul, Kevin Durant generation (age wise).

Not being old and not being young is a blessing.

it means you've seen enough to peach-fuzz wisdom.

But still fueled by the urgency to apply what you know before it's too late.

I identify with Dirk also because he's an oddball.

A seven-footer raining jumpers down wherever he pleases.

They said he was soft, and he didn't trash talk... he just

improved.

He bossed up without acting or bragging.

I admire that.

I want to get paid at what I do.

Dirk didn't take his talents to South Beach, argue with the front office, pump up his own celebrity or treat his championship chase like a circus.

He stayed true to himself.

Grinding it out, adding new skills and maintaining an almost saint level of humility when haters hated.

That's how I see myself.

I don't know if it's fair to relate everything in our experience as people in real life to the things we see on T.V.

But that camera is turned

on a person who is also experiencing THEIR real life.

And it's proof to us of all that's possible.

While we sit on our couches being entertained by draft lotteries, trades and matchups.

These people are actually living their dream and probably don't spend much time on their own couch watching anyone else.

That's why there's no X Box or Playstation in my home.

I act like I'm allergic to my couch until I absolutely need a mental respite.

I don't know what it feels like to win it all.

But I do know I intend to find out what that feels like for me, and maybe when I'm

in my moment someone will be watching me and inspired to have theirs.

Peace.

(To the Dallas Mavericks, I been riding with y'all since 2005..

I'm proud to be a fan. Congrats!)

Michael J. Hayes is a weekly published writer and local music producer, looking for a way to earn a living at either.

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NEXT WEEK!
Interview with two legends.. D.J. KEITH SUCCESS & D.J. LYTE N ROD

Friday July 1 they are holding an event called 25 YEARS IN THE GAME.

At Garden Lake Hall, Tickets are available at Jack's Men's Wear, The Lions Den, The Classic, and

The Laskey Rd location of Allied Record Exchange.

I will be sitting down to chop it up with them about what this event means for their legacies and also the secret to longevity doing what you love to do. Stay tuned.



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Art Walk

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beginning to bloom.

22. Gallerie 333 at TSA 333 14th Street www.ts4a.org

Gallerie 333 will be featuring student works from Kaleidoscope 2011 for the month of June, with the exhibit opening June

7 during our annual fundraiser, "Death by Chocolate". The students featured are from grades 6 - 12 and pieces were selected for the end of the year showcase.

23. Lifetime Building 1505 Adams St. 419-509-3338

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Enjoy the Toledo premiere of visiting artist Amelia Schroeder; she will present new, vibrant, eco-abstract paintings. The show will also include watercolors by Collingwood Arts Center resident, Mary Dunkin.

24. Truth Art Gallery 1811 Adams St. www.thetruthtoledo.com

The Truth Gallery features a fine collection of African art works in its latest exhibition, "Art of Ghana." The exhibit features striking wood carvings, traditional masks, wall profiles, shadow statues, and more. This evening also features a live jazz band.



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Notice to Bidders:

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Requirements:

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Job 6492 Grants Accounting Resource Analyst, Controller's Office:

Requirements:

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Learning Ladders Educational Center's Second Graduation

Sojourner's Truth Staff

"We strongly believe we have a future president, doctors to cure cancer and an outstanding educator," said Kelly Hughes, director of Learning Ladders Educational Center during her address to this year's graduates, family and friends during graduation exercises on June 10, 2011.

The pre-school, which operates under the auspices of First Church of God, sent six of its attendees on to elementary school during a celebration that included opening and closing prayers offered by Pastor Robert Culp, remarks by Carnel Smith, Ph.D., of Horizon Learning Academy, and songs and exercises by the Center's students.

This year's graduates were: Sa'Maya Jones, Amiiya Richardson, Carnel Smith II, Zaire Fizer, Jaylen Lee and Treasure Whitaker.



Positive Force Brings the Gift of Faith on Fathers' Day Weekend

Sojourner's Truth Staff

Sheila Gibson has been teaching classical ballet and jazz dancing for more than a quarter century and for the last nine years, the culmination of each year's efforts is the annual recital that she and her students have been working on for months.

This weekend, the Positive Force Christian School of Dance presents this year's production, "Faith," at Owens Community College Center for Fine and Performing Arts.

And as is always the case, Gibson's productions are more than just a

showcase for her talented dancers, the productions are a tribute to her deeply-held conviction that the purpose of her art is to give praise to God. "I've always tried to walk the Christian walk," she has said on more than one occasion.

This year's recital will be focused once again on giving praise to God.

"Faith is everything," she says by way of explaining her inspiration for this year's production. "So much worldly destruction is going on - natural disasters, family crises, domestic violence, deaths and so

forth. Sometimes people seem to give up but we have to keep the faith no matter what else is going on."

So it's an uplifting experience that Gibson and her youthful dancers will bring to their audiences.

As always, the two performances fall on Fathers' Day weekend. Saturday's event will start at 6 pm; Sunday - Fathers' Day - at 3 pm.

Over 70 dancers from 18 different classes, primarily ballet, will participate in this weekend's recital. Gibson will lead the way herself after sitting out last year's pro-

duction. In fact, her solo number will be to the song, "I Believe I Can Fly." That's certainly appropriate to the theme of keeping the faith.

Positive Force, a non-profit dance company that depends heavily upon its volunteers, charges a nominal fee for its recitals that hardly covers the costs of the production.

Take your father for a treat after brunch on Sunday. For ticket information call 419-932-0593.



Happy 80th Birthday!
Esther Brown
June 17, 2011

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Lutherine Rena Poston

Lutherine Rena Poston was laid to rest on Saturday, June 11, 2011 after a celebration of her life and legacy at Southern Missionary Baptist Church. Her husband Steve Poston, parents Luther and Lula Harris, and brothers and sisters would like to thank the community, family and friends for every expression of kindness during our time of sorrow. We thank you from the depths of our hearts for your outpouring of love, your thoughtfulness, visits and prayers. We know that Lutherine is smiling down from heaven and is at peace.