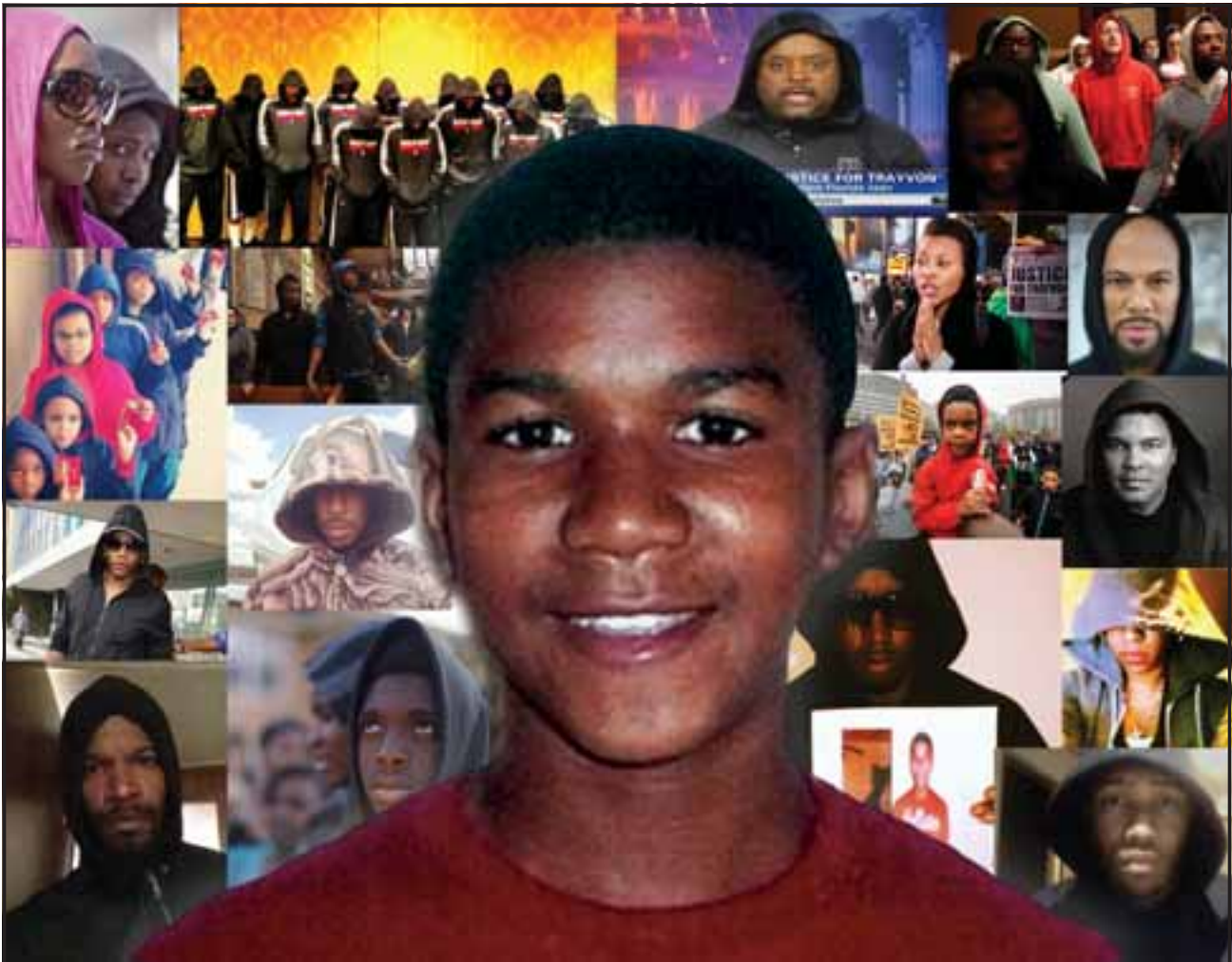




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Trayvon Martin ~ Rest In Peace



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Justice for Trayvon

By Benjamin Todd Jealous, President/CEO NAACP
Guest Column



All of last week, I was in Sanford, Florida, pursuing justice for Trayvon Martin. I listened to community concerns about the Sanford Police Department, and rallied with Trayvon's parents and 30,000 others in Sanford, a town with only 50,000 residents.

As a son, father, brother and uncle, the loss of another young black man in an avoidable, violent confrontation hit close to home. I recalled my teen and early adult years, where making it to adulthood was considered an accomplishment among my peers. I understand the fear that lies in the hearts of millions of parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles – the fear that this could happen to their loved one.

Despite the awful truth of February 26, Tracy Martin and Sybrina Fulton have been pillars of courage. Like Mamie Till after the brutal murder of her son Emmett, Tracy and Sybrina have stood and shown the world what hate and violence have done to their child, and the nation and the world have responded. Their leadership has resulted in a global movement for justice for Trayvon and, most recently, in the appointment of a special prosecutor to review their son's case.

The Seminole County branch of the NAACP has played a critical role in igniting this movement for justice in Sanford. On Thursday – in light of pressure from Seminole County NAACP President Turner Clayton and the branch to step aside – Sanford Police Chief Bill Lee temporarily resigned from his post. Along with the ongoing Department of Justice investigation, it is heartening to see that the wheels of justice are in motion.

It is clear that the Sanford police badly mishandled the investigation into Trayvon's death. The routine mishandling of similar cases by police, prosecutors and judges has eroded the Sanford community's trust and fueled the perception that justice for our young men and boys is of little consequence to law officials. It is vitally important that the state's attorney assigned to this case handles it with passion and an eye for justice.

Trayvon's family, the Sanford community and the world lost a precious gift in Trayvon. Unfortunately, he is not the only young person we've lost to senseless violence. Trayvon's killing and the city's failure to bring his killer to justice exemplifies patterns of racial profiling and the devaluation of black men by law enforcement. Across the country, our precious sons and daughters are being sacrificed all too frequently, with justice arriving far too infrequently, if ever.

We won't let it continue to happen. We will keep speaking out, and we will keep raising our voices for Trayvon and for all of our precious children. In Sanford, I saw a strong community willing to band together in the face of tragedy and raise its collective voice for justice. We need a continued national commitment to ensure that we fix the Sanford Police Department, and we need to keep the movement rolling to demand justice for Trayvon.

Upcoming Cultural Enrichment Community Events!

The Black Heritage Library & Multicultural will begin its spring **"MULTICULTURAL MOMENTS" Reading Program** for pre-school age children to first grade starting on April 17, 2012 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for five weeks. Children will learn about other families' culture from different parts of the world through storytelling, craft activities, music and guest visitors. The sessions will be held at the same time each Tuesday thereafter with the concluding session on May 22, 2012. Children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian or other authorized adult. A community program will be held on May 26 from 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. to celebrate the children's **"MULTICULTURAL MOMENTS"** through music, display of their crafts, special readings and expressions. Light refreshments will be served directly following the program. The reading program will be held at the Black Heritage Library & Multicultural Center located at 817 Harmon Street, Findlay. There is no cost for this cultural enrichment program. It has been generously sponsored by Whirlpool Corporation. All children must be registered by April 17. Please call The Center at 419-423-4954 or Facebook at **black heritage library** for more information. Registration forms can be picked up at the library or mailed. A love offering will be accepted at the community program to benefit future programming for children and youth.

Multicultural Mystery Dinner and Program – April 22, 2012 from 3:00 p.m. To 4:15 p.m. Families can experience a full course delicious dinner, dessert and beverage from a secret culture and heritage and a brief program provided by the chef! The dinner and program will be held at the Black Heritage Library & Multicultural Center at 817 Harmon Street, Findlay. Dinner registrations must be made by April 22, 2012 by calling The Center at 419-423-4954. The donation price for adults is \$10 and \$6 for students. Children under seven years of age are free.

*****Another premier cultural enrichment program provided by the Black Heritage Library & Multicultural Center!*****

Cinco de Mayo Celebration will be held on May 5, 2012 from 11 a.m. To 3 p.m. at the Black Heritage Library & Multicultural Center located at 817 Harmon Street, Findlay. The library is holding this premier cultural enrichment program in celebration of Mexican heritage and culture. The event will include food sampling of authentic Mexican cuisine, musical presentations, dance performances, art and special exhibits, games, bingo, and bi-lingual story-time and crafts for children. Information will be distributed to guests relative to the contributions made by Hispanics and Latinos in science, math and technology. **A Connect a Million Minds" exhibit and giveaways will be provided by Time Warner Cable.** The entry cost is \$7 per adult and \$3.00 for children. The event is free for children six years of age and younger. Please call The Center at (419) 423-4954 for more information.

Community Calendar

March 29

Quit Smoking Class: Premier Care Nicotine Treatment Center free class; 6:30 pm: 419-475-2521

March 31

Josh Project Registration for Swimming Lessons: Kent Branch Library; 2 to 4 pm: 419-973-1383

Great Toledo Music Guild Rising Stars: Featuring concert vocalists from BGSU's School of Music; 3 pm; Spirituals, opera arias, musical theater selections; McMaster Center Main Library: 419-380-8962

April 1

Indiana Avenue MBC 47th Pastoral Anniversary: Rev. John E. Roberts; 3:30 pm; Guests are Rev. John Williams and Eastern Star MBC

April 7

Grace Temple #424 Easter Egg Hunt: 1 to 3 pm;
Third Baptist Church Red Cross Blood Drive: 10am to 3 pm: 419-381-5954
The Movement Church Free Haircuts: 4 to 6 pm: 419-322-1889
Isaiah Thomas Giving Foundation Easter Egg Hunt: Wayman Palmer YMCA; 3 to 5 pm; Arts and crafts, healthy snacks, Easter Egg rolls, games
Gospel All-Stars Spring Musical: 5 pm; Worldwide Living Church; Guests include The Twilight Gospel Singers, Rising Sun Choir, Brothers of Harmony, Spirit of Truth Singers, Toledo Quartet Union Choir

April 8

New Covenant Church Win from Within Easter Sunday Service: Woodward High School; 11 am; Fine arts performance, flat screen giveaways, children's church: 419-481-2502

April 11-13

City of Zion, Mt. Zion Church Toledo District Full Gospel Baptist Church Fellowship International Intercessory Prayer Conference: 6 pm nightly; Speakers Bishop Jerome Ross, Bishop Duane Tisdale, Bishop William H. Murphy: 419-246-1850

April 14

Global Youth Service Day: Hosted by United Way and North Toledo Network; 9 am to noon; Friendly Center Gymnasium: 419-243-1289 ext 304

April 21

"A Holistic Workshop Focused on Mind, Body and Spirit:" 11 am to 1 pm; Featuring guest speaker LaQuinta Newton; United MBC: 419-380-1455
Global Youth Service Day: Graffiti Free Project; Hosted by United Way and North Toledo Network; 9 am to noon; Friendly Center Gymnasium: 419-243-1289 ext 304
Warren AME Second Annual Community Dental Clinic: For families; 12:30 pm; Dental screenings, skin care, nutrition and exercise clinic, budgeting for health: 419-243-2237
Take Back the Night: Community rally women's march to end all violence against women; Collier Bldg at UT Health Science campus; 6 pm – resource center; 7 pm – clothesline project, silent witness project, bandanna project: 419-

April 22

Cookoff Kickoff: 2 to 5 pm; Gesu Sullivan Center: 419-320-4157 or ayeshas03@yahoo.com

April 27-29

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

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Commentary

Is the Trayvon Martin Issue Uniting or Dividing Us?

By Michael Hayes
Sojourner's Truth Reporter



our cry as well.

But when black people suffer inhumane treatment and try to speak out for equality, the main ones refusing to listen are usually other black people.

Personally, I've been in so many debates and disagreements with folks in 2012 that I'm finally learning that my dad's advice to me is as true as anything I've ever heard.

That is - some people refuse to use logic. It's foreign to them. At one point, it's not about one opinion vs. another. At some point, there is purely what happened and what is reasonable. Having a debate or argument requires both people to have a desire to find reason, to find meaning or resolution.

Truth is, some people want discord and disunity. Some people have self-logic but no grasp of what is fair or rea-

sonable beyond their own immediate concerns for themselves.

While some black people were marching in the 60s, others were anti-progress.

It is what it is. Score one for Willie Lynch.

Also, in the day and age of Facebook and Twitter, everyone is his own media source.

It's hard to rally around one ideal when you have a million different variations of the message.

So, although it may be in futility... I will try to explain the social context of this situation in a way I hope can be supported by most.

Focus on the Issue
In Toledo, yes we have taken the Trayvon Martin issue and connected it to our own city violence.

I've been listening to the same speeches since I was 10 years old every time some-

thing happens.

Save our black youth! Get out the gangs! Get a degree instead of hanging in the streets. Etc. etc.

But none of this applies to the Trayvon Martin issue.

This is not about black-on-black crime. So why are we even talking about that?

This incident had one black person, and one criminal. And they were not the same person.

Lumping it all together hurts our message and weakens the impact.

I am glad to see any positive call to action. Always. But turning a conversation about a white man killing an unarmed black teen into a conversation about street gangs, drug dealers and wayward black youth is actually distracting and may even be counter-productive.

We have to be focused on results. Punishing

Zimmerman to the fullest extent, that's the desired result.

We have to have a clear message. We have to keep pushing one specific point without being sidetracked. If we are going to speak about the Trayvon Martin issue and how it affects us as a people, lets deal with the specifics of this incident and lets keep the black-on-black violence discussion out of it.

This is about the fact that white people can shoot us dead with no consequences from police or court.

Period.

The Hoodie As a Symbol
A white man who writes for globalgrind.com was the first one I saw to point out that a hooded sweatshirt is not something only black teens or criminals wear. He admitted he had a hoodie and that it can't be used to profile someone...it's clothing that

is universal to everyone. And I agree wholeheartedly.

Former Michigan governor, Jennifer Granholm, posted a pic of her wearing a black hoodie.

As have Muhammad Ali, the Miami Heat, led by LeBron James, and others.

The hoodie has become a symbol of the Trayvon Martin issue. Because so many people wear hoodies it's not fair to make assumptions.

Now let's be all the way honest, if any person reading this saw someone approach you with a hoodie on and you can't see their face ... you may be a bit uneasy.

But if your prejudice, anxiousness or fear leads you to over-react... you can't blame the clothing.

In Trayvon's case, it was a dreary-rainy day. It was a short walk to the nearest store.

People of all races and (Continued on Page 14)

Consuelo Castillo-Kickbusch Featured at César Chávez Humanitarian Awards Honoring Jose Luna

Adelante's major fundraiser will recognize Toledo Public Schools employee with the 2012 Humanitarian Award and high school student leaders

Special to The Truth

Adelante, Inc., The Latino & Community Resource Center, is hosting the **2012 César Chávez Humanitarian Awards on Thursday, March 30 at 6:00pm at Owens Community College's Center for Fine & Performing Arts.** The event will recognize Jose Luna, the Hispanic Outreach Coordinator for Toledo Public Schools. Luna will receive the César Chávez Humanitarian Award for his extensive work supporting the needs of Spanish-speaking families and helping Latino students to graduate high school and pursue a college degree.

Headlining the event is nationally recognized speaker Consuelo Castillo-Kickbusch. Castillo-Kickbusch, *Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army (Retired)*, broke barriers and set records in the military where she became the highest-ranking Hispanic woman in the Combat Support Field of the U.S. Army. Since retirement she has dedicated her life to empowering a new generation of leaders and has worked with over one million children and their parents across America through Educational Achievement Services, Inc. (EAS), a human development company. Castillo-Kickbusch has been profiled

on CNN's Latino in America, National Public Radio, the Lifetime Network and Univision.

Four Toledo students will be recognized for their academic success, leadership, and community service. The Senior Award will receive a 3-credit hour summer tuition scholarship from Lourdes University. The Senior, Jun-

ior, Sophomore, and Freshmen awards will receive recognition at the ceremony.

The César Chávez Humanitarian Award celebration will support the vital and important charitable work of Adelante, Inc. - to improve academic success for grades K-12, increase financial and housing stability for families, prevent low birth weight in

newborns, assist victims of domestic violence with achieving independence, and develop future leaders through academic, economic and life skills literacy programming.

Platinum sponsors of the event include Owens Community College and Fifth Third Bank. Gold sponsors include Bowling Green State

University, Lourdes University, and La Prensa.

The community is invited to join us for Latino cuisine, music and dancing entertainment, and a cash bar to celebrate the impactful work of Adelante and our community leaders. This event is business casual attire.

Tickets are \$60 each and can be purchased at

www.adelantetoleado.org or a check can be mailed to Adelante, Cesar Chavez Event, 520 Broadway Street, Toledo, OH 43604.

Sponsorships are still available and inquiries can be directed to Mary Price, executive director, at (419) 244-8440, x202 or mary.price@adelantelrc.org.

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Task Force Calls for a Restructured Head Start Agency

By Fletcher Word
Sojourner's Truth Editor

The Lucas County Head Start Task Force, organized by the Toledo Community Foundation, has released its report after five weeks of research and analysis. Its members have recommended restructuring a Head Start agency that would look very different from the current early childhood education program operated by the Economic Opportunity Planning Association (EOPA).

The task force, charged with examining the best Head Start programs nationally, has recommended forming a limited liability corporation to serve as the fiscal agent – the recipient of the U.S. Health and Human Services Department \$12.8 million grant that EOPA must now compete to retain. EOPA has managed the Lucas County Head Start program for decades.

As the fiscal agent, the LLC, would then, according to the task force recommendations, contract out services and operations to providers. Such a structure, separating the fiscal/administrative functions from the service delivery functions, would ensure the accountability of the providers, says the report.

Currently, in Lucas County, EOPA serves both as the fiscal agent and the service provider for Head Start.

In addition, the task force

calls for a board of directors for the LLC whose members would not be employed by a Head Start provider, who would have experience in organizational leadership and oversight and who would have a range of experience in early childhood education, budgeting and finance, strategy and planning, evaluation and assessment or legal affairs.

The task force, which started its research in February, was comprised of 13 members from local educational institutions, industry, government, churches and service agencies including two members of EOPA's board.

Aaron Baker, assistant vice president for governmental relations at The University of Toledo and EOPA board member, served as the task force's chairman.

The task force identified what it considered to be eight core elements of exemplary programs – developmentally appropriate practices; research-based practices; reflective supervision and practices; emphasis on social-emotional development, language and literacy, the arts and diversity awareness; high teacher qualifications; small child-to-adult ratios; individualized family support services and an interdisciplinary approach.

There were 20 such exemplary programs that the

task force examined including one in Ohio – the Cincinnati-Hamilton County Community Action Agency program. One key to the research process was to uncover the benefits of “a governance model that promotes collaboration, transparency and



Aaron Baker

sustainability.”

The task force did not directly address the controversy currently surrounding EOPA.

“We did everything we could to stay as far as possible from politics,” said Baker of the commitment the various members brought to the process. Describing the process as one based on academic research principles, Baker noted that the discussions were conducted with an intent to keep every member “in check to make sure other loyalties don't interfere with the process.”

For example, Baker emphasized that his own work on the task force “was independent of any work I do at The University of Toledo.”

While the task force did not address the issues facing EOPA, it did conclude that, given the fact that the “federal grant provides only a portion of the funds needed to implement Head Start,” public-private partnerships are necessary to achieve the quality service and to increase the quantity of children served in Lucas County. The task force also concluded that Lucas County has the com-

modity,” said Richard Jackson, chairman of the EOPA Board of directors. “We need to look at best practices to see what works. Head Start has not changed and we do need to change how we deliver services, how we train staff. That's where collaboration comes in.”

But Jackson took issue with the task force's suggestion that a system of checks and balances called for in the

children can be enrolled by fostering partnerships. “Head Start must have other benefactors,” said Baker. “Both private and public.”

Task force members were Baker, Perryman, Amy Allen, Ph.D, assistant professor in the department of Early Childhood, Physical and Special Education of UT; Tom Brady, Ph.D, former interim dean of the UT College of Education; Romules

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munity assets to form such partnerships.

Task force member Rev. Donald L. Perryman, D.Min, pastor of Center of Hope Community Baptist Church and a member of EOPA's board, praised the commitment of the group in recognizing that collaboration would be key to any successful restructuring of a Lucas County Head Start program.

“It's about the type of organization that can adapt to the external environment and to the 21st Century, it requires collaboration,” he said.

Others, of course, were not so sure that the task force's definition of collaboration was the best direction for EOPA itself.

“We need to change, pe-

task force report was necessary.

“EOPA can and should be both the fiscal agent and the service provider,” he said.

The issue of finances is at the core of any discussion about which entity will be the next Lucas County Head Start grantee. While \$12.8 million sounds like a lot of money, said Baker, it probably isn't sufficient to educate the number of children who should qualify for early childhood education here in Lucas County. EOPA currently enrolls 2043 youngsters in Head Start – the number that the HHS grant requires.

The task force members, as with many others in the community, believe that more

Durant, Ph.D, assistant superintendent of TPS; Shirley Green, Ph.D, City of Toledo safety and human resources director; Rev. Otis Gordon, D.Min, pastor of Warren AME Church; Kristi Hannan, Ph.D, Lucas County Family Council; Kathryn Hott, superintendent of Springfield Local Schools; Cherie Mourlam, assistant superintendent of Washington Local Schools; Melissa Romero, instructor in the Department of Early Education at Lourdes University; Elizabeth Ruppert, MD, pediatrician and Rev. James C. Williams, pastor of Tabernacle of Faith Worship Center.


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EOPA Supporters Lash Out at Head Start Task Force Recommendations

By Fletcher Word
Sojourner's Truth Editor

Reacting swiftly to the report released by the Head Start Task Force, EOPA supporters gathered at a new conference on Tuesday morning to announce that under no circumstances would they accept the proposals put forth in that report.

Led by former Mayor Carty Finkbeiner and Rev. Kevin Bedford, president of the Toledo Chapter of the NAACP, the group said the



Rev. Kevin Bedford and Carty Finkbeiner

the task force report was flawed in its proposals, in the make up of the researchers and in the timing of the report's release.

Finkbeiner decried the effort of non-black members of

to task for their efforts over the years remove the program from EOPA.

Bedford also joined that sentiment and said that no one from the community directly impacted by EOPA and Head

proposals for the HHS grant is due in several weeks, Bedford also assailed the timing of the report's release.

"Meetings have been going on for years on how to take over this program," said Bedford. "Weeks before an RFP is about to come out is not enough time to implement the recommendations."

Sylvester Gould, an EOPA board member was particularly pointed in his observations that EOPA had not been part of the task force.

"EOPA did not participate on the task force," said Gould. "The two who are on the board were Keith Burwell's hand-picked choices and represented the interests of the Toledo Community Foundation." Burwell is the executive director of the Community Foundation.

The task force has recommended that an independent group, in the form of a limited liability corporation, should bid on the grant and then subcontract the operations of the program to distinct service providers.

the greater Toledo area in their effort to wrest away from EOPA the \$12.8 grant the community action agency receives from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to operate Head Start.

"No Afro-Americans were involved initially in the discussions about this takeover," he said. "The overwhelming majority of people in these discussions are not only Caucasians but have never taught in a classroom."

The former mayor specifically took United Way of Greater Toledo and the Toledo Community Foundation

Start was a part of the commission assembled by the Toledo Community Foundation to research best Head Start practices.

Of the 13 members of the task force, two are on the EOPA board of directors (Aaron Baker of The University of Toledo and Rev. D.L. Perryman of Center of Hope Community Church) and three are pastors of African-American churches in the central city (Perryman, Rev. Otis Gordon of Warren AME and James Williams III of Tabernacle of Faith Worship Center).

Noting that the request for

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IMPORTANT PUBLIC NOTICE

Anita Lopez, Lucas County Auditor Reminds Citizens and Businesses of Important Deadlines

Owners of Farmland, the CAUV Renewal Deadline is March 30

For current owners of CAUV land, please do not forget to submit your renewal application to the CAUV department by the March 30, 2012 deadline. To obtain the renewal form, or to speak to someone about enrolling in the CAUV program, contact the CAUV Department at (419) 213-4873. Additional information is also available online www.oh.usda.gov/ncs/index.aspx?SID=1716.

Property Owners, the Board of Revision Deadline is April 2

The Board of Revision (BOR) reviews complaints citizens have with their property values. Property owners must complete and file a BOR form before the April 2, 2012 deadline. No post marked forms are accepted under the law. Homeowners may research property values online via the Auditor's Real Estate Information System (AREIS). If you have internet access, go to www.oh.usda.gov/ncs/index.aspx?SID=1716 and click on the AREIS Online icon. If you do not have internet access, call the Auditor's Department of Education and Outreach Help Line at (419) 213-4406 and have the information mailed to you at home or schedule an appointment for one on one assistance.

Retail Cigarette Dealers, the Renewal Deadline is May 23

Anyone who sells or transports cigarettes within Lucas County must obtain a yearly Cigarette Dealer's License. Wholesale Cigarette Dealer's Licenses are only available from the Ohio Department of Taxation. Licenses are good for a one-year period that runs from the 4th Monday in May to the 4th Monday of May the following year (the deadline for 2012 is May 23rd). Applications for vendor and retail cigarette licenses are available online at www.oh.usda.gov/ncs/index.aspx?SID=337. To speak to someone about any of the licensing requirements or to obtain an application, call the Auditor's office at (419) 213-4441.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO SENIORS WHO TURN 65 THIS YEAR! SENIORS NOT ENROLLED IN THE HOMESTEAD PROGRAM HAVE UNTIL JUNE 4

If you are a senior citizen or disabled person and meet the following criteria, you are encouraged to enroll in the homestead program:

- APPLICANTS WHO ARE 65 OR OLDER, OR TOTALLY AND PERMANENTLY DISABLED. PLEASE NOTE, IT DOES NOT MATTER WHAT DATE YOU TURN 65, AS LONG AS YOU TURN 65 SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR.
- If disabled, the applicant is required to have their physician complete the certificate of disability form or submit a certificate from a state or federal agency.
- Applicants must own and occupy their home or mobile home or have ownership interest in it (i.e. land contract, lease purchase), as of January 1 of the application year.

Homestead Water Reduction Program

If you are enrolled in the Auditor's Homestead program and are a resident of the City of Toledo, City of Maumee, City of Oregon (live within City limits), or Lucas County, you may also qualify for their respective Water Rate Reduction Program.

Toledo residents can call the City's Water Department at (419) 245-1800 to see if you qualify and/or if you have any questions.

Maumee residents can contact the City of Maumee Utility Billing Division at (419) 897-7327. Once the application is approved, the discount will become effective with the next quarterly bill. There is no income requirement to apply.

Oregon residents will need to complete a form to enroll in their Homestead Credit program. You can call the Auditor's office to have an application mailed to your home. Oregon residents can also call the City's Public Utilities Department at (419) 698-7039 or visit their web site www.orgonohio.org/WaterPayments.html to download a copy of the application and for additional information. There is no income requirement to apply.

Lucas County residents can download an application or call the Sanitary Engineer's Department at (419) 213-2926 for additional information. There is an income requirement to be eligible for the program.

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April Child Abuse Prevention Month Activities Scheduled

Special to The Truth

Lucas County Children Services remembers children lost to abuse, neglect or violence. Lucas County Children Services, the county agency responsible for protecting children from abuse and neglect, has scheduled several activities in April in recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Blues Against Child Abuse – March 29, 7 – 10 p.m., Dégagé Jazz Café, 301 River Road, Maumee.

Local blues artists Voodoo Libido perform at this event designed to raise awareness of child abuse in our community. Tickets are \$10, and include light hors d'ourves. Cash bar. Please bring a personal care or school supply item to donate to children involved with LCCS. Special thanks to The Historic Commercial Building, Voodoo Libido, the *Toledo Free Press* and Cumulus Broadcasting for their support.

Wear Blue to Work Day – April 11, all day. Let's unite as a community against child abuse by wearing blue to work on April 11. Take a picture of yourself and your co-workers in blue, and either e-mail it to information@co.lucas.oh.us or post it to <https://www.facebook.com/events/362264103790309/>.

"Wear Blue to Work Day" buttons are available to participating groups or companies by calling 419-213-3254. Special thanks to the *Toledo Free Press*, Fox Toledo, 101.5 The River and Cumulus Broadcasting for their support.

We Care About Our Kids: Community Forum on Child Sexual Abuse – April 18, 6:30 – 9 p.m., University of Toledo Scott Park Campus. Representatives of child safety organizations, including LCCS, will present information to educate parents, professionals and the community on the best ways to keep kids safe, and shed light on the investigative and prosecution processes. The forum is free.

Information is available at 419-729-0245 or 419-244-4053, ext. 303.

LCCS Child Memorial – April 25, 11:30 a.m. – noon, LCCS offices, 705 Adams St., downtown Toledo. A solemn memorial remembering local children lost to abuse, neglect or street violence. In the period April 2011 to present, no children have been lost to abuse or neglect, but three male teens died as a result of acts of violence: Timothy Blair, 14; Deadrick Rocker, 17; and Montelle Taylor, 17.

Child Abuse Statistics

In 2011, Lucas County Children Services received 4,148 referrals of suspected child abuse involving 6,046 children. We confirmed that 587 children were abused or neglected (two-thirds of LCCS cases are addressed using the "Alternative Response" protocol, which does not involve substantiating a perpetrator or victim). Nearly half of all alleged child victims are age 5 or younger; 34 percent are school-aged; and 19 percent were teens (2 percent were age unknown). County wide, more than five of every 1,000 children is a victim of maltreatment. On average, intake caseworkers receive 750 calls a month reporting concerns about the safety of a child.

Owens Community College to Host Regional Job Fair, March 30

Special to The Truth

Area college and university graduates and students are invited to learn about and explore various employment opportunities available throughout the surrounding region as Owens Community College serves as host to the Collegiate Employ-Net Regional Job Fair on Friday, March 30.

Presented by Collegiate Employ-Net, a consortium of 18 colleges and universities in northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan, the regional job fair will occur from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. in the College's Student Health and Activities Center on the Toledo-area Campus. Owens is located on Oregon Road in Perrysburg Township. Admission to event is free and professional attire and a resume are required.

Throughout the event, individuals can meet with over 90 business and industry representatives about employment opportunities. In addition, attendees will be able to fill out applications for various employment opportunities. Individuals are also encouraged to bring several copies of their resume in preparation for any impromptu interviews.

Area employers in attendance will include Advance Staffing Solutions, Auto-Owners Insurance Co., Cedar Point, Cummins Bridgeway LLC, HCR ManorCare, Healing Arts Institute, Otterbein Portage Valley, Penske Truck Leasing, Piping Industry Training Center, Quicken Loans, Sherwin-Williams Co., The Home Depot, Ohio Highway Patrol, Toledo Zoo, Transportation Research Center Inc., Verizon Wireless and Wood Lane Residential Services Inc., among many others.

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Pro-choice, Pro-life Speakers to Debate at Bowling Green State University

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Anticipating abortion to be a hot topic in the 2012 presidential election, two Bowling Green State University student organizations are hosting "The Abortion Debate... You Decide" March 29 at 7 p.m. in BGSU's Olscamp Hall 101.

Pro-choice speaker James Croft, executive vice-president of the Humanist Graduate Community at Harvard University, will debate pro-life speaker Scott Klusendorf, founder and president of Life Training Institute in Atlanta. Two BGSU student organizations, the Secular Society and Veritas, a Catholic student group, are working together to host the event.

The Secular Society chose Croft, and Veritas chose Klusendorf.

Both men were selected for their ability to articulate their positions on the issue of abortion, said Peter Range, adviser to Veritas and campus minister at St. Thomas More University Parish.

"Whether you believe in a woman's right to choose, or that every child has a right to life, we wanted to create a space where both sides could learn from each other and better yet, just encounter one another face to face rather than hiding behind slogans and political rallies," Range said.

Veritas has also invited BGSU professor Priscilla Coleman, Ph.D., to present

her research on the psychological and physical effects of abortion on women March 31 at 7 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room of BGSU's Bowen-Thompson Student Union.

"Veritas is hoping to build a culture here at Bowling Green State University and beyond that will be willing to engage and debate the tough issues of our day," Range said.

Additional sponsors of the debate include Catholic Charities, Foundation for Life, St. Thomas More University Parish and h2o Church. Both events are free and open to the public.

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A Portion of Collingwood Blvd Dubbed “Ernest C. Jones Way”

Sojourner’s Truth Staff

On March 20, 2012, elected officials, Scott High School staff and students, along with friends and family of the late artist, Ernest Jones, gathered at the corner of Collingwood Blvd. and Machen Street, to designate a portion of Collingwood Blvd as “Ernest C. Jones Way.”

Jones was a teacher with the Toledo Public Schools for over 30 years, on the faculty of Scott for 25 of those years.

As a student at Scott, his pen and ink drawing, “Traffic on the Maumee,” was published in Reader’s Digest in April 1962.

After earning a bachelor’s degree in education from The University of Toledo, he joined TPS as an art teacher

and continued to display his own art in various sites. His 20-foot high “Christ Ascending to Heaven” may be seen at Faith Way Church of God in Christ. He lectured at a variety of universities, schools and churches across the nation.

He earned his master’s of education from UT in 1976.

Jones was one of the founders of the Confederation of Black Artists (COBA) and also a founder of the Black Caucus of Toledo Teachers. He served as the activities director for the UT chapter of the National Youth Sports Program for 24 years.

Jones was the founding advisor for the city-wide Afro Clubs. He helped area and city high school students create an annual scholarship



dance. The “Afro-Ball” has been the crowning achievement of pride for over 20 years in Toledo.

Jones was a long-standing member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc and was a member of the Amazon Lodge #4, Order of Prince Hall Masons. He and his wife Gloria had three children and four grandchildren. Jones, born on February 14, 1943, passed away on October 26, 2010.



(l. to r.): Toledo Board Member Brenda Hill; TPS Superintendent Jerome Pecko, PhD; Councilwoman Paula Hicks-Hudson; Board Member Larry Sykes; Gloria Jones, Councilman Steve Steel; Scott Principal Treva Jeffries

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A Picture Perfect Moment With Noah Stephens

By Monique Ward
The Truth Contributor

In my travels I have come across many talented people from different walks of life. Every so often I meet talented individuals who are utilizing their artistry to do more than entertain the senses. One such artist I came across and became familiar with through a unique project that has garnered an international buzz even though he's right across the state-line in our neighboring city of Detroit. I had the pleasure of interviewing him right before the debut of his People of Detroit Photo Exhibition that was held on March 15 at the Detroit Works Project home base.

Monique Ward: For those of us who may not know who you are, in your own words, familiarize us with the origins of Noah Stephens, the man, photographer and entrepreneur.

Noah Stephens: I'm a photographer, essayist, and founder of thepeopleofdetroit.com. TPOD is photo portraiture project dedicated to everyday, dynamic people in the

automotive capital of the world.

TPOD's mission is to use vivid portraiture and engaging essays to reform how people think about life in Detroit. By doing so, TPOD exists to increase Detroit-directed investment and residency.

Since its inception, the project has received a bit of national and international attention: in February 2011, a creative director in China saw the project and hired me to shoot an eight-portrait ad campaign for McDonald's China in Shanghai.

MW: Your brainchild, The People of Detroit: A Photodocumentary, did you ever fathom that it would be as world renowned as it has become? Tell us the story of how this project came into fruition.

NS: When I started the project, the only thing I wanted to do, was provide a counter argument to media that focused only on what is wrong with Detroit. I never thought it would turn into anything more than a per-

sonal passion project.

However, when you do something you feel strongly about, it will resonate with other people who feel the same way. I had no idea that it would grow into what it has.

MW: What was it like getting the phone call from McDonald's Corporation in China after the initial release and positive response to your project? How was that experience?

NS: I got a email at three [o'clock] in the morning with the subject line: "Would you shoot in China". My first thought, was that it was a Nigerian email scam. I figured I'd play along:

I agreed to Skype with the email sender and I'll be goddamn if the Nigerian scam artist haven't figured out a way to look just like pleasant looking Chinese women...

Turns out, the opportunity was genuine, and so was my Chinese host, creative director Hwee Beng Poh. She was as gracious as anyone could hope someone could



be. A truly great person.

I lived in Shanghai for three weeks. It was one of the most exciting three weeks of my life.

MW: What major social, economical or political results have you witnessed as a direct result of your People of Detroit project?

NS: A high school kid in Melbourne, Australia blogged about the project on his tumblr account. He said that the project showed him what the people of Detroit "were really like" - which is exactly what I always hoped TPOD would do. It's about changing how people think about Detroit.

MW: What is next for the creative mind of Noah Stephens?



NS: I have a plan to take further increase the profile of TPOD. It's going to be awesome. That's all I can say for now.

For those of you who missed the first showing of *The People of Detroit: A*

Photodocumentary, Stephens will be having an *encore but more intimate showing on March 31 from noon to 2 p.m. At 2929 Russell Street at the headquarters of the Detroit Works Project.*

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PRIZM Opens Sixth Annual Juried Show, Art-A-Fair 2012

Special to The Truth

PRIZM Creative Community's sixth annual juried art show ART-A-FAIR 2012, opened Saturday March 10 and continue through Thursday May 10, at the Fifth Third Center at One Seagate, 550 North Summit Street, Toledo. The show featuring 45 PRIZM Artists includes a variety of visual and literary works, and is free and open to the public. Gallery hours will continue through May 10, Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and weekends, Saturday-Sunday 12 noon to 6:00 p.m. at the Fifth Third Center. Art Judges for Art-A-Fair 2012 will be: Diana Attie, professor emeritus, College of Visual and Performing Art at The University of Toledo and Jerry Gray, artist and owner of Bozart's Gallery, Toledo, Ohio. The literature judge is Elizabeth Irvin, freelance writer and editor, B.A. University of Toledo in Communications.

Diana Attie received a B.S. from Case-Western University and a M. A. in Painting and Drawing from the Cleveland Institute of Art. She has been a favorite art professor at UT, as well as involved in the development

of community arts programming.

Jerry Gray has been involved in the local arts scene in Toledo for over a decade. He operates an art and production studio called Quest for Fire with friend Kerry Krow in the downtown Secor Building. Since July of 2009, he has also developed and curated Bozarts Gallery on St. Clair St. in downtown Toledo. Since its opening Bozarts has shown a variety of local talent including solo artists and groups.

Since completing her education, Elizabeth Irvin provides free lance editing and writing services, and is very involved in local and regional literary events.

Art-A-Fair 2012, juried artist awards are for outstanding works created in the spirit, style or techniques of famous artists: Claude Monet, Pablo Picasso, Georgia O'Keefe, Vincent Van Gogh, Edgar Degas, Mary Cassett, Michelangelo, Auguste Renoir, Winslow Homer, Ansel Adams, Leonardo DeVinci, and Louis Comfort Tiffany. Literature awards are named for the following authors: Robert Frost, E. E. Cummings, Raymond

Carver, William Blake, Mark Twain and Dr. Seuss.

Annually as part of Art-A-Fair PRIZM members can elect to participate in a Creative Challenge. Announced at the beginning of each New Year the Creative Challenge theme inspires members in the area of Art and Literature.

This year's theme is *BEST DAY EVER!* Artists are invited to focus on what would the best day ever look or feel like. All Creative challenge Pieces will be flagged in the exhibit, but three Art Works



and three Literature Works will also be chosen to receive a ribbon and be featured as outstanding pieces.

Co-Chairmen for the 2012 Art-A-Fair are Jake Lee Ziolkowski & Randy Bennett. Many other PRIZM volunteers participate in preparing the posters, postcards, programs, literature readings, food and fine details of the annual Fine Art and Litera-

ture Exhibit.

While Art-A-Fair 2012 remains an excellent opportunity for PRIZM members to display their work and the community to enjoy PRIZM's talents, it is also an occasion for others to learn of creative opportunities available to all local artists from novice to professional. PRIZM Creative Community is a 501 (c.) (3) Nonprofit organization currently re-

ceiving partial funding from the Ohio Arts Council, Toledo Community Foundation, local businesses, and many generous individuals. For more information on upcoming PRIZM educational workshops in the visual and literary arts visit the PRIZM website @ www.myprizm.com, email prizm@bex.net, or call 419-931-8732.



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Book Review

On the Flip Side by Nikki Carter

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By Terri Schlichenmeyer
The Truth Contributor

In life, there are so many reasons to sing.

You lift your voice to God at church, or to your teacher at school. With your friends, you can harmonize or improvise pretty much anywhere, singing along with your favorite music, adding words or background. Maybe you've figured out how to play the song on guitar or piano.

So many songs and not enough time to sing them, right?

For Sunday Tolliver, music wasn't just fun, it was a way to make a living. Sunday was Epsilon Records' newest sensation, but in the new novel *On the Flip Side* by Nikki Carter, too much drama made Sunday sing the blues.

Throughout her whole life, there were two things Sunday Tolliver set her eyes on: becoming a singer and

becoming an entertainment lawyer.

The first one was easy. As soon as the fabulous Mystique heard Sunday's voice, she took Sunday under her wing and nurtured her career. As a mentor, Mystique was the best, which is why she signed Sunday on at Epsilon Records.

The second goal, well, Sunday was working on that one. She was just starting her freshman year at Spelman College in Atlanta, and it was going to be great. Her roommate, Gia, was funny and they'd met other dorm-mates who seemed nice. For real, there was gonna be some sisterhood there.

The only bad thing about it all was that Sunday's boyfriend, Sam, was in New York City. He'd been her producer on her #1 record

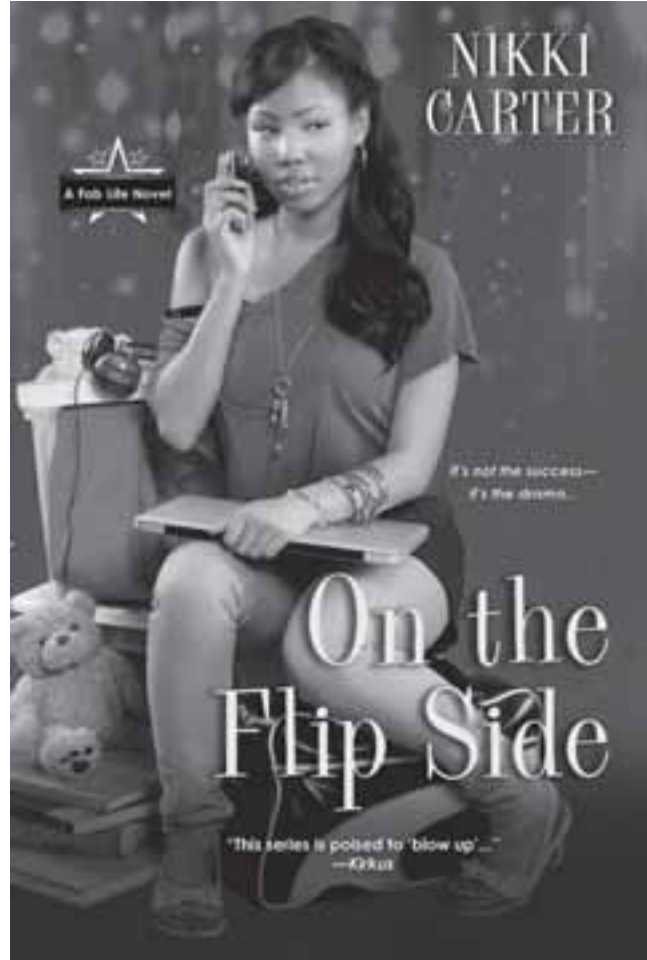
and Epsilon needed him to do his magic on other tracks in the Big Apple.

Long-distance relationships were hard and Sunday missed Sam terribly.

Still, there were a lot of distractions to keep Sunday from thinking about her boo too much. She was working on a video and the dancer she performed with was a hottie. Studies took up time, and bonding with her sister-friends was important.

Then there was the drama with her cousin, Dreya, and that wasn't disappearing any time soon.

Going to college was supposed to mark the end of silly drama for Sunday Tolliver. But when Epsilon was taken over, when Dreya was haterating, when Sam was caught cheating, and when Mystique got all mysterious, Sunday realized



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that the drama had only just begun...

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Author Nikki Carter doesn't just sprinkle drama on *On the Flip Side*. No, it's

slathered there like peanut butter on bread and it's just as tasty. Aside from the story—which is easy to get into and easy to stick with—I liked that the characters talk and act like real teens.

You won't find profanity here, either, which is refreshing.

Though this story is mostly set at college, I think anyone 13-and-up will enjoy spending time with Sunday and her crew. If that's you and you're looking for something decent to read, then *On the Flip Side* is a book that'll make you sing.

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Zuberla (Toledo Botanical Gardens). **Stephanie Cihon – Community Relations Director for ProMedica** In Stephanie's 10 years with ProMedica, her role has evolved from communications into advocacy and public affairs. She is responsible for ProMedica's community partnerships, including the obesity prevention initiatives and hunger-free com-

munity efforts. Stephanie has spoken at regional and national professional conferences to share the work ProMedica has done in northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan. **Mark Makulinski – CEO of Lockrey Manufacturing** Lockrey Manufacturing is a local company with \$15 million in sales and 80 employees. This employee owned company supports

community service in a generous way. From 2002 to present, it has allocated 5% of the bonus pool toward community service activities which has amounted to upwards of \$24,000 per year. Mark is personally involved in many of the education related charitable programs supported by Lockrey and is the chairperson of Toledo Rotary's community service committee.

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Owens Community College to Host Regional Job Fair

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Presented by Collegiate Employ-Net, a consortium of 18 colleges and universi-

ties in northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan, the regional job fair will occur from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. in the College's Student Health and Activities Center on the Toledo-area Campus. Owens is located on Oregon Road in Perrysburg Township. Admission to event is free and professional attire and a resume are required.

Throughout the event, individuals can meet with over 90 business and industry

representatives about employment opportunities. In addition, attendees will be able to fill out applications for various employment opportunities. Individuals are also encouraged to bring several copies of their resume in preparation for any impromptu interviews.

Area employers in attendance will include Advance Staffing Solutions, Auto-Owners Insurance Co., Cedar Point, Cummins

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- Tuesday, April 3, at Providence Center, 1205 Broadway, from 2:00-3:30 PM
- Thursday, April 5, at Zablocki, 3015 Lagrange, from 9:30-11:00 AM
- Monday April 9 at Oregon Center, 570 Bayshore, Oregon, from 10:00-11:30 AM
- Tuesday, April 10, at Kahle Center, 1315 Hillcrest, from 12:00-1:30 PM
- Tuesday, April 10, at Providence Center, 1205 Broadway, from 2:00-3:30 PM
- Wednesday April 11, at Mayores Center, 2 Aurora Gonzalez Drive, from 10:00-11:30 AM
- Thursday, April 12, at Blessed Sacrament, 4227 Bellevue, from 7:30-11:30 AM
- Saturday, April 14, at Wesley United Methodist, 2934 Stickney Avenue, from 9:00-10:30 AM
- Tuesday, April 17, at Kent Library, 3101 Collingwood, from 1-2:30 PM
- Wednesday, April 18, at Our Lady of Lourdes, Hill Avenue from 10:30 AM-12:00 PM
- Wednesday, April 18, at Waterville Library, 800 Michigan, Waterville, from 1:00-2:30 PM
- Thursday, April 19, at Hunt Center, 2121 Garden Park Pkwy, from 12:00-1:30 PM
- Tuesday, April 24, at Maumee Center, 2430 S. Detroit, from 10:00-11:30 AM
- Tuesday, April 24, Providence Center, 1205 Broadway, from 2:00-3:30 PM
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Trayvon Martin: Under The Hood

What Happened – A Deeper Look

By Michael Hayes
Minister of Culture



Tracy Martin and his fiancée, Brandi Greene, went out to eat after spending some quality time with both of their children. Trayvon Martin, Tracy's son, was visiting from Miami. While left in the house alone, Trayvon and his soon-to-be younger step-brother settled in to watch the NBA All Star game.

Deciding to make a quick run to the 7 Eleven store just outside the Retreat at Twin Lakes gated community, Trayvon steps out in the light rain wearing a hooded sweatshirt. Leaving the store with a box of skittles for his soon-to-be younger step brother and an iced tea for himself, Trayvon winds his way through the development on his way back home while on the phone with his girlfriend.

Watching and following him with a handgun is George Zimmerman.

Zimmerman is not on official duty as neighborhood patrol, because the gated community has never appointed him as such.

Once Trayvon notices he is being followed by a potentially dangerous stranger, he tells the person he is on the phone with that he is going to put his hoodie on and walk faster.

Trayvon, who just recently turned 17, has never had a run in with law enforcement.

George Zimmerman however, has. Domestic disputes, "battering of a law enforcement officer" and obstructing justice are all on his record. Zimmerman has been known to not only call 911 repeatedly to report what he felt was suspicious behavior but to also chase down and confront people.

Some of his reports over the years include such trivial instances as "children playing in the street" or people having "open garage doors." George Zimmerman's father is a state magistrate in Virginia, which probably gives him an edge in legal loopholes. George Zimmerman does not possess any legal authority to police, follow, apprehend or confront any-

one. On the day of this tragedy, he was a strange man following Trayvon with his gun at the ready.

While Zimmerman lies in wait, watching Trayvon make his way back home... he calls 911:

"There's a real suspicious guy. This guy looks like he's up to no good, on drugs or something. It's raining and he's just walking around looking about... These a**holes always get away"

In an effort to protect Zimmerman, one part of the conversation was hidden until recently.

If you go to www.huffingtonpost.com, you can hear the audio where Zimmerman clearly says "f**king coons" as he fol-



Jennifer Granholm

lows Trayvon and 911 Dispatch continues...

Dispatcher: "Are you following him?"

Zimmerman: "yeah".

Dispatcher: "Okay, we don't need you to do that".

Meanwhile, Trayvon is on the phone with his girlfriend back in Miami.

On an entirely separate conversation you can see the events play out from Trayvon's point of view:

"oh, he's right behind me, he's right behind me again" Trayvon told her.

"Run" she says, and he replies "I'm not going to run, I'm just going to walk fast".

Next the girlfriend distinctly hears Trayvon say "Why are you following me?"

A voice says "What are you doing around here?"

She says she heard pushing and what sounded like scuffling and then Trayvon's

headset fall to the ground and the call being lost. She called back, no answer.

George Zimmerman had laid in wait, followed and cornered Trayvon.

Zimmerman had a loaded hand gun. Trayvon Martin had cell phone, iced tea and skittles.

Since this unfolded just down the street from the house where he was returning, there are numerous neighbors who saw or heard what happened next and at least three of them all say they heard a boy cry for help.

Yet ANOTHER phone call plays a crucial role. And this is where it gets especially painful.

All you have to do is google: trayvon neighbor 911 call.

Listen to the audio. You clearly hear a young male screaming for his life. You clearly hear a gunshot. Then you don't hear anything.

The police officer who arrived on the scene also has a history of racial profiling and instead of asking witnesses what they heard (an open ended question), he tells them ... although he wasn't on the scene yet, that who was screaming was George Zimmerman. That, is corrupt police work.

Even though Trayvon Martin was killed in the same neighborhood of his father's home, even though normal procedure would have been to use his cell phone to find his relatives... local authorities let a lifeless body sit without identifying or notifying anyone.

It's been a month. The Sanford, Florida police still won't arrest or charge George Zimmerman.

Two of the legislators who wrote Florida's "Stand Your Ground" law have gone on record saying it does not apply to Zimmerman because he was the obvious aggressor once he followed someone.

George Zimmerman and the entire police department in that city all need to be held accountable.

Punished to the fullest extent.

The proof is abundant. The evidence is there. End of story.



Miami Heat

Is the Trayvon Martin Issue Uniting or Dividing Us?

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ages have worn and will continue to wear hoodies in such circumstances.

So to blame the hoodie in this case is preposterous.

Continue to post ya pics rocking the hoodie to show not only support for Trayvon, but support for common sense. If you wear a hoodie to a job interview, or in line at the bank...that's different.

But if you want to walk around your neighborhood dressed in a hooded sweatshirt on a dreary, rainy day... you should have the right. And so did Trayvon Martin.

Be Organized When Organizing

To people who don't want change, the clamor of outraged voices looks scary.

To cynical or divisive-minded people, no cause is



ever worthy of their support for one reason or another.

Personally, I don't support every social upheaval that comes along.

When you find yourself in another city having court proceedings, or getting pepper sprayed by cops in D.C. or protesting for your beliefs... you learn to only dig in to a cause when you notice it keeps you up at

night.

I spent a few of my college and post college years organizing and demonstrating against the Bush presidency. I learned that moderating public discussions are important. I learned that knowing the law is extremely important. And most of all, I learned that there are different types of social action.

What was the overall

point of Occupy Wall Street?

What did the national support for Troy Davis accomplish?

Now that we are all talking about Trayvon Martin, if we assemble...what do we do next?

There's no right/wrong answer but you should have an answer.

This is how you have to look at things. I'm not discouraging people from doing what they feel.

But I am reminding you that the outrage you feel is emotionally charged energy.

It has to be funneled to a direct and clear goal or else nothing changes.

You will find yourself all hyped about something and months later you haven't made any changes within yourself and the outcome of the situation didn't

pan out and you will be less motivated to raise your voice the next time.

It's true.

Some people are followers. They have very little understanding of the specifics.

They talk loud, put on a good show, come off as positive and informed but deep down are fronting.

But even they serve a purpose.

Remember how we all felt when Barack Obama got elected?

That's that energy, connecting everyone while others resist it or try to kill it.

We are powerful. A mass of people united with a common purpose can do anything.

That's why sports games, and even parties can sometimes feel like the air is electric.

A crowd of people all united for any one thing takes on a life of its own.

Our thoughts, our intentions, our focus on a particular subject creates change.

Whether its good change or bad change, depends on how we have organized what we do.

If you are progressive minded and want social equality, add your voice to the call for justice.

As they say, the people...united...will never be defeated.

And I believe that.

Shout out Bianca Harris, Tia Boykin and any others behind the Ottawa Park event this past Saturday in honor of Trayvon Martin.

Shout out D.J. Kausion and any others who have something planned.

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New Covenant Baptist Church Honors Leadership

By Artisha S. Lawson
Sojourner's Truth Reporter



"Shaping the world one life at a time," is the motto of New Covenant Baptist Church of Toledo, and explains the honoring of nine congregational leaders on Sunday, March 25, 2012.

Rev. Benjamin L. Green acknowledged the past and recent accomplishments of the congregation's leaders. "I wanted to acknowledge the leaders within these church walls, these individuals have positively influenced my life and made me a better husband, a better father and better man, period."

Ronda Proctor is retired

police officer, current mission worker, usher board member and Toledoans United for Social Action (TUSA) member. Earl Barry, a retired police officer, is also a member of TUSA, usher board and men's ministry.

Leona Barry, a retired U.S. Probation officer, is the Christian education director and member of Northwestern Ohio Re-entry Coalition. Tammy Wooten, current minister of music, teaches performing at Craig's Piano and is organizing a performing arts ministry that will be open to the community this spring.

Langston Bannister, PhD is a former University of Toledo professor; also former pastor of Third Baptist Church and Grace Presbyterian. Bannister is a faithful member of the men's ministry and mentor to Green. "It's truly a blessing to receive this from my pastor," said Bannister.

John Norwood, who travels regularly from Saginaw to Toledo to attend services, is a retired assistant superintendent of the Saginaw school district. Norma Vaughn is known as the congregation's knitter, and prepares knitting crafts for various congrega-

tion activities. First Lady Gladys Green is owner of both Little Generation Day Cares and will celebrate 23 years of marriage to Pastor Green in August. "I'm honored my husband and pastor thinks highly of me," said First Lady Green.

Each of the nine honorees

received a warm thank you from their pastor and certificate of appreciation. The congregation welcomes guests to visit for Sunday worship starting at 11:00am, and Wednesday Bible studies at 5:30pm, the church is located at 3864 Jackman Road in Toledo.

Caption:
(left to right) Back row: Leonora Barry, Earl Barry, Tammy Wooten, Front row: First Lady Gladys Green, Langston Bannister, former Mayor Jack Ford, Norma Vaughn, Rev. Benjamin Green

Community-focused Business Beating the Odds

It's no surprise that companies of all sizes have felt the squeeze of economic downturn over the past years. However, companies focused on local presence — such as Allstate — are growing. The corporation announced it is seeking to appoint 35 new agency owners in Ohio in 2012.

Ohio native and Allstate Agency Owner Deborah Walker opened her doors in 1998 and has since opened a second office, tripled her agency staff, and grew her operation to over a \$4 million book of business, by hard work and focus on community networking.



Allstate encourages agency owners to seek out different ways to build their business. In addition to leveraging Allstate's nationally branded name, Walker paired up with her local high school to become a major presence in her community.

"No other company provides the industry and consulting support needed to succeed. If you're a hardworking, entrepreneurial person with a passion for helping people, this might be the career path for you," says Walker.

The Opportunity.

Walker is not alone. Allstate appointed 25 new agency owners in Ohio in 2011 — entrepreneurs looking to cash in on the opportunities available. In fact, opportunities are so lucrative, the company is offering a \$5,000 referral payout** to anybody appointed by the close of 2012. For more information, contact Jamie Newton at 248-994-9263 or visit www.AllstateAgent.com.

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