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Mothers and Sons

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



I think that's a personal slap in the face of all the single mothers who raised kids successfully ... I'm pretty sure she's rolling over in her grave when she hears something like that.
- Chief Derrick Diggs, Toledo Police Department

I feel the Chief on this one.

Sure, black males as a group perform lower than white high school or college students, are suspended or expelled more often, overrepresented in juvenile and adult justice systems, have higher rates of homicide, suicide or unemployment and are more likely to "cause havoc and chaos in society."

It is even commonly accepted, that the parenting style of black single mothers is primarily one that overprotects and emasculates their sons. It is said, that these mothers "raise their daughters and love their sons," by requiring daughters to take on more responsibility and to take it on at an earlier age.

Has the community discarded the practice of discipline? Have we gotten used to making excuses for the wrong in our children's lives? Are we co-dependent with youth in their addictive tendency to celebrate a culture of failure and a lack of respect towards elders and authority?

Yes, yes, yes and yes! Without question, we need to do better as parents.

However, like the Chief, I am sick of the accepted logic that assigns the rearing by a single mother as the primary factor contributing to the sorry plight of African-American males. I'm pretty sure that it causes my own mother (a widower who gave birth to seven sons and zero daughters) to not only roll over, but to also sit up in her now two-year old grave.

Ever since slavery forced black children to be raised without fathers, black mothers have always played a key role in the family. Nevertheless, we rarely talk about the vast number of successful males whose mother was the dominant influence in their lives. We have failed, as Kweisi Mfume stated, "to celebrate the virtues of many black mothers who over the years have functioned - even thrived - in the dual roles of mother and father" and to fully appreciate the sophisticated system of raising black boys to become successful men.

Yet, a lot can be learned from the tried and true parenting strategies that single mothers used - despite the impact of poverty - to assist them in raising successful sons.

The following is a representative sample used by single black mothers to raise sons who graduated high schools or college, managed to stay out of major trouble, made a legitimate income and lived as respectful African-American men:

1. Education messaging:

Education was always seen as the bridge out of poverty. Single moms found time to make frequent contact with the school by attending teacher conferences and being familiar with the child's teachers, assisting in the classroom and serving in the PTO or as chaperone for school activities.

Successful parenting also ensures that the home itself is a learning environment by keeping plenty of books, newspapers and magazines around as well as by making watching the evening news a daily ritual.

2. Setting Expectations:

Education, alone, is not enough. Successful parents also create expectations for high academic achievement and educational excellence in children along with respect for authority and elders. They also create structure for their sons' lives and set strict times for the accomplishment of homework and household chores.

3. Protection:

Single mothers who raise successful sons also shield them from negative influences in a variety of ways. Going to church was mandatory and not optional for me, but provided me with a social and emotional outlet and other opportunities for personal growth.

I was also "strongly encouraged" to participate in organized sports. Mom was always in the stands cheering loudly at my recreational activities and those of my children.

Additionally, our home was the neighborhood hangout. I found out many years later that is how parents monitor the things that children talk about, discern the character of friends and help interpret the trials of adolescence

4. Social Support:

They provide access to settings or networks where information, opportunities and exposure to knowledge is available that can provide the necessary growth to continue on a path to success. For some, that can occur in a safe haven or positive environment where young black males can model professionals, artists, ministers or mentors. They can also take advantage of the leadership development opportunities such as public speaking, music, plays and rites of passage provided by church or community organizations.

5. Positive Male Messaging:

When resources are tight or if sons' behavior reminds single mothers of a bad relationship with the child's father, feelings of anger, frustration and resentment can send a message that equips children with negative attitudes towards males or the child himself.

Rather than speaking negatively about the father, these mothers reinforce the message that their sons are valued by men and as an African American male.

Above all, single mothers understand that it takes a whole community to raise a successful son. Where there is no father in the home, there must also be men outside the home or in the extended family structure who can provide young black boys with a model for responsible manhood.

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Community Calendar

May 2-3

Christ Community Church "The Fellowship:" 7 pm; Guest speaker Pastor Spencer Ellis of Praise in Detroit

May 3

Real Relationship Talk Event: First Church of God - lower level; 6:30 pm; Assorted relationship topics; Panel of experts

May 3-4

Phillips Temple CME Pre-Women's Day Event: Fish/Chicken Dinner Sale; 10 am to 5 pm: 419-242-7906

May 3-5

United MBC 10th Pastoral Anniversary: Pastor Robert Bass and Min. Anita Bass; Fri - 7 pm Johnnie Love & Company in concert; Sat - 5 pm banquet at the church; Sun - Speaker Charles Booth of Mt. Olivet of Columbus

May 4

National Train Day: Amtrak Station; 9:30 am to 4 pm; Tran cars, engines, food, music, art & history, rides: 419-241-9155 ex 134

UAW Local 14 Chaplaincy 2013 Prayer Gathering: UAW 14 Union Hall; 11 am; Guest speaker Chaplain Don Rice; Light brunch served

Moving forward Ministry Pre-Mothers' Day Musical: 6 pm; Featuring Bubba Johnson & The Omega Singers, Nikki D & The Browns, the Newson Family Singers, Mildred Stegall & the True Voices, and more

Breakfast for M'Lady: 10 am; Pinnacle; Delta Sigma Theta annual breakfast and fashion show honoring the mother of the year and three scholarship recipients: 419-537-0760

May 7-8

St. Paul Episcopal Church Maumee Rummage Sale: Tues - 9-7; Wed - 9-1: 419-583-6154

May 9-11

Warren AME Rummage Sale: Thur - 9 am to 6 pm; Fri - 9 am to 6 pm/Dinner sales 11 am to 6 pm; Sat - 9 am to 2 pm plus car wash: 419-536-4600

May 11

Lucas County Foster Parent Association 13th Annual Walk-A-Thon: Liz Pierson Shelter House at Ottawa Park; 10:15 am registration; Walk at 11 am: 419-213-3347

May 14

Libbey High School Alumni Meeting: 6:30 pm; Aurora Gonzalez Community Center

May 18

Path to Life Annual LifeWalk: 9 am registration/check in; GM-UAW Park; To raise awareness and funding to support women facing a crisis pregnancy: 419-693-5433

Braden United Methodist Church 89th Annual women's Day: "The Bride Has Made Herself Ready;" 10:30 am; Guest speaker State Sen Nina Turner: 419-386-2700

May 19

Phillips Temple CME Women's Day Service: Featuring Tera Snorton, first woman bishop of CME: 419-242-7906

Third Baptist Church Women's Day: "In the Potter's Hand;" 11 am; Speaker Pastor Marcie Dinkins of St. Paul

June 1

Change for Kids Ministries FREE Summer Music Lessons for Children: Beginning June 1: For more information, please call 419-704-6195

June 8

St. Stephens COGIC Father & Son Luncheon: Noon to 2 pm; Speaker Elder Pierre Taylor

Rainbow Tea: UAW Hall; 2 to 5 pm; Sponsored by the MSVMC Cultural Diversity and Civil Rights Committees: 419-350-3232

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Come Out ... Come Out ... Everybody!

By Lafe Tolliver, Esq
Guest Column



unchecked gun sales in Virginia will go down?

See this scenario from another vantage point even though this perspective is not greeted by all: A person who practices what the Bible calls sin, openly announces that he is doing what sinners do... they sin. That is their nature. They are supposed to sin. All are sinners and are born in sin and shaped in iniquity and Jason Collins is cut from the same template.

So, the big (seven feet tall) NBA player, Jason Collins, went on a public relations tear and is blasting his story of being black and gay. The first descriptive term was obvious to anyone but the second descriptive word was purportedly a secret except to a chosen few.

Now, the question is: What is the big deal and all of this hubbub about a professional athlete coming out of the "closet" and telling the world that he is gay?

Other than having Don Lemon and Anderson Cooper of CNN or Rachel Maddow of MSNBC chortling sweet affirmations into their raised beer glasses, what else is new on the planet?

Bottom line: a guy who engages in sexual conduct with other men is announcing to the world that he prefers the smile and allure of a man to the charms of a woman... and that is newsworthy?

Does the media think that with such an announcement that the price of tea in China will go up or that the Mississippi River will not flood its banks in May or that

His coming out of the closet is simply telling anyone and everyone who would listen that he was living a lie by not stating who he is by choice (not by nature...sorry no empirical proofs there for that canard) but now he is free to openly sin and cavort with other gay men (we are not talking same sex marriage here folks).

That is not news because others who are not involved in gay sex, have been also announcing their "closet" exits and their particular sins to the world if they are continually doing any of the following: adultery, fornication, gluttony, drunkenness, thievery, lying, bestiality, witchcraft, idolatry, greediness (Wall Street anyone?) orgies, revelry, slandering's, swindling's, homosexual offenses and murders.

So, you wonder. When someone (heterosexual or homosexual) is engaged in clear acts of witchcraft or is a serial fornicator, should they be applauded when they blow the trumpet regarding their egregious be-

havior and be given accolades as to being brave and courageous?

If society has frowned upon gay behavior, it equally should frown upon heterosexuals engaged in heinous acts of adultery and fornication and other acts of personal "freedom".

After all, Jason Collins spoke about what is means to be free to do what he does and thus not hide his sexual preferences any more. So, in like mode, if a serial fornicator (hetero or homo) was to tell you that he or she enjoys serial sex acts with a host of people, known and unknown, and they do it because they are free and are not hurting anyone, is that a cause to celebrate their "freedom?"

If someone who is a glutton was to reveal that he or she is tired of hiding the fact that they have an unusual craving for food or material goods; and what they do does not hurt or harm anyone and this is their "freedom"...do you applaud and say, "good for you!"

If a person says that they only steal from the rich and give to the poor and thus no one is hurt and they do this because they want to right perceived wrongs...do you champion their cause and shout "hurray for you!"

Mind you, all of this is being done in the name of freedom and coming out of one's particular "closet" and what a relief that is! To be able to do and say in public what you did and said in private.

Jason Collins is telling

the world that for now on when you meet him and greet him, you will greet him and see him as a "free" gay man and what a relief that is for him!

Yet, you may ask, free from what to what?

For those who take the Word of God, the Bible, as God's final word of authority on conduct that is approved or not approved, this "freedom" of which Jason Collins speaks of is not really freedom at all.

No, what it is simply being announced to the world is that you are still in chains and bondage to morally reprehensible conduct that you are hoping others will accept you so that you can at least fake it that you are acceptable and that you are at peace with yourself and the world.

What Jason Collins, and others (hetero or homo) who engage in any of the above-stated acts, tell us that any such conduct should be broadcasted and that we should affirm them and pat them on the back and wish

them well in their future escapades.

If we do that then we should equally applaud and celebrate others that are engaged in their definitions of "freedom" and thus affirm them in their pursuit of happiness and make no moral judgments as to what is acceptable conduct and what is not acceptable conduct.

I know....I know...you do not want to be preached to but suffer me, as a fool, a few more lines so that you can hear, as Paul Harvey says, "the rest of the story."

The rest of the story ends in sorrow and sadness and, unless such conduct is repented of, it will result in eternal separation from God and your place of choice... Hell. And yet we would call those acts done in the pursuit of happiness and freedom, being free?

Almost finished. The Word of God says, "Be not deceived, God is not mocked for whatsoever a man sows, that shall he reap."

So, if you want to follow

Jason Collins in your pursuit of your, "freedom"... do so. If you want to engage in acts of being a serial fornicator or adulterer or swindler or liar or thief... do so, but remember there are consequences to all acts done while in this tent of flesh and when the day comes and you are called to give an account of your life, do you really think that calling up Jason Collins name will be of any value or use to you?

This is it. Last paragraph. So when you engage in morally questionable acts and do so because you think that you are free and happy; and you are ostensibly hurting no one and you are tired of hiding what you are and the world applauds you, do you really think that the world's opinion and your reliance on its shifting sand of values will place you in right standing before a holy and sovereign God?

Didn't think so.

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State Rep. Michael Ashford's Statement on the Introduction of So-Called "Right to Work" Legislation

Special to The Truth

Last week, Ohio House Democrats held a press conference in response to House Republicans' preparations of so-called "right to work" legislation that would eliminate the rights of Ohioans in the workplace. State Rep. Michael Ashford (D- Toledo) released the following statement:

"Today, I proudly stood with my brothers and sisters from Toledo Union groups in opposition to this so-called 'right to work' legislation. It is both frustrating and discouraging to see the Republicans launching a direct attack on middle and working class families.

"It is a fact that 'right to work' states spend \$3,400 less per student on primary and secondary education. Wages will continue to decrease, and families will suffer the consequences. We fought off these attacks during Senate Bill 5, and will certainly do it again."



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The 2013 IMA Conference

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The Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance (IMA) hosted its annual Conference this past May 1 - 3 with a series of nightly worship services at Warren AME church and a community dinner on the last evening.

"Reclaiming our Community through Proclamation" was the theme of this year's event. This year's guest speakers were Jamal-Harrison Bryant, Ph.D, pastor of Empowerment Temple of Baltimore, MD and Pastor Edward Branch, D.Min, of New Hope Baptist Church of Detroit, MI.

The IMA, re-formed in 2004, has been active in the Toledo area in a host of community activities such as: Black History programs, helping to organize community forums on gun violence, collaborating on fatherhood walks, assisting with voting and early voting programs and maintaining partnerships with community groups.

This year's conference highlighted the IMA's mission of, as Pastor Cedric Brock, president of the IMA, stated "the task now [of giving] back to the community through preaching and teaching the Word of God."



In addition to Brock, other IMA officers are First Vice President Pastor William Lucas, Second Vice President Pastor Robert Birt, Treasurer Pastor Otis Gordon, Parliamentarian Pastor Chester Trail, Executive Secretary Pastor LeRoy Williams and Chaplain Pastor Shirley Sparks.

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“Classical Music Filled the Air” - Local Vocal Arts Competition for Emerging Artists

Sponsored by the Toledo Club and the Maumee Bay Club of the NANBPWC, Inc.

By Barbara Tucker
Special to The Truth

On Sunday, April 14, 2013, classical music filled the air as the Toledo Club and the Maumee Bay Club of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. (NANBPWC, Inc.) joined in a partnership to sponsor the Vocal Arts Competition for Emerging Artists. The program was held at the St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, Rev. James H. Willis, Sr., Pastor.

The Vocal Arts Competition for Emerging Artists is the signature program of the NANBPWC, Inc. established in 1982 under the leadership of Past National President Mary E. Singletery. The purpose was to provide a competitive arena for talented young vocal artists of African-American heritage to showcase and demonstrate their artistic abilities in classical vocal performance as well as assist them with music scholarships. Scholar-

ships are awarded on the National Level as follows: \$3000.00 for First Place, \$2000.00 for Second Place, \$1000.00 for Third Place and \$300.00 for remaining contestants.

This year's competition presented Nicholas D. Gordon, baritone and a student pursuing a degree in music from Bowling Green State University under the tutelage of Professor Douglas Wayland. Also competing in this year's competition was Kira M. Turner, a student at Washtenaw Community College. She is under the tutelage of Willis C. Patterson, Ph.D, emeritus professor from the University of Michigan.

Both contestants performed selections from a repertoire consisting of an Aria from a major opera, an Oratorio Cantata, a German Lied, a French melodie and a Negro spiritual or work by an African-American com-

poser. Gordon's accompanist was Dmitry Molkov, a graduate student in piano performance at Bowling Green State University. Turner was accompanied by Moon Kyoung Kim, Ph.d, the staff accompanist at the University of Michigan and the piano faculty at Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp. The interlude entertainment was provided by Lisa Johnson and Kimesha Williams, two outstanding vocalists from the Toledo community.

Gordon and Turner were adjudicated by Barbara Mattox, Joyce Rush and Alberta Reed, who are renowned in the Toledo area for their music expertise. They have all had very successful performing careers in classical music. The first place winner of the competition was Kira Monae Turner. She will advance to the 49th North Central District Conference Vocal Arts competition to be held on May 17, 2013 at the



Detroit Marriot of Troy in Troy, Michigan. If successful there, she will represent the North Central District of the NANBPWC, Inc. at the National Convention in Baltimore, Maryland on August 14, 2013.

The steering committee was comprised of the following members from the two collaborating clubs.

The Maumee Bay Club was represented by Gwendolyn Wilson-Banks, president; Pattie Poston, first vice president; Trevor Black,

second vice president and Linda Collins. The Toledo Club was represented by Barbara Tucker, chairman; Denise Black-Poon, president; Wanda Terrell first vice president; Frances Collins, Ed.D, second vice president; Wilma Brown, treasurer and Donna Todd.


The Maumee Bay Club and the Toledo Club both actively perform services to benefit the community under the umbrella of the national program mandates: LETS: Leadership, Entrepreneur-

ship, Technology and Service that encompasses the areas of Health, Education, Employment, Economic Development, Founders' Day and Women's History.

Recently, the Maumee Bay Club took a group of local high school students on its annual Black College Tour. The Toledo Club is holding various activities and programs leading up to its 49th Annual Debutante Cotillion on May 25, 2013 at The Great Hall at the Stranahan Theater.



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Students Form HEAT to Support Growth of UT@TPS;

Program expands with Business, Early Childhood degrees

Special to The Truth

Several University of Toledo students taking classes located at Samuel M. Jones at Gunckel Park Elementary School have passed the half-way point toward their associate's degree in Business Management.

Others are completing their first semester, receiving advice from these seasoned classmates along the way. Still other students will take their GED exams next month, then cross the hall to register for University of Toledo coursework. All are part of an innovative program, UT@TPS, which provides pre-college (GED) and college classes held at the TPS school.

The program is designed for Toledo Public School parent-guardians, but open to any interested adult in the community. It includes classes for adults working toward their GEDs, as well as for those pursuing college degrees at the University of Toledo. At Jones, adult students check in at the front office before heading upstairs to the two second-floor classrooms dedicated to the adult classes.

In one room, students work toward earning their GEDs with instructors from Penta Career Center. When they complete their GEDs, the plan is to cross the hall and enroll as University of Toledo students.

Student success at UT@TPS is supported by a student-run program called HEAT (Higher Education As Transformation). HEAT is a program of the Padua Center, with its main office located in the Center at 1416 Nebraska and walk-in office hours Mondays and Fridays, 12:30-1:30.

Working as HEAT, experienced UT@TPS students serve as "success advisors" to new students. Through this, they gain valuable work experience as interns helping to develop the organization's business plan, write grants, and market the program.

At a recent meeting, one HEAT success advisor, Chartyse Fagan, urged others to join. "It's never too late to continue your education. Come and join UT@TPS on an educational journey into success," he said. Fagan is currently completing his fourth semester, and will earn the associate's

degree in business on his way to completing a bachelor's degree in music.

Another success advisor, Lillie Cox, told potential students at First Church of God, "My experience with UT@TPS has been awesome! I'm in my fifth semester and doing great in my 'Business Communications' class. As an adult that wishes to return to school, I urge you to come join us to further your education towards a college degree. At 57 years old, I'm loving it!"

As a first semester student, success advisor Debbie Brinkley encourages parents that this program will work for them. "I love the fact that as a TPS parent and also a student of the UT@TPS program, my class schedule is always the same as my child's. When he is on break or a two-hour delay, so am I."

The UT program is based on a cohort approach: a group of students commits to tak-



Debbie Brinkley

ing classes together toward a degree. This allows them to support each other in their learning, and in their other life responsibilities. At a recent information session at the Mott Branch Library, first semester student and success advisor Anthony Wyatt explained to prospective students that the support from classmates is phenomenal: "If you aren't in class, your classmates are going to text you. They are going to get your homework to you. They are going to do everything they can to make sure you keep up with them and succeed." Cox, Brinkley and Wyatt are all working on business degrees.

Currently, UT@TPS students range in age from 21 to 67. Though the adult students are the direct beneficiaries, their children, the children in their communities, and the children in the host school benefit as well: they have strong role models for staying in school and pursuing postsecondary education. And when they get to college themselves, as second-generation college students they will be much more likely to complete degrees.

GED classes are absolutely free of charge, with all materials provided and individualized work according to individual students' needs.

A big advantage to having the college classes taught in Toledo Public Schools is that the students receive a 22 percent tuition scholarship and a general fees scholarship from the University of Toledo. At this reduced rate, the federal Pell grant covers most students' costs entirely, allowing them to take classes without going into debt with student loans.

"They will need loans or other sources of funding before they finish a degree," UT@TPS Director Lynne Hamer, Ph.D., explained. "But this lets them experience college and find out if it's for them without going into debt."

The cohort members and



Chartyse Fagan

their instructors are committed to being smart financially. "Faculty commit to keeping book costs within limits that students' grants will cover," Hamer said. "We make sure the students do not pay for any classes that won't count directly for their degree."

One way the program does this is by providing free, non-credit classes in math to make sure students are prepared for their University of Toledo required math class and do not use up their financial aid paying for remedial coursework. Classes are taught by Joe Szafarowicz, a veteran teacher and principal of the local ArtWorks LLC.

Szafarowicz has developed "Math Exploration through Art," an approach he has taught teachers to use as far away as Jamaica. Szafarowicz is well-known locally for getting students of all ages enthused about math through his love of teaching it. "The greatest reward for a teacher is seeing the joy a student experiences while achieving success in the classroom. That joy is exhibited every day in the UT@TPS class. That's all I need."

Phyllis Toney, a success advisor in her second semester of Business Management classes, agreed. "I enjoy the learning environment, with growth in life at your own pace," she said. She finds this is particularly true in math, which many of the students are leery of when they begin UT@TPS. Toney has learned to love it: "I am learning so much from my math teacher. We are doing algebra. He is so cool."

While students at the Jones site are all working on degrees in business, other options are available. A cohort working on their choice of an associate's or bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education is



Lynne Hamer, Ph.D.

scheduled to begin in August at the South Toledo Community Center at 1411 Broadway. The cohort is an outgrowth of the Center's popular Baby University. Lori Patton West, the outreach coordinator for Baby University, has been recruiting students: "This is going to change people's lives," she affirmed.

Another cohort, which will serve students who want to pursue majors other than business and early childhood education, is scheduled to begin at another TPS school within the year.

Toledo Public Schools contributes classroom space and computer lab access. Through state grants, Penta Career Center contributes the GED coursework, which the program calls "pre-college," even though students aren't obligated to go into the college classes.

GED students can enroll at any time by calling Penta at 419-661-6555 and asking for the Jones GED program. They can also take GED classes at many sites throughout the greater Toledo area if Jones is not convenient.

New college students can begin the admissions process now for classes starting in May and August. For more information or to start the admissions process, contact HEAT/UT@TPS at 419-283-8288, or visit the UT@TPS website at www.utoledo.edu/call/ut_tps.

UT@TPS students on a fieldtrip to the UT main campus, August 2012.

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Creative Ways to Keep Kids Learning this Summer

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For families, summertime is all about active fun — from vacations to ballgames, and fireworks to poolside picnics. But being on-the-go can mean lots of downtime in transit and waiting for activities to start.

While research shows that students can lose up to two months' worth of learning during the summer break, parents can seize the opportunity to turn downtime into a time for purposeful entertainment, and keep kids off the summer learning slide.

"Parents can easily keep kids' minds active and learning as part of existing summer activities," says Jessica Hodges, Director of School Marketing at ACCO Brands, maker of Mead school supplies. "Rather than relying on phones, tablets and DVD players to fill time while waiting for summer fun, try packing creative, age-appropriate learning activities instead."

When you're loading up the car this season with sunscreen, bug spray and bathing suits, don't forget to also pack portable entertainment that is both educational and fun. With a bit of creativity and a few extra items, you'll keep kids learning, and they'll think they're playing — all summer long.

- Make old games new. Fill the entertainment void while running errands with portable dry erase boards that make traditional games like hangman, tic-tac-toe and bingo easy to play, erase, and play again. Encourage siblings to play together as they build words, form letters and solve logic puzzles.

- Think convenience. In the car, opt for games and



activities specifically designed for early learners on the go. For example, Mead Dry Erase Tangrams, stored in a convenient carrying case, are easy to pack and feature non-slip geometric shapes that can be arranged to create designs along a template. The non-slip material means

that your kid's design will survive even the bumpiest of wagon rides or road trips.

- Explore. Make a game of your surroundings, no matter where you are. Taking a trip? Ask kids to track car colors, license plate origins or types of trees. At the store, play a game of "I Spy." The key is to turn everyday activities into learning games and exploration.

- Unplug. Taking a break from "screen-time" doesn't have to mean sacrificing fun. Books, flashcards, puzzles and games not only make great alternatives, but they fit easily into day packs.

Reinforce math concepts, the alphabet, or colors and shapes with teacher-approved, age-appropriate learning tools such as flashcards. Or help kids learn to spell with Mead Puzzle Words, which give kids practice building words while playing with puzzles.

With no need for batteries or an outlet, these traditional activities are ready to go whenever you are.

- Capture memories. Designate a special notebook for the summer for artwork and writing. Journaling encourages children to express their thoughts and emotions while building essential writing skills.

More tips for fun learning on-the-go can be found at www.MeadEarlyLearning.com.

With some extra planning, parents can make good use of free time by incorporating easy-to-use activities that make early learning memorable and impactful.

The Toledo-Lucas County Public Library's

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Tuesday, May 7 Spencer Township Center 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. GED @ Hilltop Apts. 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.	Tuesday, May 21 Sylvania JCC/YMCA 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. GED @ Hilltop Apts. 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.	Tuesday, May 28 Margaret Hunt Senior Center 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. GED @ Hilltop Apts. 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.	Wednesday, May 29 St. Charles YMCA 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Luthergrove 1:30 - 3 p.m.
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Thursday, May 9 James W. Hancock Center 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Birmingham Terrace 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.	Thursday, May 16 Wolfcreek YMCA 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Dove's Manor 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.	Friday, May 24 Brooklyn Park 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. GED @ Greenbelt Apts. 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.	
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Community Emergency Response Team member.

Marshall will be attending The Ohio State University, Michigan State University or The University of Kentucky in the fall.

Garrett is headed for The University of Toledo. She has been on honor roll and the principal's list for all four years at Bowsher. She has won the Citizenship Award for the City of Toledo, leadership awards and attendance awards

Garrett is involved with Student Council, is a conflict mediator, secretary of Choir, secretary for DECA, on the yearbook staff, Upward Bound, Toledo Excel and the Teen Outreach Program. Her community service has included blood drives, food drives, soup kitchen work, reading to children in shelters and cleaning downtown Toledo.

Harris will be heading to Tennessee State Uni-

versity. She has achieved Third Honors at Notre Dame and her extra-curricular work has included the Hip Hop varsity Dance Team, Big Sis/Little Sis Musical Hairspray, Hair Fashion Show Model, Golden Glove Boxing and

the African American Club.

Harris's community service has included volunteering at Urban Toledo with Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc, assisting with MLK Day Assembly, volunteering with the Link

Crew and Big Sis/Little Sis.

The Vogue-Esquire Models presented attire ranging from red for the Deltas, to black and white ensembles, to knits, cocktail dress and finally, of course, the wedding finery.

Wanda Terrell served as chairman for this year's Breakfast.

The committee chairmen were: Theresa Wilkins, Mother of the Year; Martina Turner, scholarship; Sandra



Strong and Trevor Black, door prizes; JoAnn Smith and Satarah Thomas, decorations; Bessie Mack, publicity; Clara Brank and Mildred Sue Fletcher, tickets; Tracee Ellis, souvenir program and Bonita Johnson, vendors.

Robin Stone is president of the Toledo Alum-

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Mother of the Year Paula Hicks-Hudson



Congratulations



Idrees Muhammad Ramsey, graduated from The University of Toledo, Sunday, May 5, 2013, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science with a minor in History.

On Saturday, May 4th, at the The Industry Event Center in downtown Toledo, Ramsey was celebrated by more than 60 family and friends from Detroit, Toledo and Cincinnati. Guests enjoyed a barbecue dinner catered by Famous Dave's and danced to the music of DJ MPress.

Over the next year, Ramsey will work for Americorps in Columbus, OH with disadvantaged youth, before heading to law school.

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The Library's Reading Selection of the Month

The Toledo-Lucas County Public Library suggests this new work in time for Mother's Day, *Mom & Me & Mom* by literary giant **Maya Angelou**. The story of Angelou's extraordinary life has been chronicled in her multiple best-selling autobiographies. But now, the legendary author shares the deepest personal story of her life: her relationship with her mother.

For the first time, Angelou reveals the triumphs and struggles of being the daughter of **Vivian Baxter**, an indomitable spirit whose petite size belied her larger-than-life presence—a presence absent during much of Angelou's early life. When her marriage began to crumble, Vivian famously sent three-year-old Maya and her older brother away from their California home to live with their grandmother in Stamps, Arkansas. The subsequent feelings of abandonment stayed with Angelou for years, but their reunion, a decade later, began a story that has never before been told. In *Mom & Me & Mom*, Angelou dramatizes her years reconciling with the mother she preferred to simply call "Lady," revealing the profound moments that shifted the balance of love and respect between them.

Delving into one of her life's most rich, rewarding, and fraught relationships, *Mom & Me & Mom* explores the healing and love that evolved between the two women over the course of their lives, the love that fostered Maya Angelou's rise from immeasurable depths to reach impossible heights.

Source: Amazon.com



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Kifaru Tries Something New: By author Brooklyn Brown and Illustrator Mikhal Wright

Sojourner's Truth Staff

Kifaru and his friends are in for a big surprise at lunch time. Lily, the vegetarian, brings something rather strange to share with everyone. Will Kifaru turn up his nose or find the courage to try something new?

So asks Brooklyn Brown, author of the Kifaru and Friends series. Brown, a Toledo native, attended Michigan State University and then decided to go the culinary arts route. She earned a Culinary Arts degree from Schoolcraft College in Livonia, MI and now lives in Los Angeles where she works as a caterer and maintains a culinary website.

In *Kifaru Tries Something New*, Kifaru and his friends are invited by Lily to try her tofu burger telling them it's a burger made from soybeans. Kifaru declines to try the strange substance but can't stop thinking, even having nightmares about it. But he for-



gets his lunch the next day and, lo and behold, Lily happens to have an extra tofu burger.

When Kifaru tries it, his

friends are inspired to try it also.

Kifaru tries something new invited youngsters to expand their horizons. The cast of animal character share a lesson about taking a chance.

Kifaru is illustrated by Mikhal Wright, a Detroit native. He studied graphic design at Wayne County and the College of Creative Studies. He also lives in Los Angeles where he works as a free-lance graphic designer and also performs stand-up comedy.

Kifaru and Friends is a book series that focuses on promoting the benefits of balanced diet and physical activity for youngsters



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Library's Cybermobile Offers Free Classes to All Ages

By Aisha Hearn, Digital Literacy Librarian/Outreach Services
The Truth Contributor

The Toledo Lucas County Public Library's Cybermobile has been on the road since January 2012. Serving 64 different locations throughout Lucas County, this classroom on wheels has a NO REGISTRATIONS-NO RESERVATIONS open-door policy, and was funded in part from a \$2.2 federal stimulus broadband grant awarded in 2010 to the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library.

The Cybermobile or "computer bus" is equipped with high-speed Internet computers and Wi-Fi; providing Internet access, computer programs, job-searching skills and **FREE** GED classes to seniors, pre-schoolers and those who live in high need neighborhoods.

Classes offered include *Computer Basics*, *Internet 101*, *Microsoft 2010* and *Introduction to E-mail*. All computer stations on board the Cybermobile have larger keyboards for any user who is visually impaired. Seniors are especially welcomed on board and there is always an open lab at the end of each program for one-on-one instruction.

Recently, the Cybermobile hosted the first of several "GED Kick-Offs". Rolling out the red carpet for the residents of the Greenbelt Apartments, both the Cybermobile and Bookmobile treated kids and adults to popcorn, candy, storytime, "Read-off-Your Fines" and much more!

The "GED Kick-offs" inform neighboring communities of the **FREE** online GED instruction offered on board the Cybermobile. The Library partners with Penta County Career Center to provide this service. At the special event, future students can meet the GED teacher, tour the Cybermobile and receive more information regarding resources available to them.

FREE GED classes are offered twice a week: Tuesday afternoons at Hilltop Apartments and Friday afternoons at the Greenbelt Apartment Complex.

In addition to **FREE** GED instruction, the Cybermobile also offers a "One Stop Resume Shop" at Moody and Regina



Manor, as well as various Lucas County Metropolitan Housing Authority communities. The "One Stop Resume Shop" offers one-on-one assistance with creating resumes, cover letters and on-line job searching. Participants leave with 10 **FREE** copies of their resumes.

Recently, the Cybermobile has partnered with the Wayman

Palmer YMCA/JCC of Greater Toledo to provide early digital literacy to pre-schoolers.

For more information, please call the Library's Outreach Services at 419.259.5350. Pat Nigro serves as manager of Outreach Services.



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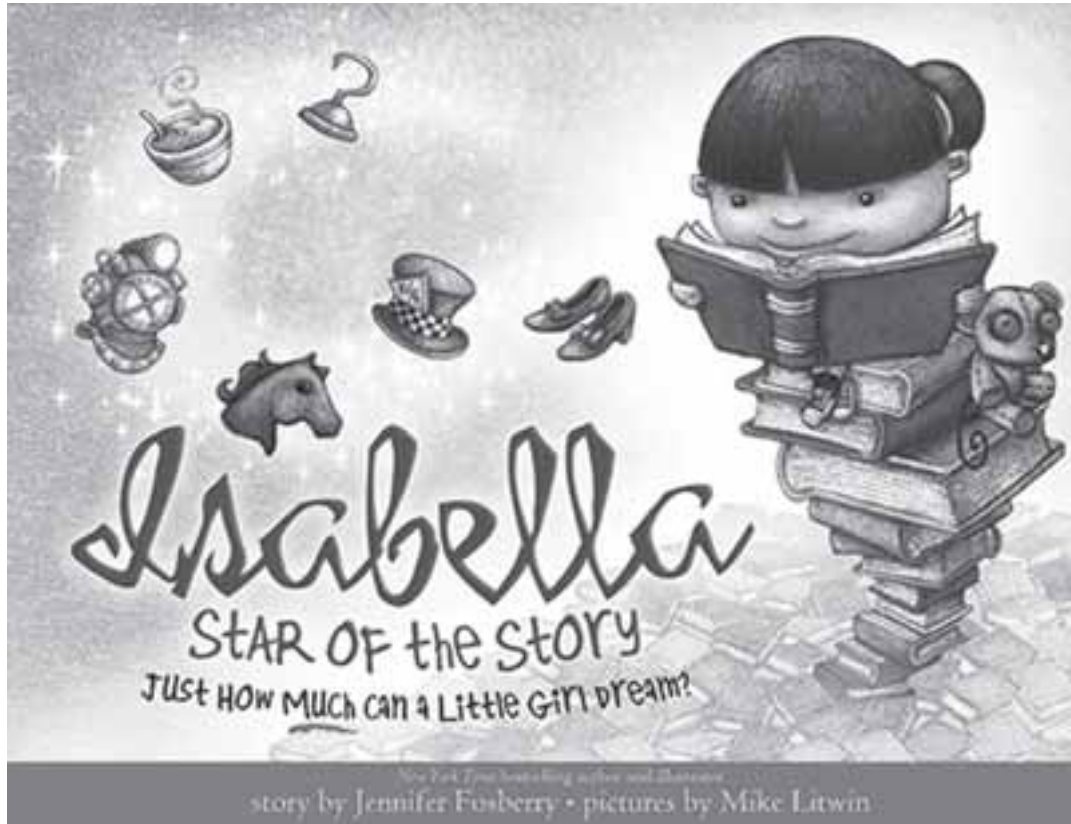
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By Terri Schlichenmeyer
The Truth Contributor



New York Times bestselling author and illustrator
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brary. Or maybe it was Goldilocks, who simply couldn't bear to choose a book that was too long or too short. She wanted one that was juuuuust right.

Black Beauty might have been the one with the library card. She was galloping around the bookshelves in search of a great horse tale for bedtime, finding greener grass in every aisle. Or maybe, just maybe the library was an awesome place for a girl named Alice. It sure was a Wonderland filled with lots of reading possibilities.

When they left that house that day, Isabella's parents took one little girl to the library but they saw many, many different little book lovers. Now it was getting very late, the library was closing, and there was only one name on the library card. So who would be checking books out? And which would she choose for a bedtime story?

As a grown-up, you know that books take you to all kinds of places. Your child learns that, too, each time you read aloud to her. *Isabella: Star of the Story* helps boost her imagination – and yet, I had two separate thoughts ...

Starting with the illustrations by Mike Litwin, there's a lot to like about this book. The jewel-tones that Litwin uses will make kids want to pick it up just to enjoy the richness of each page. That's a winner right there.

As for author Jennifer Fosberry's main character, Isabella is quite likeable. She's sassy and playful and kids will think she's fun. The issue is that the younger side of Isabella's audience – four to seven-year-olds – may not completely understand the literary references in this book. Fosberry's story is delightful, but it may be more aimed at adults.

That notwithstanding (because it's not a huge annoyance), I think if you're working through the classics with your child, this book will be nice to read on the side. For the two of you then, *Isabella: Star of the Story* may be a book to choose.

Every night, just before bedtime, someone who's really special reads to you from a book of your choosing.

One night, you might pick something with princesses and magic. Another night, it might be your favorite tale about talking bears or dancing penguins. And sometimes, you like to hear a story with lots of chapters that needs a few

days to finish.

Your bedtime stories take you on many adventures before they take you to sleep. But what if you could be like the people inside your storybooks? In *Isabella: Star of the Story* by Jennifer Fosberry, pictures by Mike Litwin, that's what happens to another young book lover.

Isabella's parents were taking her to the library.

She was soooo excited, she practically skipped down the sidewalk! Today would be the day when some lucky books were going home with her.

But it wasn't really Isabella who ran up the library steps. It looked like Isabella, but it was really someone else – perhaps Peter Pan, who was planning to fly straight into the Children's Room at the li-

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Movie Review - Iron Man 3

By Michael Hayes
Minister of Culture



Iron Man 3 wins because it feels like the answer to the prayers of a die-hard fan base. We wanted more action sequences, we got it. We wanted a deeper onscreen romance between Tony and Pepper, we got it. We wanted a villain who had more than just being a 'Stark Hater' as his motivation, someone who could really push Ironman to deliver some legendary ass kicking, we got it! I can't even front. During the first 30 minutes of Iron Man 3, when everything comes crashing down... it felt like one of the saddest experiences I've ever had in a movie theater. Watching Tony Stark's Malibu residence reduced to rubble pulls at the heart strings. I felt like I was watching the Titanic sinking, Mufasa getting trampled and Rocky losing all at the same time! What comes in the next hour

or so mostly makes up for it. We get to see Tony Stark as the hero without being "the man in the can." It's not about the suit this time. This is Tony throwing a few punches, handling firearms and outsmarting his enemies entirely with his own flesh, bone and brains. Remember him in the cave in Iron Man (the original)? He was gutsy and brilliant knowing he had to protect himself and the man who saved his life. It was that drive that led him to create the first Iron Man suit. Here we see him tested once again, but not to create an even better Iron Man suit. Being riddled with anxiety, sleepless nights and nagging O.C.D. issues... he already has an Iron Man suit better than the last one. Iron Man 3 is about the merging of the man and the legend. The armor is now automated to respond to Tony. He's starting to operate more like hardware and software and so is his hardware and software. But just as the machine is becoming more lifelike, the man is becoming the true super hero. He outwardly questions whether he is truly on the same level of his Avengers teammates or not since none of them need something beyond themselves to make them who they are. This is the first action

movie franchise where we truly get to see a character deal with issues that carry over from film to film. Not like Wolverine being drawn to Jean Grey in the first three X Men, that was somewhat anti-climatic and it not entirely easy to buy into. Tony Stark having some issues due to what happened in The Avengers however, yeah... I'll buy that. Tony Stark dealing with many of as arrogant tendencies coming back to bite him years later, yeah... I'll buy that too. Iron Man 3 is an evolution of character but also of the franchise itself. The story telling and plot development is better than its predecessors. The action is better, both human and super-human/super-hero action is far better than the original and the sequel. There's one moment when Rhodes seems faced with the reality that the government he has sworn to protect is actually quite corrupt. It's priceless! I'm not a comic book nerd. I am aware of the Marvel comics characters mostly from cartoons in the 80s and 90s. So when the major movie releases comes out, I'm able to judge the films mostly on their own merit without comparing them to their origins. These motion pictures are often all hype.

Some franchises hit (X Men), some miss (Fantastic Four). But beyond box office numbers, if a modern movie about a super-hero can offer the proper doses of action, humor and intellect then it should be considered a success. If it can accomplish all that without alienating die hard

fans and simultaneously attracting new ones, then it should be considered a phenomenal success. Iron Man 3 manages to win on all those levels plus a few more. It's odd, but I'm willing to say that I think fans of this franchise really buy into Robert Downey, Jr as Tony Stark/Iron Man on an emotional

level. Something about his narcissism fits with our modern times. Something about his flaws and brilliance seems familiar to us. He's shallow and rude, but he has good reasons to be so. His obsessive nature and upbringing have left him with only a handful of people he cares about and, in one way or another, they all basically work for him. He started dying the moment Iron Man was created, so he lives for the moment. A reckless persona put on hold to protect others. An ego-maniac who's as open about his weaknesses as he is brash about his triumphs. When you put such a magnetic character in storyline that connects to people on multiple levels as well, it's a win/win. Just take the terrorist element alone. Iron Man 3 alludes to false flag terror operations and political fear mongering. That alone should make you adore this film! They just gave you the real world villain scheme instead of the tired rhetoric we get in typical action movies (and news cycles). The true grade for Iron Man 3 is A. Go see it TWICE and buy it when it comes out on DVD.



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ENGINEER

The City of Toledo is currently seeking experienced Engineers for employment in the Department of Public Utilities, Division of Engineering Services. We are seeking to fill multiple vacancies in the following areas: Roadway Engineering (Planning & Design), Construction Management, Water Utility Engineering and Storm Water Utility Engineering. This work will involve performance of work of considerable difficulty involving the design, project management and inspection of facilities such as streets, water lines, storm and sanitary sewers and storm drains. Requirements include graduation from an accredited college or university with a Bachelor's Degree in Engineering as well as possession of a valid State of Ohio driver's license. Most positions require registration in the State of Ohio as a Professional Engineer. Pay range: \$53,800 to \$68,900 depending upon experience and license requirements.

An application may be obtained at the Department of Human Resources, One Government Center, Suite 1920, Toledo, OH 43604 or on the City's webpage at: [http://www.ci.toledo.oh.us/Departments/HumanResources/Employment Opportunities/](http://www.ci.toledo.oh.us/Departments/HumanResources/Employment%20Opportunities/)

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SENIOR ENGINEERING AIDE

The City of Toledo is currently seeking a Senior Engineering Aide with experience in construction survey and operation of survey instruments for employment in the Department of Public Utilities Engineering Services. Requirements include graduation from high school or General Educational Development (G.E.D.) tests equivalency and three (3) years of experience on a survey crew as an instrument operator.

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Master's Degree in Management, Non Profit Administration, Social Work, Public Administration; Law Degree; or related field required. Four to ten years related executive management experience administering multi-faceted social services programs required. Knowledge of Community Action Partnership (CAP) preferred.

Qualified candidates should submit resume and letter of interest to: Gans, Gans & Associates, 7445 Quail Meadow Road, Plant City, FL 33565, E-mail: ray@gansgans.com

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Legislative Aide

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Breakfast for M'Lady: Delta Sigma Theta's 35th Annual Scholarship Breakfast

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"It's all about motherhood, scholarship and fashion," exclaimed Cynthia Dye, mistress of ceremonies for the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc's 35th annual Breakfast for M'Lady - Scholarship Breakfast.

The annual event, which brings together Delta members and guests - nearly 500

in attendance this past Saturday, May 4 at The Pinnacle - to honor a mother of the year and to provide scholarship assistance to three young women headed to college in the fall, also brings to town the Vogue-Esquire Models of Chicago for a fashion show.

This year's Mother of the



Breakfast For M'Lady Committee



Cosandrice Garrett, Makaila Marshall, Erin Harris

Year honoree, always a surprise to the person selected, was Toledo City Council President Paula Hicks-Hudson.

Hicks-Hudson, a graduate of Spellman College with a law degree from the University of Iowa, is the mother of two adult daughters, Hope and Free Star, and the grand-

mother of seven.

Hicks-Hudson began her legal career in Toledo in 1982 and has served on a variety of boards and volunteer organizations.

She was elected president of City Council this year by her fellow council members.

After the presentation of the Mother of the Year award, scholarships were presented

to three students:

Makaila Marshall of Sylvania Southview High School; Cosandrice Garrett of Bowsher High School and Erin Harris of Notre Dame Academy.

Marshall has been on the honor roll at Southview for every semester of her attendance there and has been a member of the varsity bas-

ketball team, the National Honor Society, class secretary, among other activities. Her community service has included Peer and Special Needs Tutor, serving meals at the Soup Kitchen and at Cherry Street Mission, organizing a school blood drive, serving as a peer model for special needs students and

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Scholarship recipients



Breakfast Committee with Mother of the Year

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