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# Dirt or Cake: The Politics of Food

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



*"Hungry men have no respect for law, authority, or human life"*

— Marcus Garvey

The Republican members in the U.S. House of Representatives recently passed a measure that cuts approximately \$40 billion from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). This legislation would cut food stamp assistance for over four million of the nation's most vulnerable — the poor, unemployed or elderly people — over the next 10 years.

Though the politics of making it hard for people who are already having it hard, is perplexing, U.S. Representative Marcy Kaptur, in a challenge to House Majority Leader Eric Cantor, exposed the legislation for what it really is:

"Mr. Speaker, the majority leader and the Tea Party Caucus have been railing against providing sufficient SNAP funding that provides food to the hungry. This is certainly not something to be proud of. I have never understood making scapegoats out of the most vulnerable Americans."

The majority has been holding up passing bills to keep our country afloat in 2014 because they want to demonize ordinary Americans who are struggling to make ends meet. The Republican majority seems to enjoy the company of the very wealthy who are eating cake, while casting aside those who have really been scraping by economically. Some have lost their jobs due to outsourcing overseas, their homes to Wall Street greed, and far too many can barely maintain a foothold in the middle class.

.... I urge my colleagues to vote

"no" on the majority leader's harsh let-them-eat-dirt proposal. He lives in an insulated economy. Ohio does not. We want responsible government that values every citizen. Let no one in America go hungry."

Like Representative Kaptur, I don't get it.

There used to be an unspoken agreement that congressional members who represented urban constituencies would support the farm program and those members with farm constituencies would reciprocate and support the food stamp program so that everyone would come out ahead. It only makes economic sense. People who couldn't afford to buy food were now able and farmers supported the policy because they could sell more product.

Somehow, however, Republicans began demonizing those receiving food stamps while strongly advocating subsidies for big agriculture. Despite the obvious mutual economic benefits, conservatives continued to support corporate welfare but didn't want low-to-moderate income people to have the ability to feed themselves or their children. It just doesn't make sense.

What's going on here?

It is clear that this heartless legislation is NOT about the rampant fraud, government inefficiencies and other exaggerated claims made by political conservatives. These myths have been debunked many times over. In fact, SNAP is praised by the Government Accounting Office (GAO) as a model of government efficiency, is

experiencing all-time lows in fraud, increased oversight and stringent use and eligibility requirements. Nearly one in six people faces food insecurity, and they live in every county in the nation. In addition, 76 percent of SNAP households include a child, an elderly person or a disabled person.

Rather, the bill, more than anything else, is about politicians who are isolated or disconnected from the lives of ordinary people but who are making decisions that affect their everyday lives. Congressional representatives, then, are responding to lobbyists and are not sensitive to how hard it is for people to get by in these tough economic times.

The view from ground-zero at the intersection of Poverty and Pain, however, is that people are trying to "make a dollar out of fifteen cents." Food is expensive! And, rather than trying to game the system or rip anybody off, poor and moderate income people are careful about what they buy, trying to find bargains and put as much food in their grocery carts as their limited incomes will allow.

One thing is clear, survival keeps

getting harder and harder. The harder it gets the more some members of Congress seem to attempt to push people's already desperate backs against the wall.

The implications?

"These policies will stretch the social fabric in dangerous ways," says Kaptur spokesman Steve Fought. "People have to eat," he emphasizes.

I agree. What will people do if they cannot buy food?

It is certain, that we cannot hope to have stability in society while continuing to deny people their basic needs. Rather, we should be talking about how we can move people at the bottom of the economic ladder into the middle, and about ways in which we can preserve the middle class.

Sadly, the conservative agenda has instead been, to scapegoat those at the bottom and push the backs of the "least of these," those already between a rock and a hard place, further against the wall.

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## Community Calendar

### September 28

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention 6th Annual Toledo Walk: 9:30 am registration; Walk at 11 am; Centennial Terrace; [www.outofthedarkness.org](http://www.outofthedarkness.org) — 419-277-1946

Altar of God New Beginning: Soul Winning; 5 pm Speaker Elder Michael Holloway Sr: 419-8709912 or 419-259-2853

### September 29

Spring Street MBC 80th Church Anniversary: Worship Service at 4 pm; speaker Rev. Clayborn Arnett of Greater Harvest Baptist: 419-726-3263

Warren AME 5th Annual Unity Day: 10:50 am; "Unity by God's Design;" Speaker Rev. Tamara Scott co-pastor of Galilee Baptist of Kalamazoo: 419-243-2237

Center of Hope Baptist Church 16th Pastoral Anniversary: For Pastor and First Lady D. L. Perryman; 11:30 am; Guest speaker Derek Arnold of Bethlehem MBC

### October 5

United Community Church October Festival and Community Day: Food and fun: 419-754-3185 or 567-868-2288

### October 20

Toledo Walk to End Alzheimer's: Lucas County rec. Center; 12:30 Registration, 2:30 walk: 800-272-3900 and [www.alz.org/walk](http://www.alz.org/walk)

# H.B. 203 "Stand Your Ground"

Democratic Representative Michael Ashford is holding a "Stand Your Ground" town hall meeting Saturday, September 28, 2013 in the City of Toledo, at Mount Zion Church 701 Vance St. The rally is an opportunity for Representative Ashford to reach out the community of Northwest Ohio to discuss the controversial legislation of House Bill 203.

Introduced by Representative Terry Johnson (R), House Bill 203's main objective is to constrict all firearm laws within Ohio by placing more restrictions on the majority of what the current law states. Some of the new features of the law include: moving Ohio to an automatic reciprocity system which enables Ohio to approve out-of-state issued Concealed Handgun Licenses from those who are mentally unstable. It also eliminates the 12-hour minimum competency training requirement, and

more importantly allows the public to defend

According to Ashford, House Bill 203 will do nothing but create insecurity and vulnerability to the Toledo area. "In order to retain confidence throughout Northwest Ohio we need to put trust in the Castle Doctrine signed into law by former Governor Ted Strickland" said Ashford.

This is a self-defense law that states that any Ohioan is able to use force against those who have illegally entered their homes or vehicles that pose a threat without the duty to retreat. By expanding the Castle Doctrine, this will allow citizens to essentially shoot on sight if felt threatened. Although this expansion looks new to Ohioans, it is no stranger to those involved in the Trayvon Martin case that lead to the acquittal of George Zimmerman.

When asked about his feelings toward the intro-

duction of this controversial legislation Ashford stated "If House Bill 203 passes it will bring a blanket of insecurity on the state of Ohio and open a whole new era of self defense."

Representative Ashford urges you to attend his rally to oppose "Stand Your Ground" on September 28 at Mount Zion Church promptly at noon. Along with the rally there will an opportunity for attendees to sign a petition in opposition of the proposed HB 203. Signing the petition will also offer younger Toledoans the chance to register to vote for future elections.

Standing in unison with Ashford in the fight against House Bill 203 are guest speakers, Councilmen Michael Craig and Lindsay Webb. This community meeting is an opportunity to gain a better understanding of the potential dangers House Bill 203 holds.

A Conversation with Toledo Public Schools Superintendent Romules Durant, Ed.D

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## Padua Center's "Peaces" of Art Celebration

The Padua Center announces that Romulus Durant, Ed.D, interim superintendent of Toledo Public Schools will be the keynote presenter at the "Peaces" of Art celebration on Oct. 13, 2013 at the Sullivan Center of Gesu Parish. The Padua Center works with Toledo Pubic Schools and is pleased to announce our partnerships. The silent auction, banquet and live art auction will be from 5:00-8:00 p.m.

In addition, Lynne Hamer, Ph.D., of The University of Toledo, will be honored with a special award for her contributions serving on the Board of The Padua Center for five years, for being a co-founder of The Padua Alliance, for initiating the HEAT program (UT at TPS), and for directing hundreds of volunteers and UT students to

our doors. We still have tickets available at \$35.00 each. For more information go to our Website: [www.paduacenter.org](http://www.paduacenter.org)

## TOLEDO NAACP GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOTICE

The Toledo NAACP Branch will have their General Membership Meeting Tuesday, October 8th, 2013, 7 pm at United Vision Baptist Church, located at 821 E. Manhattan. If you would like to become a member of the branch please send your check or money order payable to the Toledo NAACP, P.O.

Box 9388, Toledo, Ohio 43697.

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## Bowling Has its Place in Black History In Toledo, Ohio

By George W. Hayes, Jr. Toledo Bowling Senate Junior Coordinator  
Special to The Truth

There was a time in Toledo and across the United States that black bowlers were not allowed in many of the white-owned bowling alleys. The ABC and WIBC, (the American Bowling Congress and the Women's International Bowling Congress) had non-Caucasian clauses in their constitutions. These were not taken out until around 1950.

In 1939 the National Bowling Association, Inc. was formed in Detroit, Michigan for the express purpose of encouraging blacks to develop their skills in the game of 10 pins. Toledo was one of the founding five cities to start this great organization. Chicago, Cleveland, Cincinnati and Detroit were the other four cities and now we have 117 senates nationwide.

It was originally known as the National Negro Bowling Association at the time of its birth. Since the membership included a large number of Asians, Hispanics, Native Americans and people of color other than blacks, in 1944, the organization was renamed "the National Bowling Association, Inc." We actively participated in the fight for equality in bowling. Membership is open to all without regard to race, creed

or color although 80 percent of our membership is black.

We have no racial restrictions whatsoever as to membership or participation. Our motto is "promoter of sportsmanship, fellowship and friendship".

Now let's get back to Toledo. We have adult TNBA leagues in Toledo but only one youth league, named the Toledo Bowling Senate Juniors, started in 1953 and still going strong. Interstate Lanes is our home thanks to Ms. Sue, Ms. Barb, Mr. Chet, Mr. Earl, Mr. Greg and the rest of the crew, we love ya, thank you all.

The Toledo Bowling Senate is the local chapter on the National Bowling Association, Inc. (TNBA)

This junior league has a lot of history as you can see. Many of our bowlers get better and go on to the high school league and the traveling league but when we get some of them it is their first time bowling and we make sure they have a great time.

Ages four-16, we have had as many as 100 kids and as few as nine which was 2011-2012 season. They were called the mighty nine.

This past year we had 26 kids and this season we hope to have more at the Interstate Lanes just seven minutes from Collingwood and Nebraska of i-75 buck road exit. We will start off every other Saturday until November and then every Saturday after that because some of the kids are involved in other sports and activities, and it gives more time to the parents and grandparents to really know if this is for their child.

We struggle to raise money every year but God has blessed us to keep on keeping on. There is a cost involved every week for the kids to participate. The kids go to tournaments and we are trying to do more things outside of bowling.

Next year we have to raise \$3,000.00 for a bus to go to our biggest tournament of the year. The TNBA central regional junior tournament held somewhere in our 8 state region. The Toledo Bowling Senate hosted this tournament five years ago at Interstate and Southwyck Lanes with about 1,300 kids from around the region. Our region includes Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin. This year we will be in Cleveland.

We have a great group of kids, parents, grandparents and guardians and coaches. This is the only league of its kind in Toledo and this is a product of civil rights. Believe it or not but look at the history.

Many things have happened over the years for our group of bowlers and many others across the nation to enjoy this game. For instance back in Orangeburg, South Carolina, All Star Bowling Lane played a pivotal role in the February 8, 1968, "Orangeburg Massacre" on the campus of South Carolina State College. That night after the previous two with problems, a group of black students from nearby South Carolina State and Claflin colleges came to the bowling alley and refused to leave.

About 300 students refused to leave and were met by about 100 local, state and county law enforcement officers. As the students began to move forward, the officers beat them with batons. As the student demonstrators worked their way back to the colleges, they broke car windows and store windows and governor Robert E. McNair mobilized the National Guard

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## Tony Scott and The Church on Strayer Address Racism

By Fletcher Word  
Sojourner's Truth Editor

"We want the conversation about race to come to where it should be—in the church," says Tony Scott, pastor of The Church on Strayer. "We should never stop replacing racism with 'gracism' and bringing people together."

The Church on Strayer, which has been "multicultural by design" for these past 35 years, says its pastor, will soon be putting its precepts into action, following the example set by Stephen Strang of Lake Mary, Florida and publisher of Charisma Magazine. Strang, in the wake of the Trayvon Martin death, has urged pastors to hold reconciliation rallies around the nation.

"We want to gather pastors around that idea," says Scott. "To do something to take the conversation into action. We want to do whatever we need to do to let the northwest Ohio region see that we are serious about this issue."

The first such reconciliation rally was held in Detroit recently. Scott plans to hold one in Toledo in mid-October—

the second of what he anticipates will be 100 rallies in 100 cities around the nation.

"Racism" is a belief that race is the primary determinant of human traits and capacities and that racial differences produce an inherent superiority of a particular race," Scott has said from the pulpit of The Church on Strayer.

To counter what he calls the most problematic issue in the world today, Scott wants the issue to be addressed first and foremost in church.

"God did everything to make us one," says Scott. "All from one, and we continually divide ourselves by groups. God never sees us as a 'race' of people.

"We must come back and say that there is only one human race—race is not a skin issue, it's a 'sin' issue," he adds.

Scott maintains that as race has developed into a major complication over the past few centuries nothing has

worked thus far to solve the problem. "Men can't fix this," he says. "The government can't fix this, money can't fix this—only God, His Word, can fix this. You can't have a discussion about this without mentioning God. His message has always been reconciliation."

Therefore, back to the pulpit for Scott and the issue of racism and a series of messages for those in attendance such as: "Prejudice is a preconceived opinion that is not based on reason, experience or fact."

The racial reconciliation rally is sponsored in part by Charisma Magazine and organized by a national steering committee of which Scott is a member.



Tony Scott

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unit. The result, three black students dead and 27 injured, just trying to bowl. Wow!!!

Well as we all know these are better times and this junior league is very important to keep going because of all the history involved.

Toledo used to have a black-owned bowling alley called the Belmont Enterprise and a national junior bowling TNBA championship team. Thank you, Mr. Randall and Mr. Cunningham for that information. More on that story and others at a later time.

One year I hope that we can get enough money or sponsors to have a league where all can bowl free and don't have to pay for shirts and get money in a scholarship fund. Well I can dream and some dreams do come true.

I have been the Toledo Bowling Senate Junior coordinator for about 10 years but I've been working around these kids for the past 31 and it's been a blessing.

I don't do this alone. Bessie Mack is the Toledo Bowling Senate president and scholarship chairman who makes sure some of these kids get some scholarship money every year. What a great person!

Anna Lowrey and Shereese Williamson, assistant junior

coordinators, let me believe that I'm in charge and keep me in line. Melvin Hayes, the national TNBA king from last season who supports the juniors without hesitation and April Echols help me out with the kids also.

Many others like the Glass City Travelers Bowling Club, the Belmont Sportsman Bowling Club, the Chosen Few Bowling Club, Cecillia Wallace, Christine Smallman, Jeff Jansen, Ernie Pierce and Tom Leiwert at The University of Toledo, just to name a few. Thank you all with all my heart.

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# Democratic Legislators Hold Hearing on Recently Passed Women's Health Laws

*Witnesses discuss harmful provisions of Kasich budget, soon to take effect*

Special to The Truth

Last week, Ohio House Democrats held a hearing to discuss provisions in Gov. John Kasich's budget that attack women's health care. The harmful provisions, many of which were passed at the 11th hour without public input, will take effect on September 30. The hearing gave experts the opportunity they never had to weigh-in on what these laws will mean for Ohio women.

"The attacks on women's health care are relentless across the US and Ohio is no exception. Republi-



Rep. Sandra Williams  
(D-Cleveland)

cans have chosen to defund Planned Parenthood without considering the effects it will have on communities like mine," said Rep. Sandra Williams (D-Cleveland). "Planned Parenthood is a safety net provider to thousands of women across Ohio who don't have insurance—many of whom are minorities, students, older women and immigrants. Without state funding, we can expect fewer staff and services provided."

"For many women in Cleveland, Planned Parenthood is the only

women's health center accessible by public transportation, as several offices continue to relocate to the suburbs. Once again, the historically disenfranchised populations of Ohio will be disproportionately affected by the GOP's war on women," added Rep. Williams.

Legislators were joined by doctors, legal experts, women's health advocates and Ohio women to discuss the recently passed women's health laws in Gov. Kasich's budget. This hearing gave legislators and the public the chance to discuss the likely implications of the bill, which include some of the most aggressive attacks on women's health care in the nation.

"We are appalled at the actions of members of the General Assembly who ignored the greater good to satisfy an ideological agenda detrimental to the needs of Ohioans, and especially to women," said Karen Rainey of the American Association

of University Women. "Too many of our representatives disregarded the testimony of women who came before them to express their needs as they also ignored the testimony of the providers who served them."

Provisions in Kasich's budget include defunding Planned Parenthood; instituting a gag rule for rape counselors from discussing all available health options following sexual assault; requiring women to undergo and pay for unnecessary medical procedures including invasive internal ultrasounds; and the targeting of women's clinics around the state for closure.

Many of the budget provisions affecting women's health care were inserted during House & Senate Conference Committee hearings, just days before Kasich signed the bill into law on June 30. By law, these provisions will be effective on the 91st day following Governor's signature, on September 30.

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## Coalition of African American Pastors Unites with DC Leaders to Tackle Issues in Black Community

### October Conference Will Address Family and Economic Themes

The Coalition of African American Pastors (CAAP) will meet this October for the **8th Annual Leadership Conference**, in conjunction with the Frederick Douglass Foundation and The Heritage Foundation. The conference will take place between October 9 and 11 at the headquarters of The Heritage Foundation in Washington, DC. Invited speakers include Senator Rand Paul, Senator Ted Cruz, Former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee, Bishop George McKinney, and Bishop Felton Smith, among others.

"We at CAAP have the courage and the boldness to challenge the political leadership that cares only about elections and not people," says **Reverend Bill Owens, President of the Coalition of African American Pastors.** "The 8th Annual Leadership Conference will serve as a forum for those willing to stand up and speak out for many in the disenfranchised black communities of America. With the help of strong Christian leader-

ship, these are goals that CAAP is certain can be achieved."

The theme of the conference is *Rebuilding our Families and Reclaiming the Peace and Prosperity of our Cities*. The conference will attempt to solve some of the most troubling issues facing the African American community today. These topics include: The Black Family, Economics and Entrepreneurship, School Choice and Christian Education, as well as Justice and prison reform.

This conference will go beyond simple partisan politics," said Rev. Owens. "We are relying upon those who possess enough courage to provide a better America for the next generation."

*The Coalition of African-American Pastors is a grass-roots movement of African-American Christians who believe in traditional family values such as supporting the role of religion in American public life, protecting the lives of the unborn and defending the sacred institution of marriage.*

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# Platinum Producer Comes Home Part 2: Never Stop Dreaming

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and videos followed by a question and answer session. Guests listened intently as "Mally the Martian" shared his experiences of being on the road to where he is now, offering insight and advice to those still working to make their dreams a reality.

When asked the question "From one artist to another, what would you say is more important, talent or hard work?" His response, "Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work." As a producer for national hip-hop artist Fabolous and nearing the release his own album Mall Street what's coming next is being hailed as the biggest event of the year.

Mally the Martian's album release party hosted by Fabolous and celebrity friends will be held October 18. Save the date Toledo! Full details coming soon.



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# A Night to Remember

By Carla Yvette - Soulcial Scene Editor

Lisa A. Hightower a.k.a. Thee' Oracle, presented by Royal 3 Entertainment truly made it "A Night to Remember" September 21 at Club Evolution. As described by Toledo Jazz legend Ramona Collins, who also performed that evening: "She strikes a presence

when she walks into a room. She believes that music is medicine for the soul and she knows how to feed you."

"Thee Oracle" translated as "Voice of the Divine" or "Divine Voice" is representative of the experience Hightower leaves audience members with. Singing "throw-back" tunes accompanied by the Jamm Band and with the Frontline Singers providing back-up vocals, crowd interactions was high as they expressed their approval of Hightower's unique renditions of "old school" tunes with singing, dancing, bopping and waving. The audience was also treated to a special acoustical selection performed with Mark Mikel who accompanied Hightower on guitar.

"This evening was about creating something to give back to the place that I've lived" said Hightower, "I wanted to do something to not only showcase my talent but my business partner and I wanted to create a 'night to remember,'" she said. "The word 'remember' is separate and means to re-member or re-gather people to a place of oneness and unity and the best way to do that is through music."



Lisa A. Hightower accompanied by Mark Mikel



Thee Oracle, Lisa A. Hightower



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## Contemporary Works by Cutting-Edge Global Artists Purchased for Toledo Museum of Art by Apollo Society Members

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The Toledo Museum of Art has added five new works by leading-edge international artists to its collection, two of which are sculptures by El Anatsui and Yinka Shonibare.

Three of the works were purchased for TMA by The Apollo Society, a group of donors that generously supports the Museum through art acquisition. Objects are purchased annually using the group's pooled funds

*Homeless Child 2*, a life-sized mannequin by Shonibare, a British-Nigerian artist, reflects upon helplessness and poverty by depicting a child struggling to balance suitcases on its weakened back. This is the Museum's second acquisition of work by the artist, whose work can be found in many museum collections, including the Museum of Modern Art and the Smithsonian Institution.

A second life-sized mannequin, by South African artist Mary Sibande, lavishly clad in a khaki-colored dress, *Rubber Soul, Monument of Aspiration* critiques traditional black and female roles through the depiction of Sibande's alter-ego, the domestic maid Sophie. TMA is one of only three museums in the United States to own one of her works.

The video *Wall of Sea* by highly-regarded Japanese painter and film artist Takashi Ishida alternates between images of the ocean and Ishida's own ocean drawing, painstakingly pulling changes the artist made over time into a seamless narrative. Ishida's films have been shown in several international film festivals.

Two additional objects, *When I Last Wrote to You about Africa* by El Anatsui and *Made in Porto-Novo* by Romuald Hazoumè, were purchased and donated to the Museum by Apollo Society members Scott and Margy Trumbull and Dorothy Price, respectively.

El Anatsui has been hailed as one of the most significant contemporary African artists. His recent retrospective *When I Last Wrote to You about Africa* took its name from the wooden, scroll-like wall hanging. The Ghanaian artist, working in Nigeria, is well-known for his bottle cap curtains and had an installation on view earlier this year at the University of Michigan Art Museum and at the Brooklyn Museum.



*When I Last Wrote to You about Africa* by El Anatsui



*Rubber Soul, Monument of Aspiration* by Mary Sibande

into the collection by artists from areas of the world where the Museum had previously done little collecting," said Amy Gilman, associate director of the Museum and curator of modern and contemporary art. "I'm delighted The Apollo Society responded so positively to all the works presented this year."

The 57-member Apollo Society was founded 27 years ago and currently has the largest membership in its history. Those interested in learning how to join should contact Kathy Miller at [kmiller@toledomuseum.org](mailto:kmiller@toledomuseum.org) or Larry Nichols at [lnichols@toledomuseum.org](mailto:lnichols@toledomuseum.org).



*Made in Porto-Novo* by Romuald Hazoumè



*Homeless Child 2*, a life-sized mannequin by Yinka Shonibare



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## Young Men and Women for Change Celebrate Their New Location

By Carla Yvette - Soulcial Scene Editor

Shawn Mahone, Sr. had plenty to smile about September 14 as Young Men and Women for Change (YMWC) celebrated the grand opening of their new facility located at 5425 Southwyck Blvd.

In existence for seven and a half years, YMWC has faced its share of challenges over the years securing locations to house their program. Mahone, desiring his own facility, chose earlier this year to forgo the opportunity to buy the car of his dreams and instead, invest the money into obtaining a new facility.

"I chose to turn down purchasing a Mercedes Benz and decided to put the money into this facility so our youth can have a place to come to," said Mahone.

Young Men and Women for Change is a behavior modification boot camp program designed to help youth, male and female ages five-17 who are making unhealthy choices in life as well as youth who have been diagnosed with ADHD, ADD and ODD. As described by Mahone, YMWC is a program that takes youth and breaks them down in order to build them back up. What does he mean by "break them down?"

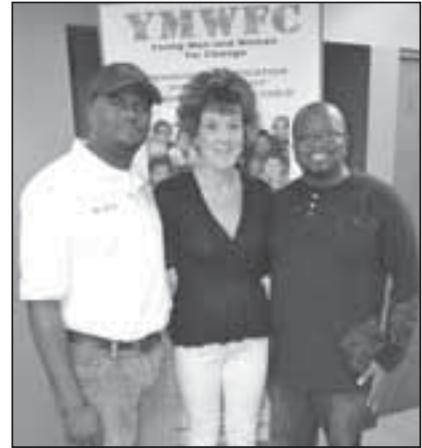
"It means stripping them from everything that's negative and then begin to build them back up by putting positive reinforcements into their life by helping them become productive leaders for tomorrow's future," he said. "We are one of the fastest growing youth organi-

zations in the state of Ohio."

Additionally, they have a program that runs twice a month called Dose of Reality Scared Straight. "This is where kids come to us at 8 o'clock at night, and are with us until 7 o'clock in the morning," said Mahone. "Dose of Reality is not taking the kids to the jail or the prison, we bring that reality to them in our facility."

According to Mahone, YMWC, Dose of Reality has been in existence for three years and so far has seen 684 youth come through, of those only 27 have returned and 644 have given their life to Christ. "So outside of being an organization said Mahone, we are a ministry as well." He added, "We have parents that bring their children from all over the state of Ohio, Michigan, Indiana and parts of Kentucky just for that one night of Dose of Reality."

The grand opening is exciting not only because they have a new home, but according to Mahone, they can now affectively make a change in the community, schools, homes and churches. It is his goal and desire to help youth understand that three things are going to happen to them if they don't turn their lives around. "They're going to face the prison yard, the grave yard or they will end up homeless," said Mahone. "My goal is to help these youth and catch them before they get caught up in the system and help them understand how



Founder Shawn Mahone, Asst Dir. Terri Brown, School Bd. Candidate Rev. Randall Parker

to make some healthy choices in life."

Currently partnering with TPS, Mahone said his hope is to present to the Board and TPS as a whole, alternatives to suspending these youth and just sending them home. Run by volunteers, Mahone said his ultimate goal is to secure funding so that they're able to employ people. "All of the volunteers receive training but the primary qualification is that you have a purpose and a passion to make a change."

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# The Norman and Louise Jones Foundation Third Annual Golf Tournament

*Sojourner's Truth Staff*

The Norman and Louise Jones Foundation's Third Annual Golf Tournament was held this past weekend at the Brandywine Country Club. The



tournament is the primary fundraising event for the Foundation's Scholarship Fund.

The Norman and Louise Jones Foundation was established in 2009 to give back to the community through charitable donations, educational and enrichment programs and volunteerism. The Foundation was formed by the children of the couple and the organization's activities include an annual school supply drive which provides school-age children with book bags and other supplies and a summer enrichment camp to assist children in maintaining mental focus and sharpen communication skills.

The Foundation is in the process of bringing forth a number of programs designed to further educational opportunities for youth such as:

- The Career Learning Center – for ages six to 25 to enhance recreational activities;
- Hire Attire – for youth aged 16 to 25 to learn proper job interviewing techniques and work attire;

- Solar Power – youth presenters with creative ideas to harness solar power;
- Cooking for a Cause – healthy cooking and eating;
- Dollars and "Sense" – financial literacy workshops;
- Teen Justice – legal and courtroom proceedings;
- The Doctor Is In – health care careers explored.

Sarah and John Bates (Sarah is one of the Jones' children) served as co-chairmen of the Golf Classic on behalf of their respective companies – Nu Tek Steel and Heidtman Steel.



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# Keeping It Civil by Margaret Klaw

By Terri Schlichenmeyer  
The Truth Contributor

You went to work today, and nothing happened.

Oh, there were the usual things: papers to sign, calls to make, clients to soothe. Your job didn't entail someone losing their home. Nobody relinquished their children. Retirement accounts kept intact, belongings weren't divvied up, and check-books weren't decimated. Nobody lost their life at your job today.

But Margaret Klaw sees those things – and more. She's a family lawyer, and in her new book *Keeping It Civil*, she writes about her most memorable court cases.

At the beginning of her college years, Margaret Klaw wanted a career as a professional musician.

That didn't work out very well, though. It wasn't



long before she realized that violin practice didn't necessarily make perfect – and besides, the language, ideas, and the preciseness of law intrigued her more than did clefs and notes.

There was never any question about the kind of law she wanted to practice. Klaw was fierce about the rights of women in court and in family matters because she saw how divorce ruined lives and custody battles ripped families apart.

"Lawyers either love or hate family law," she says. She's in the former camp – has been, for more than twenty years - but the job, admittedly, has its ups and downs.

Klaw says that the courtroom is basically a "theater," complete with costumes and special rituals performed at every trial. Though most people wouldn't think it possible, lawyers are usually friends with opposing counsel – they have, after all, probably worked together before. There's a lot of strategizing, prediction, psychology, and surprises involved when one is a lawyer, and that's fascinating.

On the flip side, lawyers need to "find the right balance" between identifying with clients and internalizing their problems. Lawyers need discretion and the ability to walk a fine line between what's allowed and

what they think is best. They know that law is "a public acknowledgement that not all playing fields are level," and they try to fix that inequality. They need listening skills, "a degree of dispassion," and the understanding that "there's no guarantee of happily ever after."

And they need to know that the "unimaginable can and does happen."

What doesn't happen very often is that I read a book straight through, but that's what I did with *Keeping It Civil*. I just couldn't stop myself.

That's because author and Pennsylvania "Super Lawyer" Margaret Klaw shares her cases with excitement, energy, and compassion here. Among other tales, we're treated to an account of a real-life case involving a he-said, she-said situation and two small children, as well as bits of other conflicts, judgments, legal wrangling, and personal anecdotes. That makes this an easy book to jump into, one that will hold your interest throughout, and one that's over, sadly, altogether too soon.

Though this book appears to be more consumer-based, I think anyone who is involved in keeping or practicing law will also get a kick out of it. If that's you, then grab it because reading *Keeping It Civil* is what needs to happen.

## 10th Annual Sex Trafficking Conference at UToledo Combats Pervasive Issue

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A decade ago victims of human trafficking in Ohio were treated like criminals and those who forced them into modern day slavery faced less severe criminal charges.

But the efforts of Celia Williamson, University of Toledo professor of social work, and her International Human Trafficking, Prostitution and Sex Work Conference celebrating its 10th anniversary next week changed that.

Ohio passed last year the Safe Harbor Law that increases penalties for adults who profit from human trafficking and treats juveniles forced into prostitution as victims with access to treatment, counseling and other services.

The law was championed by Rep. Teresa Fedor (D, Toledo) who now is advocating for the End Demand Act that would further address trafficking in the state. The proposed law increases penalties for the solicitation of minors.

"It is imperative we build on this momentum in Ohio to continue to make great strides in increasing awareness about trafficking and curbing the practice that continues to victimize far too many young people," said Williamson, who also is the founder of Second Chance,



Celia Williamson

a social service program located in Toledo that provides comprehensive services to victims of domestic sex trafficking and prostitution and a member of the Ohio Attorney General's Human Trafficking Commission.

**The 10th annual International Human Trafficking, Prostitution and Sex Work Conference will take place Thursday and Friday Sept. 26-27 in the Student Union on the UT Main Campus will continue to raise awareness and effect change.**

The event will feature a keynote address at 12:30 p.m. Thursday by survivors and activists Sarita Skagnes and Theresa Flores. Skagnes is the author of the book "Just a Daughter" that shares her story of being exchanged by her parents for a boy because they wanted a son and how she was left behind to work as a maid servant. Flores is the author of "The Slave across the Street" about her experience as a sex trafficking victim when she was a teenager living in suburban Detroit.

The conference will feature more than 45 presenters on topics such as recruitment in jails, how hotels and motels facilitate trafficking, transgender youth in the sex trade and more. International components include examining trafficking concerns in Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Turkey.

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## The End to Domestic Violence Lies in Our Own Maternal Hands

By Morgan Rose  
Special to The Truth

Earlier this summer, I publicly came forward as the third woman sexually assaulted by San Diego Mayor Bob Filner. At the time, he was a United States Congressman, and chairman of the Veteran's Affairs Committee. Mr. Filner and I met in a public place to discuss the memo our new First Lady, Michelle Obama, had requested as to how my national initiative, The America's Angel Campaign, would address the horrifying escalation of violence in our military families.

As a clinician who has worked with abused women and traumatized children, as a patriotic citizen with a vision to inspire a national movement to strengthen the American family, and as a woman in touch with her instinct, how could I know, on that sunny day in San Diego, that I was entering the danger zone?

Twenty-four years earlier, I had my first experience of being restrained and assaulted by a man. In that moment, so many years before, I swore I would do whatever I had to do to empower my life, and the lives of other women, to never be in that position again. And, so I had. Yet, I discovered that even after climbing out of a victimized life, even earning my graduate degree against all odds, even creating programs to empower violated women, a congressman in a public place with the opportunity to involve the White House in breaking the cycle of domestic violence, even then, again, as a woman, I was victimized.

The link between sexual harassment and domestic violence is narcissism, the dominant trait of men who feel entitled to degrade, dehumanize, and violate us. It is this male narcissism that haunts our female intuition and denies us equality to move about our lives without fearing for our survival. This is our common thread as women.

Over the decades, we have marched, rallied, built shelters, established hotlines, and even changed laws in a Herculean effort to stop the violence against us. Yet, the rates still rise as high as the hands that strike us down.

We share this planet with cultures that have no word for violence because they don't know what it is. I have walked in civilized cultures where women have no sense to fear for themselves, where they can walk a street alone at night knowing their gender does

not make them a target. What do these people know that we don't? They know that their families and society can only be as compassionate, happy and peaceful as the children they raise.

Narcissism is normal in newborns. Living in the little world of "I," the baby brain has no way to understand where the milk comes from or who soothes him when he cries. He just knows about "I." What shifts this egocentric stage of "I" to "I and Thou" is the quality of nurturing the baby receives. Research shows that sons are more vulnerable than daughters, including a greater biological desperation for connection with mommy than females have. When a mother meets her son's instinctual need for laughter and lullabies, his brain learns it is safe to trust others. This is how the shift begins. But, if a baby boy doesn't have a "Happy Dance" with mommy, his brain won't budge from his safe little world of "I." In clinical terms, we call this arrested development. In practical terms, we call it narcissism. In my book, I refer to it as mother rage. In personal terms, you may call it predator, stalker, rapist, abuser, liar, or murderer. For me personally, I add politician. Whatever you call it, the common thread is narcissists are still stuck in the "I" of infancy. Our insisting they "Just say NO!" to violence will not change the innate wiring of their brain.

Sisters, we say we want the violation and violence to stop. We rally for our freedom to live without fear. But, until we address the root cause of why little boys become violent men; until we value what peaceful cultures value, the violence against us will continue.

This might come as a terribly inconvenient truth, or the greatest truth to set us free, but since the dawn of time, how we mommy matters. This profound reality puts the power to end our violation in our own hands. Mother Nature gave it to us. If you want to argue with her, be my guest. If you want to create the change, she's your go-to-girl.

We have a long way to go. We can start now.

*Morgan Rose, M.S. earned her master's degree in counseling psychology. Today, she is a respected mental health professional, educator, two-time cancer survivor, Who's Who of American Women recipient, and woman who knows, all too well,*

*what is at stake when a woman sells her soul to claim a faux prince. Rose has been recognized for her advocacy for human rights and social justice, and has presented to state legislatures and guest lectured at universities. In 2001, she was invited by Congresswoman Lynn Woolsey to present in Washington D.C. in the areas of children, family and culture. Since 2001, she has served as Executive Director of The America's Angel*

*Campaign, a national initiative to establish the well-being of America's children as our nation's highest priority. Her new book On Becoming NaughtABimbeax: The Smart Woman's Guide to Finding Her Prince Without Ever Kissing Another Frog reflects her years of post-graduate research into the psychology of relationships and intimacy. For more information, please visit [www.naughtabimbeaux.com](http://www.naughtabimbeaux.com).*

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Applications for the Journeyman Inside Wireman test will be accepted October 7-11, 2013 at the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 8, 807 Lime City Road, Rossford, Ohio between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. The qualifications to be eligible for this examination are:

1. Must be 18 years of age or over,
2. Must live in the jurisdiction of Local 8 for one year prior to application.
3. Must have proof of 4 years employment in the commercial/industrial electrical construction industry.

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### Invitation for Bids

#### Exterior Improvements to Richmar Manor IFB #13-B006

Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority (LMHA) will receive bids for Exterior Improvements to Richmar Manor. **Pre-Bid Meeting: Wed., Oct. 2, 2013,**

**10AM ET - 3423 W. Alexis Road, Toledo, OH 43623. Received in accordance with law until Thurs., Oct. 17, 2013, 11AM ET.** For Documents: [www.lucasmha.org](http://www.lucasmha.org), 435 Nebraska Ave., Toledo, OH 43604 or 419-259-9446 (TRS: Dial 711).

Bidders required to meet Affirmative Action and Equal Employment Opportunity requirements as described in Executive Order #11246. Sec. 3 Compliance Applicable.



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## If You're Bored ... You're Boring

By Carla Yvette - Soucial Scene Editor

Born and raised in Toledo, I have become accustomed to finding comfort in the familiarity of my traditional, small town surroundings. And although Toledo may not possess some of the charms and attractions that I sometimes crave from big cities like Chicago, New York or LA, we do have our share of culture and entertainment and I have always managed to find something fun and exciting to do. Therefore, I can never understand people constantly complain that Toledo is sooooo boring and there's nothing to do here.

Aside from the staples such as The Toledo Art Museum, The Toledo Zoo, event venues like The Stranahan and Valentine Theater, The Huntington Cen-

ter and countless programs offered by the Toledo Lucas County Public Library system, there are plenty of local people doing their thing right here in our community.

There are plays written, produced and performed by local artist, fashion shows, singles events, spoken word, singers, musicians, seminars, workshops, hair shows, community outreach programs ... you name it. All of this done by gifted and talented people right here in our city who decided to make something happen for themselves and others.

My conclusion: With everything that's going on inside and outside our community, the bottom line is . . . IF YOU'RE BORED, YOU'RE BORING.

But the good news is you don't have to stay that way and I'd like to offer you a few suggestions that will help you bust your boredom and take advantage of the great opportunities our city has to offer.

• **Change Your Thinking** - Your life is truly a reflection of your thoughts. Boredom comes from within and has nothing to do with your surroundings. When you begin to focus on what's positive in our city and find what's important to you, you'll find it's pretty hard to stay bored.

• **Socialize** - Get out and do something. Meet some friends, or make some new friends. Revive your social energy, step out of your comfort zone and reclaim your fun.

• **Do Something Different** - If you

find yourself consistently bored maybe it's time to try something new. Add a new goal, start a new hobby, take on a new challenge. It's hard to stay bored if you're continually trying new things.

• **Get Involved** - There are so many organizations in our city in need of volunteers. Volunteering will not only benefit the organization you choose to help, but will also allow you the opportunity to connect with your community, make new friends and expand your social network.

Sometimes we don't realize we're in a "rut" or stuck in our old way of doing and seeing things. Take responsibility for your boredom and I promise you, Toledo won't seem so boring.

## Platinum Producer Comes Home Part 2: Never Stop Dreaming

By Carla Yvette - Soucial Scene Editor

Toledo came out in full force to support its own at the "invite only" Champagne Media Soirée listening session presented by Mally the Martian, of Never Stop Dreaming (NDS) LLC, and Moet & Chandon Imperial Champagne August

25 at La Liban Café Secor Rd for his soon to be released album Mall Street.

The crowd of family, friends and local media mixed and mingled before being treated to a sneak peek of Mally's songs

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Chris Cavanaugh with mom, Christina



Curtis Peterson Jr. with Jaren Unykye Brooks



Chiefalone, Shawanda (Spyda) Johnson with Jamal (Mally the Martian) Brandon