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CEO of the Economic Opportunity Planning Association

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A Litany for the Stolen, Enslaved, and Raped Daughters of Nigeria

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



Rev. Perryman: Weep for the Daughters of Zion, oh people! We weep for them and for the stolen daughters and sisters of Nigeria! Cry for all the daughters and sisters stolen, enslaved, and raped across the ages! We cry for you, daughters of Africa and daughters of God! We pray to the God of heaven for justice!

People: We speak your names!

Rev. Perryman: We mourn and cry loud because of the vicious attacks that claim lives and human dignity. Mourn, people! You are OUR daughters! You are ALL our daughters! We say, SHAME on any who have harmed you and harm you still. We pray for justice! We demand it! Of the militant slavers who kidnapped you and who harm your spirits! We demand it of governments who can help!

People: We speak your names! We call you sacred! We say you're blessed. We will NOT stop looking for you! We will continue to pray for you! We will be a part of your

healing as you return, daughters! For you are OUR daughters and sisters! You are ALL our daughters and sisters!

Rev. Perryman: We speak your names! We call you sacred! We call you blessed and holy! We pray to the God of love to wrap you in tender mercies and to protect your soul in your captivity, daughters! We pray for your safe return! We will NOT stop praying!

People: We will NOT stop looking for you! For you are our daughters and sisters! You are ALL our daughters and sisters!

Rev. Perryman: Weep, oh people! And work for justice! Cry loud and do not cease to worry heaven and earth until our daughters are saved! Work, oh people! And do not stop until our daughter's lives are redeemed from the slavers, from the kidnappers!

People: We pray for the kidnappers that their hearts will not harden and that they will be convicted to do what is just and moral. We pray for

justice! We pray they will be merciful! We pray they will repent! We pray they will be stopped! Daughters, we will not stop praying and working!

Rev. Perryman: We speak your names! You are sacred, our daughters and sisters! Daughters of Nigeria and the entire world! We will pray for justice! We will live for justice! We will work for it! For you are OUR daughters! You are ALL our daughters!

ALL: We speak your names! We call you sacred! We call you precious! You are OUR daughters! You are ALL

our daughters! Amen! Ase! And it is so!

Recited at Center of Hope Community Baptist Church, May 11, 2014 for the safe return of our 300 Nigerian daughters violently abducted and removed from their families and community.

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Community Calendar

May 13-15

Beulah Baptist Spring Revival Services: 7 pm nightly; Guest preacher Rev. Robert Curtis, pastor of Mt. Olive MBC Lima

May 14

Engaging Men Forum: 9 to 11:30 am; Discussion about the issue of domestic violence; Educational Service Center; Guest speaker Gus Funk: 419-244-3053 ext 221 or dmccarty@fcapc.org

May 17

United MBC Pre-Women's Day Luncheon: 11 am
Career & Health Fair: Sponsored by True Vine MBC and Community Partnerships; 10 am to 3 pm; Free shuttle service from Woodward HS parking lot: 419-726-8148
STRIVE Toledo, Inc 5K Walk-Run: Fundraiser event; Ottawa Park Shelter; 9:30 am
New Hope Baptist Church 3rd Annual May Day Community Giveaway: Noon to 5 pm; Free lunch, bouncers, slides, vendors, face painting, pony rides, health fair and more: 419-244-2964

May 18

Grace Temple COGIC "A Night of Hope" Healing Service: 6 pm: 419-242-9321
United MBC 31st Women's Day: "Crowns of Glory;" 10:45 am

May 22

Community Townhall Series on Bullying: "Enough Already;" Recognizing and identifying bullying, stories and concerns, parents voices; 6:30 to 8 pm: 419-720-7002

May 22-24

International Covenant Connection 12th Annual Conference: "Manifestation of the Sons of God;" Host New Birth Christian Fellowship; Thursday and Friday – 7 pm; Friday and Saturday at 10 am; Friday – Noon luncheon: 919-231-0900

May 31

The Worship Center Cncert: 7 pm; Nikki "D" and The Browns

June 12

Community Townhall Series on Bullying: "Enough Already;" Recognizing and identifying bullying, stories and concerns, parents voices; 6:30 to 8 pm: 419-720-7002

June 21

St. Mark Baptist Church Family and Friends Reunion Picnic: Ottawa Park; 11 am to 6 pm; Food, fun and fellowship; Register by May 18: 419-460-0389

WGTE Hosts Preventing Bullying = Creating Safety EduFair Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Community Resources and Expert Panel Sessions for School Administrators, Educators, Parents and Students

Special to The Truth

As part of its year-long **Preventing Bullying = Creating Safety** initiative, WGTE Public Media and its partner Fostering Healthy Communities (Mercy, ProMedica and the University of Toledo Medical Center) is hosting a prevention and intervention edufair at WGTE's studios, 1270 S. Detroit Ave. on Wednesday, May 21, 2014 from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Panel discussions featuring noted experts as well as exhibitors will offer information and resources to school administrators, teachers, parents, kids and members of the community who are interested in learning more about bullying prevention and intervention.

Preventing Bullying = Creating Safety EduFair schedule:

3:00-8:00 p.m.: Exhibits Open

Offering resources and information on bullying prevention and intervention.

4:00-5:00 p.m.: Creating Effective Policies

Topics will include: How to create a model K-12 policy that fits state mandates

Professor Robert Salem, Clinical Law Professor, University of Toledo College of Law

Susan Telljohann, Ph.D., Professor of Health Education, University of Toledo College of Health Sciences

5:00-6:00 p.m. Open Q & A with Expert Panelists

Moderator: Lisa Pescara-Kovach, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Educational Psychology, University of Toledo; Campus Violence Prevention and Protection Trainer for the Department of Justice

Ptl. Tim McLeod, School Resource Officer, City of Oregon Police Department

Matt Williamson (aka Mo Tivation)

Mary Wilson, Family Advocate

Detective Janet Zale, City of Oregon Police Department and Officer for FBI Violent Crimes Against Children Task Force

6:00-7:00 p.m. "How Not To Raise a Bully"

Topics will include: What is Bullying; Sexting; Internet Safety?

Experts include:

Arielle Campbell, Lucas County Prosecutor's Office and Assistant Coordinator for Victims Forum Reaching Youth to Prevent Violence Program

Frank DiLallo, Toledo Catholic Diocese
Lisa Pescara-Kovach, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Educational Psychology, University of Toledo; Campus Violence Prevention and Protection Trainer for the Department of Justice

Deputy Sheriff Brett Warner, Director of Community Services for the Lucas County Sheriff's Department

Detective Janet Zale, City of Oregon Police Department and Officer for FBI Violent Crimes Against Children Task Force

Exhibitors will include:

NAMI of Greater Toledo

The Cullen Center, ProMedica

The Kobacker Center, UTM

Lucas County Mental Health & Recovery Services

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Light refreshments will be served.

The EduFair is free and open to the public with advanced reservations required. RSVP to WGTE's Cathy Kamenca at cathy_kamenca@wgte.org or 419-380-4613.

CEU's for educators are available.

Fostering Healthy Communities is a collaborative effort of ProMedica, Mercy and the University of Toledo Medical Center to mobilize partnerships to address the Healthy Lucas County Health Improvement Priorities: addressing health disparities, increasing access to care, increasing youth safety, promoting healthy living and decreasing tobacco use.

Lucas County Children Services and Foster Parents to Recognize Foster Care Month

Foster care walk planned for May 22 in Downtown Toledo

Special to The Truth

May is National Foster Care Month, and Lucas County Children Services? (LCCS) staff and foster families are taking to the streets to recognize the work that foster parents do for children and families in our community.

LCCS staff and some of the agency's 260 foster care-giving families will gather outside the LCCS offices at 705 Adams Street (between Erie and Ontario Streets) on May 22 at 11:30 a.m. The group will walk to

Levis Square at Madison Avenue and St. Clair Street, and then back to LCCS, where the foster parents will be treated to a light lunch.

The purpose is twofold: to celebrate the service that foster parents provide, and to raise awareness of the need for more foster parents in Lucas County. LCCS has more than 500 children in foster care at any

given time, and more families are needed – particularly families able to care for groups of three or more brothers and sisters, and families able to care for children with special needs.

Foster families provide a safe, stable and nurturing environment for children and youth until

they can either safely reunite with their parents or establish other lifelong family relationships. The caring commitment provided by foster parents is essential for ending the cycles of abuse, neglect or other family crises that often prevent children from reaching their full potential.

LCCS provides supports for foster parents including free, ongoing training; a stipend to help cover the cost of caring for each child; and caseworkers who are available to answer questions or address concerns about the children in their care.

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Voters' Rights Takes Center Stage in Lucas County

Sojourner's Truth Staff

Local elected officials, union representatives and religious leaders spoke out about their concerns over a dismal voter turnout in recent elections and attempts by the Republican majority in the Ohio General Assembly to further tamp down voter turnout.

At a news conference on Thursday last week, State Rep. Michael Ashford led a group of local leaders who are focused on garnering enough signatures to place a constitutional amendment – a “voters’ bill of rights” – on November’s ballot.

According to Ashford, the campaign needs to generate about 40,000 signatures in Lucas County. Ashford assailed recent GOP efforts to change early voting laws and eliminate Sunday voting, the “Golden Week” – a six-day period when people can register and vote in the same visit – and cut back days and hours of the early voting period.

“Republican politicians in Columbus have helped implement some of the worst voter disenfranchisement bills since the 1960’s,” said Ashford.

The General Assembly this year has passed Senate Bill 205, which increases the number of items of identifying information for absentee voters; Senate Bill 216, which increases the information absentee voters must provide and Senate Bill 238 eliminating Golden Week and reducing the early voting time frame from 35 to 29 days.

The statewide effort to establish an amendment to the Constitution is being led by State Rep. Alicia Reece, also the Ohio Legislative Black Caucus president. Reece visited Toledo on Saturday to take part in a rally at Laborers Local 500 Hall on Ashland Avenue.

This month’s primary turnout in Lucas County was less than 10 percent of eligible voters. During Thursday’s news conference, Councilwoman Lindsay Webb attributed the low turnout, in part, to the “chilling effects” of recent legislation. “Election rules should be immutable,” said Webb. “They should not be subject to the whim and will of the Secretary of State.”



A. Philip Randolph Institute's Andre Washington, State Rep. Alicia Reece, Laborers Local 500 David Fleetwood



Stanley Lowe: New EOPA Leader Committed to Saving a Legacy

By Linda M. Nelson

Sojourner's Truth Reporter

The Economic Opportunity Planning Association of Greater Toledo has a new leader, new programs and, in May of 2014, a new name according to CEO Stanley Lowe.

"I came to the interview because EOPA was in crisis," says Lowe, who moved from Pittsburgh to take the position in September 2013. Lowe says that a unanimous board vote of 16-0 solidified his decision to take the reins of the community agency with the tainted reputation.

A large part of the crisis stemmed from the removal of the agency's Head Start Program by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services amid accusations of mismanagement. That removal resulted in the loss of \$13 million of its \$17 to \$18 million governmental funding.

Lowe says that the vote was a clear sign of the seriousness of the board members to remain committed to the vision. "My goal at EOPA is to help save a legacy," he says. "I saw what leadership and excellence looked like and knew that the mechanics of the operation would follow."

The mechanics, Lowe emphasizes, involve a unified board and staff, a focus on the more than 40,000 customers whom the agency serves and strategic planning that would connect EOPA with both private and other community action agencies.

Also included among the team's focus is the restoration of the agency's reputation by providing quality services. "When I initially look at an organization and why it's created, I ask are they fulfilling the mission? And do I have a responsibility to help that mission?" Lowe says that the agency is striving to do this through the continuation of the programs that address economic, employment, and literacy issues in the community:

This summer EOPA is partnering with the Lucas County Job and Family Services to offer a Young Adult Employment Program that will help to prepare 700 applicants, between the ages of 16 and 24, for employment.

The agency's Ex-offenders Program works with pre-release and post-release residents to help them become re-established in the community and the work force by assisting with resumes, referrals and transportation to and from work.

The agency's GED program has incorporated new state requirements into its preparation process.

The Senior Emergency Home Repair Program assists seniors with home maintenance and mortgage issues.

The Financial Literacy Program offers ways to help residents learn to manage money and repair credit.

The Home Energy Assistance Program helps community residents with energy bills and offers emergency utility assistance.

But despite the volume of people who are helped by EOPA, funding is always the challenge.

"The invisible piece to all programs is financing," says Lowe. He says there are several obstacles that can inhibit an organization's effectiveness. Those obstacles can include a lack of companies that are willing to partner with a community organization, or even the way in which an organization tends to view resources. Lowe says that too often organizations have a limited view of their resources and don't always follow the process to the end.

"They will often leave too much money on the table," he says. Another obstacle, Lowe says, is the lack of required reciprocity among private businesses and the community. "Banks that we deposit thousands of dollars into are not required to help the citizens of this community."

For now finding funds and re-establishing the agency's reputation are priorities, but Lowe says that plans to regain the Head Start Program are not on the horizon. "I'm not certain that right now we have the capacity to focus on Head Start," he says.

The Economic Opportunity Planning Association stemmed from Lyndon Johnson's 1964 Economic Opportunity Act. Johnson's support was an extension of the legislation that John F. Kennedy began before his assassination. Johnson promoted the Act as a catalyst to "attack the roots of American poverty." Head Start was one of the programs developed by the Act.

Although Lowe says that he doesn't yet know what the future looks like for EOPA, aside from funding, he would like to see more involvement of private citizens who will lend their talents to the cause. "I've seen organizations that have enriched our lives fall by the wayside," he says. "It's because many of us don't step up. We continue to use 'they' instead of 'I.'"

Lowe arrived at EOPA with more than three decades of experience with public housing agencies, governmental entities and historic preservation agencies. A graduate of Shaw University in Raleigh, NC, Lowe spent seven years leading the Pittsburgh Housing Authority and, more recently, was the executive director of the Galveston, TX Housing Authority.

For more information about EOPA and the programs that they offer contact them at 419-242-7304 or go to www.eopa.org.



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Toledo Early College High School Students Win Top Honors at National History Day Contest

Special to The Truth

Two sophomores from the Toledo Early College High School (TECHS) won top honors in the State of Ohio for their history projects at the National History Day (NHD) contest in Columbus on Saturday, April 26, 2014.

Delaina Lane did an individual performance on "The Death of Emmett Till" and Brianna Frazier created a website on the "National Association of Colored Women".

Both girls are now qualified to compete at the national level of NHD at College Park, MD on June 17, 2014.

"I am super-excited to be representing Ohio at NHD," said Lane. "I am extremely humbled to have this opportunity."

Participation in National History Day is a major focal point of humanities education at TECHS. Both girls had previously qualified for the state contest at a regional competition in Bowling Green in April. NHD is a yearlong project that teaches historical process skills and content. Brianna Frazier confirmed this by saying, "I have been working on this project since August of 2013."

Students choose a topic based on a theme, conduct deep research using primary and secondary sources, develop a thesis, and then support that thesis by creating a group or individual project in one of the following categories: exhibit, paper (individual only),



website, documentary or performance. TECHS social studies teacher Mona

Al-Hayani said, "NHD is authentic, interdisciplinary, project-based and inquiry-based pedagogy. It teaches a myriad of 21st-century skills."

During the nine years TECHS kids have participated only one other project has made it to nationals.

There is a fundraising effort underway to help fund the trip for these amazing young people on Indiegogo. People wishing to donate can also contact the school at 419-530-3003.



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Owens Toledo-Area Campus Dedicates New Culinary Arts Center

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Culinary arts students at Owens Community College recently began classes in the newly constructed Culinary Arts Center on the Toledo-area campus. The Center was formally dedicated with a ribbon cutting ceremony Tuesday, April 29.

The facility spans 14,000-square-feet – an increase over the 3,700-square-foot kitchen lab where classes were taught in the past. The new facility includes three unique culinary labs: a baking lab, a culinary skills lab, and a restaurant skills lab. The Center also includes a classroom and a 75-person capacity dining area with a demonstration station overlooking a tree-lined patio. The Center's large dining

area will host lunches and special events, giving students real-world experience creating menus, preparing and plating food and serving.

"This new facility creates many new and exciting opportunities for our students that were not available in our old space," said Joann Gruner, chairman, Food, Nutrition and Hospitality. "Having a larger space will also allow us to eliminate student wait lists and better meet the needs of the community by providing non-credit courses and industry training in culinary arts."

State-appropriated capital renovation and equipment

funds were used to finance the \$3.1 million construction project, completed by Holland, Ohio based Midwest Contracting. Owens received major grants from The Honor Project Trust in the amount of \$50,056 for audiovisual and information technology systems and from The Andersons Inc. Charitable Foundation in the amount of \$25,000 for equipment. Libbey Glass also made an in kind donation of tableware and service ware.

The dedication ceremony featured remarks by Mike Bower, Ph.D., president of Owens, as well as comments by area elected officials and a representative from the architectural and construction team.

The Culinary Arts Center is home to five academic programs and certificates: the Associate of Applied Science degree in Culinary Arts, the Associate of Applied Science degree in Dietetic Technology, Associate of Applied Business degree in Hospitality Management, a Culinary Arts certificate and a Baking and Pastry certificate. The American Culinary Federation Education Foundation recently recommended Owens Culinary program and certificates for full accreditation status.

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Library's READY TO READ Gets Youth Prepared to Enter Kindergarten

By Rhonda B. Sewell, Library Media Relations Coordinator
The Truth Contributor

The Toledo-Lucas County Public Library and the Library Legacy Foundation (LLF) are proud to announce the debut of a Ready to Read initiative and specialty van, funded by the first phase of a \$2.2 million LLF ongoing campaign titled "Planting a Seed to Read."

This special project, designed to concentrate on improving the early literacy skills of area pre-school children and assisting parents, grandparents, teachers and caretakers in this focus, kicked off last month

in April at a special news conference held at the YWCA Northwest Ohio, a Library partner.

Ohio statistics show that nearly one-third of Toledo-area children are not prepared to enter Kindergarten ready to read and write.

Without the proper help and support, many of these children will never catch up. There is a clear need to focus on school readiness, and the Library and LLF are

ready to assist the community.

To date, LLF officials have raised 83 percent of their financial goal of \$2.2 million. The first phase of the "Planting a Seed to Read" campaign will fund the "Ready to Read" specialty van, which is scheduled to hit the streets of Lucas County in April. This project will bring essential early literacy skills and training to the areas of our community that are most at risk.

Ready to Read project features:

- A specially equipped library van to bring library materials into target neighborhoods. Local award-winning children's book author/illustrator Denise Fleming's artwork from her book *Alphabet Under Construction* will be featured on the Ready to Read van
- Children's librarians to facilitate Ready to Read training for parents and teachers
- Early literacy kits designed for parents and childcare teachers
- Technologies that stimulate and encourage reading
- Books and materials for families to use at home
- Early literacy outreach programming for Head Start programs, childcare providers, shelters, hospitals and other agencies with an interest in young children
- Unique literacy corners specifically for children up to age five to be added to central city branch Library locations
- A future endowment (Early Literacy Fund) to sustain early literacy initiatives and projects

For more information on the Ready to Read van, please visit toledolibrary.org or call Outreach Services at 419.259.5350.

For more information or to contribute to the "Planting a Seed to Read" ongoing campaign, please call 419.259.5123 or e-mail library.legacy@toledolibrary.org. See more at toledolibrary.org



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The Adopted Lockett Children Becoming Outstanding Scholars

Sojourner's Truth Staff

Six years ago, Patrick and Yvonne Lockett, having already raised a family decided that it was time to take on the challenge once more. The 74 and 70-year old retirees, distressed over the fact that their son's children were in foster care, managed to arrange for the adoption of three of them. The fourth, the eldest, had already passed through the system.

"The other three were placed in foster care and after a period of time the foster care family considered adoption for just two of the children," says Patrick Lockett. Makayla and Anthony Lockett, then 15 and 12 years old respectively, approached their grandparents with their concerns about the children being split up and the prospect of the last name change the foster family had proposed.

"I chose as my new mission in life to adopt my grandchildren, any way or cost," recalls Patrick Lockett. "We retained an attorney and we challenged the Children Service Board system and, then, we finally had to go to arbitration against CSB advisors and their many attorneys, staff and directors.

The grandparents accepted a six-month trial period with the children in November 2008 and finalized the adoption in June, 2009.

How did adoption work out for these children?

The oldest, Eleesha D. Lockett, who was not formally adopted but ended up in the care of the grandparents, is now 24 year old and just graduated from The University of Toledo with a bachelor's degree in Asian Studies, a fluency in Japanese and a 3.9 grade point average. Eleesha plans to use her academic background to travel the world.

Makayla A. Lockett, 21, also just graduated from UT with a degree in linguistics, fluency in several languages and a 3.3 GPA. She also plans to go abroad and use her background to

research and document dead and dying languages.

Anthony J. Lockett, 18, will be graduating with honors from Central Catholic High School later this month. He will attend UT in the fall with the assistance of a number of scholarships.

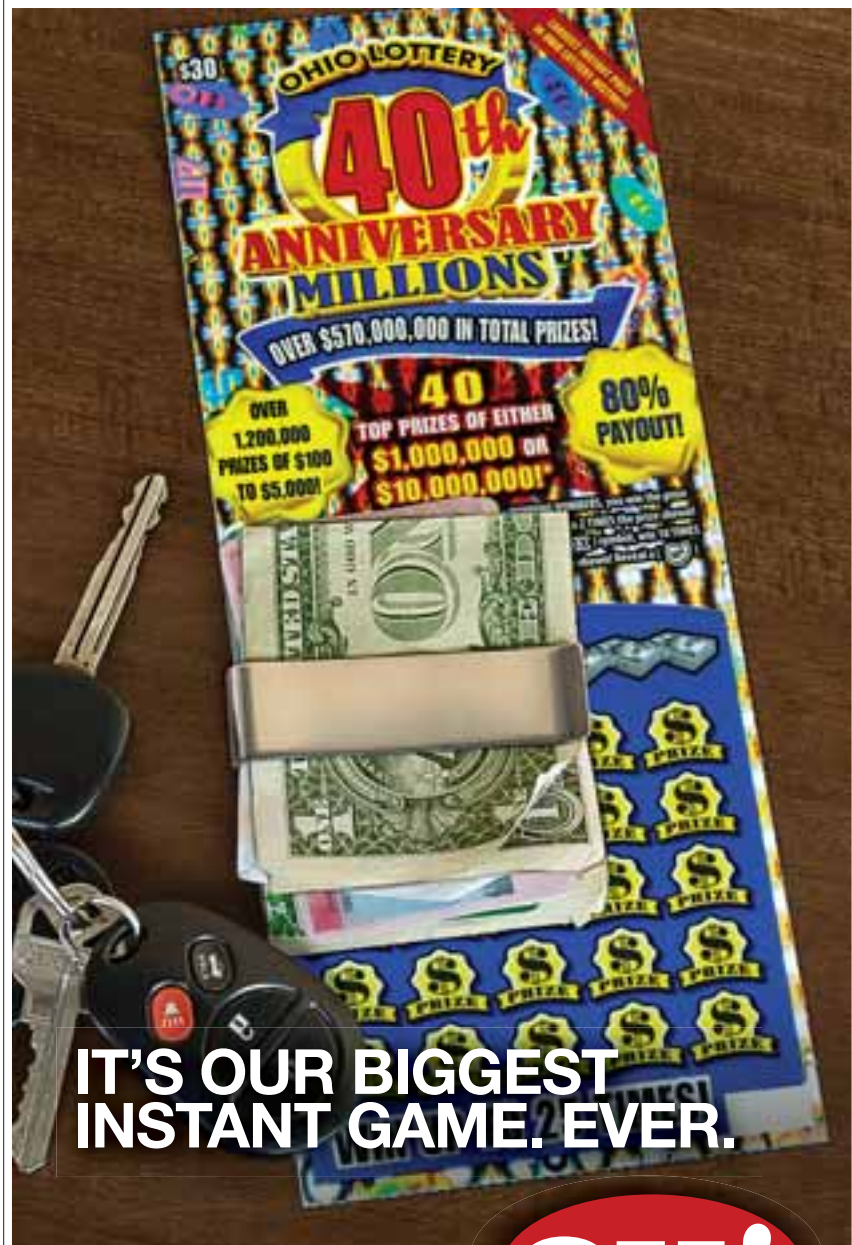
Ayden M. Lockett is in the fifth grade at Rosary Cathedral, playing basketball and earning "excellent grades," says his grandfather.

So how did that adoption work out?

Not too bad. Not bad at all.



The Lockett Family







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Kids Unlimited Academy to Host Claire's Day Event May 16

Special to The Truth

Kids Unlimited Academy (KUA), a second-year charter school currently located at 2105 N. McCord Road will be hosting a local Claire's Day event at the School on May 16. Claire's Day is northwest Ohio's largest free family book festival that is held in honor of Claire Lynsey Rubini, who passed away from a heart condition in 2000 when she was just 10 years old. Each year, an estimated 5,000 people enjoy participating in variety of literary opportunities and experiences that Claire most enjoyed including telling stories, dancing, making crafts, and most of all, reading.

Claire's Day, Inc. also helps to organize interactive presentations and book signings at local schools by Midwestern children's book authors and illustrators. This helps to provide an entertaining, experiential storytelling that encourages students to use their imagination, enjoy

literature, and to pursue reading as a regular activity, as well as, providing an overview of the creative process and the process of publishing a children's book, so children understand how a book arrives completed in their hands. Kids Unlimited Academy is excited to have illustrator Barry Gott visit the school on this day. Some of Gott's books include: *Dino-Baseball*, *Dino-Basketball*, *Dino-Football* and many more.

Additionally, KUA's very own Brynna White was named as a winner of a C.A.R.E. Award. (Claire's Awards for Reading Excellence (C.A.R.E. Awards) and she will be honored at the Maumee Library on Saturday, May 17. A spokesman for KUA stated, "Reading at an early age is so critical for our students, we are always looking for new ways to keep reading exciting for them. I'm confident we will be continuing this event at our school for many years to come."

Herzing University, Summit Academy Launch Partnership

Special to The Truth

Herzing University – Toledo and Summit Academy will launch a unique academic partnership this fall that will provide high school students some college-level coursework on-site as part of their regular school day.

A Herzing instructor will spend Friday mornings at Summit Academy, 2913 S. Republic Blvd., first teaching a professional development course, then a business-related class. Through an articulation agreement between the charter school and university, Summit Academy students will be eligible to earn college credit.

Students at traditional public and parochial schools have long had the opportunity in Ohio to earn college credit while still attending high school, mainly through dual enrollment and post-secondary education opportunities at community colleges and public universities. However, the Herzing-Summit collaboration is believed to be the first partnership of its kind in Northwest Ohio between a community school and a private university.

"We want to seek any strategic opportunity available to give our students the best possible education," said Joe Carone, Summit Academy principal. "College-level coursework such as this will prepare our students for success at the next level, whether that means continuing their education or entering the workforce in some capacity."

"Summit Academy students have proven to be capable, hard-working young people," said Greg Guzman, Herzing University-Toledo campus president. "This partnership will continue to provide them with an academic challenge while preparing them for the next level—and we're pleased to be part of such a groundbreaking collaboration."

The proximity of the two schools to each other helps to make the partnership

a win-win situation. That proximity also will allow Summit Academy students to visit Herzing University throughout the academic year for career-oriented workshops and other events.

About Herzing University Toledo

Serving the local community since 2009, Herzing University – Toledo boasts state-of-the-art classrooms and labs to provide a real-world, hands-on learning environment, consistent with its "career-focused, convenient and caring" educational mission. Its 17,000-square-foot facility is specifically designed to prepare students for dynamic careers in the fields of technology, business, healthcare, design and public safety. Students have the convenient option to take courses toward their bachelor's or associate degree or diploma either on-campus or online through Herzing University – Toledo, and graduate degrees are available through Herzing University Online. Herzing University Toledo is also an SAP University Alliance institution. Information about Herzing University – Toledo is available at www.herzing.edu/toledo.

About Summit Academy

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Lourdes' Luminations gala brings in \$257,000 for student scholarships

Special to The Truth

Last Saturday, the Franciscan Center at Lourdes University was glowing with the more than 500 guests who came out to celebrate higher education and raise funds for student scholarships. Honorary Chairmen John and Sarah Bates, and Lourdes President David Livingston, PhD, and wife Joan welcomed guests as they arrived.

Caroline "Callie" Bunch, a senior majoring in psychology, served as Lourdes' student speaker. Callie gave heartfelt thanks and appreciation to guests whose generous support has helped students like her complete their education. "Representing Lourdes

student scholarship recipients, I say thank you to all of you who truly care about us, our education and our dreams. We could not do it without you."

Entertainment for the evening included performances by the Toledo Ballet, the Artists in Residence at the Toledo Opera, and the Toledo Symphony Brass Quintet, as well as actor Timothy Shew who also performed a special tribute to the late Jim Findlay; who was a personal friend of both Timothy and Lourdes.

2014 Platinum Sponsors, Heidman Steel, Inc. [John Bates], Steel Dynamics [Mark

Millett], and Sylvania Franciscan Health [Jim Pope] were recognized and thanked for their generous support. Since its inception, more than 45 corporate sponsors, 5,000 guests and countless organizations have helped Luminations raise more than \$2.5 million for students. **This year's event brought in \$257,000 for scholarships at Lourdes.**

Rooted in the Catholic Franciscan tradition, Lourdes University offers baccalaureate degrees in more than 30 academic majors as well as graduate degrees in business, education, liberal studies, nursing,

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FitzGerald Announces Six Education Principles

Special to The Truth

Last week, in a speech to the Ohio Education Association, Democratic gubernatorial candidate and Cuyahoga County Executive Ed FitzGerald announced six principles that will guide his education policy as Governor.

Include Educators in Decision-Making and Policy Formulation at the State and Local Level Educators are the experts on education. The FitzGerald administration education policies will be shaped by someone who is actually in the classroom every day. It's long past time we stopped blaming educators, and started including them.

Increase State Investment FitzGerald will invest in our public education system at the state level. Ohio's working families shouldn't face higher local taxes every year because the state is funding tax breaks for the wealthy, rather than our schools. Tax cuts for the top one percent are not going to educate Ohio's children.

Stop Teaching to the Test A FitzGerald administration will also end the unhealthy obsession with standardized testing that's bad for students and teachers, including placing a moratorium

on the third grade guarantee.

The Race to Privatize our Public Education System is a Race to the Bottom FitzGerald will reform a funding system that benefits for-profit institutions regardless of performance, and put the focus back on creating quality public schools.

Address the Development of the Whole Child A FitzGerald administration will treat children as human beings, not numbers. A complete education should include art, music, physical education, foreign language, and business education. Stripping our schools of everything but high-stakes testing is a recipe for increasing the dropout rate.

Invest in Early Childhood Education States across the country have implemented successful early childhood education initiatives, but Ohio's children are falling behind. Students that do not start kindergarten prepared to learn are at risk for falling behind and staying behind for the rest of their education.

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Debbie Doesn't Do It Anymore by Walter Mosley

By Terri Schlichenmeyer
The Truth Contributor

You need to change things up.

A new sense of style is called-for, a new job, new digs, maybe a new outlook on everything. Out with the old, in with the new, different, exciting.

Your old life isn't working for you these days and that goes doubly for Debbie Dare. In the new book *Debbie Doesn't Do It Anymore* by Walter Mosley, it'll be time for a change – if she survives.

The day that Debbie Dare learned of her husband's death had started out like any other: she went to work, naked, on her back and wished her co-star would hurry up as she feigned passion for yet another porn film.

But there was no faking her surprise when she arrived home at the end of the day and found the front yard filled with cops. The housekeeper had found Debbie's husband, Theon, dead. He'd acci-

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dentally electrocuted himself in the bathtub – along with a naked teenager who was apparently auditioning for Theon's films.

Debbie supposed she loved Theon. He didn't beat her. They were as compatible as was possible, but he spent too much money – a fact that was underscored when a loan shark showed up at the door, hours after Theon's death, and demanded that Debbie pay up on the money Theon borrowed.

It was the last straw.

Once upon a time, Debbie Dare was known as Sandra Peel. She was her parents' only daughter, the middle child of three, and she was wild. At 15, she was working on her knees in a parking lot, which was where she met the much-older Theon and her life changed. It was about to change again because, though Theon had left her broke and she was about to be homeless, Debbie was done with porn.

Or was she? When the loan shark sold his debt to an L.A. mobster, Debbie was given an ultimatum: pay up or act again, a choice that she wasn't going to make. She suddenly saw the porn industry for what it was. The only passion she had was for a "handsome man" named Suicide, "all silence and smiles" and urges to die...

You know those old black-&-white war movies, where soldiers try to out-run exploding artillery shells? This book is something like that: it's run-run-BOOM, run-run-BOOM all the way to the end of *Debbie Doesn't Do It Anymore*.

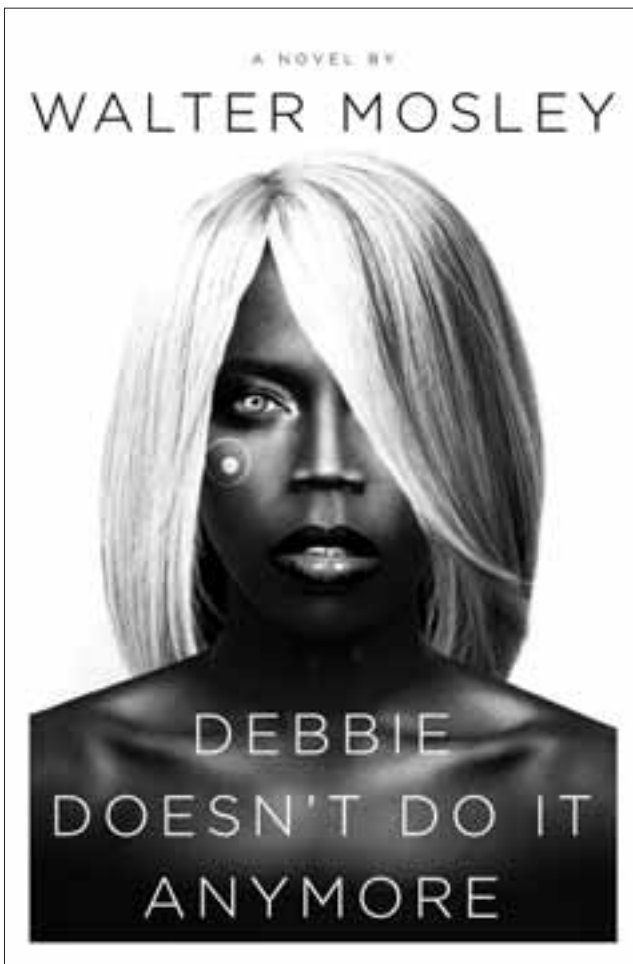
And that's quite a surprise: Debbie Dare is no Easy Rawlins, and she's not Socrates – two things that every fan of author Walter Mosley will want to know. There are hints of both of Mosley's



Walter Mosley
Photo Courtesy of Marcia Wilson


most famous characters, but this book is much more explicit than his past few novels. That's not a bad thing, once you get into the heart of this most excellent story but it definitely bears mentioning – especially if profanity isn't your cup of tea.

If you don't mind X-rated scenes, though, and you need your Mosley fix, then this is the book you need to find. For you, *Debbie Doesn't Do It Anymore* will surely be a big change.



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Refinery Operator (Toledo Refining Company) Overview

The Toledo Refining Company is located in Oregon, Ohio and is owned by PBF Energy LLC. The refinery has a crude oil processing capacity of 170,000 barrels per day.

Description

A Refinery Operator works 12 hour rotating shifts on various units within the refinery which process crude oil as a feed stock in order to produce gasoline, diesel, jet fuel, various chemicals and other products. Our Company is committed to a foundation of safe and environmentally compliant operations so Operators must follow all procedures and safe work practices. New hires will be required to complete a 36 month apprenticeship program. Starting pay is \$26.54 per hour.

Responsibilities

An Operator may be responsible for: maintaining equipment and operations; climbing ladders, tanks and towers up to 200 ft.; taking samples/readings of various process streams; initiating work orders and permitting for work related to the assigned unit; maintaining proper and safe process operations of the operating equipment; and communicating effectively during the shift and at shift relief regarding key process unit and equipment information.

Basic/Required Qualifications

Must be at least 18 years of age; be legally authorized to work in the United States without restrictions; hold a High school diploma or equivalent; and hold a current driver's license.

Must be willing to perform/comply with the following: working overtime; working on holidays and weekends; working in enclosed/confined spaces, such as tanks and towers; working with large, hot, high-speed machines; lifting a minimum of 50 pounds; working around chemicals; wearing fire retardant clothing and personal protective equipment; maintaining your face daily so that a respirator/face mask can seal properly; performing fire fighting duties; working outside in harsh weather conditions; and working with petroleum products and support systems that are under high pressure and heat.

Conditions of Employment

Written tests and assessments; meeting physical criteria for the job; a physical skills demonstration test; ability to demonstrate basic computer skills; pass a background check and drug screening; be eligible to qualify or hold a Transportation Workers Identification Credential (TWIC card); and be eligible to qualify or hold a State of Ohio 3rd Class Steam Engineer License (SEL) within 24 months of employment.

In order to be considered for this position, applicants must submit their resume in Microsoft Word format per the following process on or before 11:59 P.M. of May 25, 2014. **All applicants must provide a valid e-mail address where they can be contacted as candidates will be notified and assigned a testing date and time by e-mail on or before June 2.** All contact information must be accurate and up to date. Phase 1 consists of 4 tests. Relocation is not available for this position.

All interested candidates may apply by going to www.pbfenergy.com and selecting the Career tab. Once on the career page, candidates can click on view our current job opportunities; click on Toledo Refining Company; search jobs and apply to the job opportunity listed as "Refinery Operator".

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Beta Gammas Celebrate QUAD Founders' Day 2014

Sojourner's Truth Staff

The Beta Gamma Chapter of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc celebrated 62 years of service on Saturday, May 10 at the Grand Plaza Hotel under the theme "P.D.K. Sister to Sister."

On Friday, May 23, 1952, Sorors Lenora Williams-Farrow and Mayola Senior and a group from Detroit – Chi Chapter – traveled to the old Douglas Center on the corner of 11th Street and Pinewood Avenue. That evening 12 chapter members were initiated. The next day, Saturday, May 24, 1952, the 12 traveled to Detroit, very proud, honored and excited to celebrate Founders' Day with Chi Chapter.

The chapter grew from those original 12 members



Chi Chapter of Detroit MI, Gamma Kappa Chapter of Saginaw MI and Beta Gamma Officers

to approximately 30 by the mid 1950's. Most of the current members remember two of those original members – Sorors Anne Marie Bolden and Ruby Peoples. Bolden is the only living Beta Gamma Charter Member.

The National Sorority was founded on a Palm Sunday, April, 1923 by nine future

teachers in Jersey City, New Jersey. On May 23 of that year, the sorority was incorporated – Founders' Day.

Other chapters came along very shortly after along the East Coast. These days, the sorority has 125 chapters, over 4,000 members and chapters throughout the U.S. South, Midwest and Far West and to Liberia in western Africa.

The sorority is a professional organization of teachers dedicated to the task of training the youth of America to cope satisfactorily and effectively with today's problems.

The Beta Gamma Founders' Day Committee was comprised of Co-Chairmen Pandora Taylor and Linda Collins along with Basileus Dorothy Batson and First Anti-Basileus Paula Martin.

The chapters 2013-2014 elected officers are: Batson, Martin, Second Anti-Basileus Sandra Speller; Grammateus Rachelle Dunning; Epistoleus Kathy Gregory; Tamiouchos Jacqueline Quinn; Tamias Rita Oliver; Parliamentarian Ruthie Johnson; Chaplain Muriel Webb Williams; Executive Advisor Taylor; Dean of Pledges Clara Brank; Krinon Editor Helen Sallee and Public Relations Officer Bessie Mack.

Soror Collins served as mistress of ceremonies during Saturday's program and greetings were offered by Soror Batson and Soror Emma Henderson, Midwest regional director.

Soror Gregory presented the "Tribute to Our Founders."

After lunch was served, the P.D.K. Sorors performed a choral response – "Sister to Sister." Soror Taylor acknowledged the special guests and Soror Moreland presented the "Special" recognition. The sorors then presented gifts and Soror Batson offered the closing remarks.



Beta Gamma Chapter of Toledo with (seated) Regional Director Emma Henderson and Basileus Dorothy Batson

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