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"The 21st century is awaiting Toledo's arrival and LMHA is part of that future."

Smoke Signals

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

There are literally thousands of people imprisoned solely because of their race and poverty.

- Benjamin Chavis, Jr.



The Marijuana Policies of Ohio Taskforce, chaired by former Cincinnati prosecutor Joe Deters, released its "research-based public policy review and discussion" regarding the impact of legalizing marijuana use in Ohio. As a member of the Taskforce, I was present when the findings were presented last week at The Ohio State University's Moritz College of Law.

Much of the report's content is derived from and/or aligns directly with well-regarded sources such as prestigious scholar Michelle Alexander's *The New Jim Crow* and The ACLU's outstanding 2013 study *War On Marijuana in Black and White*.

So we've already known for a long time from reliable sources that the U.S. has spent in excess of one trillion dollars, fighting a 40-year failed "war on drugs," resulting in 40 million arrests with no marked effect on the use or availability of drugs.

We also know that the consequences of this "explicitly racial" political strategy have been life changing to young people of color and their communities. The impact of this strategic street-level enforcement of low-level drug laws has directly led to the evolution of communities where female-headed, single-parent families have become the norm, and destroyed public health, economic opportunity and the social fabric in communities of color.

Is criminalization worth the risk?

Although critics claim that legalization would amount to granting tacit approval, which would encourage people to use drugs, the available evidence shows that prohibition and criminalization does not really have an impact on deterring people from using.

There are 25 million current users of marijuana nationally and nearly 800,000 have been arrested (52 percent young men aged 15-24). Although African Americans use marijuana at roughly the same rate as others they are arrested four times more frequently.

"The biased enforcement combined with the terrifying consequences and penalties on the lives of people of color," says Task Force member Mike Thomas, "means that criminalization is having a targeted effect on certain individuals and communities and is having a devastating effect."

One study showed that girls who went into the juvenile justice system were

five times more likely to die by age 29 than those who did not. With youth of color experiencing disparate minority contact with the criminal justice system, the relevant policy question becomes "is a few grams of a particular plant worth all of the direct and collateral consequences to communities of color?"

Where do we go from here?

With a lot of misinformation and disinformation flying from camps on both sides of the issue, my objective in serving on the taskforce was not to make a theological or moral judgment, but to examine how marijuana legalization might affect our community.

My conclusions?

Public policy and public health in particular, are about being practical.

My personal and professional philosophy aligns perfectly with Thomas, former chairman, Board of Governors of the Cuyahoga County Community Mental Health, who says, "Sometimes public health requires keeping people healthy in spite of behavior you might not like. Practicality is the principle that underlies a lot of public health programs like contraception and sex education."

So, while one may not advocate or condone what people are doing, there is certainly a need to keep them healthy in the meantime. "When the behavior of people doesn't respond to your permission, which seems to be the case," Thomas continues, "the public has a need to be practical. It also needs to be brutally honest and reality based."

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Community Calendar

June 20

Annual Block Party/East Side Reunion: Edgar Holmes Park; Free food, family games, entertainment, vendors and raffles; All day - opening ceremony at noon: 419-309-4021 or 4567-395-0363
Resurrection Baptist Church Praise Team in Concert: A Celebration of Praise; 6 pm
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June 21

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June 27

Juneteenth Block Party: Noon - 6 pm; Powell's Beauty Supply; Music by DJ Miss T and performances by Audamatik, TFOAR, Kandace Meroe: 419-984-0395

June 28

Calvary MBC Annual Women's Day Program: "Christian Women Transformed by God;" 11 am; Guest Speaker Evang. Sheila Cook of New Life COGIC
End Time Christian Church Fellowship Fest: Free food and fun; Games for the whole family; 10 am: 419-4725993
Third Baptist of Holland Choir Appreciation Day: 3:30 pm

Slice And Dice!

By Lafe Tolliver, Esq

Guest Column

Well, it is on! Big time! The political wannabees has-beens and cartoon tear-ups are now in the spotlight.

The voters in T-Town will soon have the best seats in the house for some entertaining political vaudeville. With so many politicos eyeing the mayor's chair, you will soon need a scorecard to keep track of who's who and who is doing what to whom.

No easy task...except for now. I have been inundated with e mails and phone calls asking that I handicap this election cycle so the voters will have a reasonable chance to make a half way reasonable vote.

I was extremely reluctant to do so since I can be somewhat heavy handed in putting my X's and O's in the right columns.

After intense pressure from the fraternal group known as Boule (Note: it is my solemn custom that whenever I even utter that profound name, that I pause for a moment of silent awe and wonder.....), I decided to hesitantly proceed with offering some voter helps about the current crop of both possible and current candidates that want to be called, "Da Maya!"

Mind you, my expertise is not borne of any gifted insights but purely based upon my thoughts of what comes to mind when their name pops into my memory.

I have struggled for some days trying to jot down some questions so that the voter confused or otherwise, can take away from my comments, an understanding of what is good or not good for Toledo.

I hope that this effort will at least reduce the dozens of daily e mails and clamorous calls about my getting engaged in this mercurial election cycle.

QUESTION ONE: Which of the below persons are not running for Mayor of Toledo:

- (a) Daffy Duck
- (b) Oprah Winfrey
- (c) Kim Kardashian
- (d) Peppa Pig
- (e) all of the above

QUESTION TWO: Which one of the below possible candidates for mayor called former Mayor Mike Bell, KING KONG!

- (a) Carty Finkbeiner
- (b) Finkbeiner, Carty
- (c) Carty
- (d) C. Finkbeiner

QUESTION THREE: Name the newspaper that seemingly has told the current mayor that the honeymoon is over!

- (a) Toledo Blade
- (b) Toledo Blade
- (c) Toledo Blade
- (d) Philadelphia Inquirer

QUESTION FOUR: Which one of the be-

low personalities ran and lost and lost in part for his fawning support of Republican Governor Kasich's Senate Bill 5 proposition. Hint: he loves country line dancing and wearing spiffy cowboy boots.

- (a) Former Mayor Michael Bell
- (b) Denzell Washington
- (c) Casper the friendly ghost
- (d) The rapper named, 2 Far Gone!

QUESTION FIVE: Which of the below persons running for mayor said in the past that if we did not vote for him or her, that God was going to punish Toledo? Hint: their economic development plan was building a giant Ferris Wheel on the downtown waterfront.

- (1) Opal Covey
- (2) Rick Perry
- (3) Rick Santorum
- (4) Huckleberry Hound

QUESTION SIX: Which below candidate for mayor is really a staunch Republican but is brashly running as a newly minted Independent but thinks the voters will not notice that Three Card Monte stunt?

- (1) Sandy Drabik n/k/a: Sandy Collins
- (2) Merlin the Magician
- (3) Houdini
- (4) The Shadow!

QUESTION SEVEN: Which of the below two union pairings are seemingly having a bad hair day that the current mayor has not drop kicked the current fire chief from the roof of the Government Center Building?

- (1) Cafeteria and sanitation workers unions
- (2) Zoo employees and tree trimmers unions
- (3) Library and meter maids unions
- (4) Police and fire fighters unions

QUESTION EIGHT: What of the following persons may yet still enter the race for Mayor in Toledo but just have not done so... yet.

- (1) Donald Trump
- (2) Louis Farrakhan
- (3) Donna Owens



Lafe Tolliver

- (4) Mitch McConnell
- (5) Yo' Mama!
- (6) All of the above

QUESTION NINE: Which of the below voting blocks have the potential to win or sway elections but they are now fizzing out and staying away from the polls in alarming numbers?

- (1) South side voters
- (2) North end voters
- (3) West side voters
- (4) Point Place voters
- (5) Black and Hispanic voters


I trust and hope that the above questions will be a benefit to the voters who must face a challenging task of separating the wheat from the chaff in the upcoming election.

Hopefully, you will be able to use acute discernment and pick and choose the proper person to lead Toledo and not be misled by a lot of hoopla and nonsense from the mayoral candidates that blow a lot of smoke; and use trite terms such as, "Keep the dream alive" or "Carty gets results!" or other inane gibberish that boils down to mush!

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Bishop Marjorie Holt, Ph. D., 20 Years and She's Got NEXT!

Special to The Truth

On Sunday May 31, at the Bethesda Christian Center Cathedral, hundreds of people including politicians, overseers, apostles, bishops, pastors, prophets, evangelists, teachers, elders, ministers, comrades in the gospel, and lay members, from as far away as New York, Wisconsin, Florida, Michigan, as well as surrounding cities, came to the church for the 20 years pastoral and transitioning celebration of Bishop Marjorie Holt, Ph. D.

The south end has been the home of Bethesda Christian Center Cathedral for the past seven years. But it would not often have the melodious sounds as it did on this day for this grand occasion.

Many gathered together to pay homage and tribute to the woman of God who has served as pastor to many in Toledo as well as across this nation. Holt started the church in 1995 in the north end of Toledo and eventually moved to the Old West End on Ashland Avenue where she transformed not just a big building to become a place of mercy, but also from a 'WAREHOUSE THAT BECAME A WEARHOUSE' to all who entered the building, whether they needed clothes, food, shelter, counseling, monies, books, furniture or any other assistance.

Holt, who was ordained in 2004 as a bishop with the Interdenominational Assembly of Churches, remained faithful to her calling and served whom-ever entered the doors on Ashland Ave. She and Bethesda became known for serving and helping anybody and everybody.

She recalls that last year a young woman who identified herself as a call girl in the Old West End, showed up at her church to say thanks for always being there, clothing her, and giving her money for food when she was hungry. There was not a dry eye in the place when she finished her testimony.

That was and continues to be her mission as a servant.

Holt has served in the community in several professional roles dedicated

to empowering people. She had been the face for the Toledo Gospel Arts Festival for 14 years and served with WJCM Gospel Radio, Toledo Gospel Awards, War on Crack Gospel Tour, MLK Kitchen For The Poor and the SASI Residential Drug Program

She was a founding member of Family House, a Deputy Registrar for the State of Ohio, an executive member of the NAACP, a talk show host of TV 24 & 48, second vice president of IMA, professor at Monroe County Community College and Herzing University, executive assistant to Mayor Jack Ford, commissioner of Training for the City of Toledo, Diversity & Inclusion Coordinator for LCCS, Civil Service Commission president for the City of Toledo, and many, many more.

She is also an author who has written several books on leadership, empowerment, and self-help. In fact her latest book, *From A Grasshopper to A Giant*, is part of the NEXT that is in her future.

Holt's future is filled with her commitment nationally to the Bring Back The Glory Tour, where she intends to use her ability to bring life to the word to hurting people, as well as help leaders and pastors learn how to become the leaders they were meant to be.

She has trained extensively conducting seminars, workshops, roundtables and forums nationally that were designed to enhance leadership and birth leaders. As a trainer, Bishop Holt is passionate about leadership. She intends to re-activate the Joshua School Of Leadership that she founded in 1998 to capture the potential of young leaders, as well as reclaim and showcase the wisdom that seasoned leaders inhabit and underutilize. The School is open to the public and will incorporate a youth component in it.

Her voice will be missed in the south end at 705 Lodge Ave. The corridors

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on Lodge Ave. rang with great shout outs to the bishop. Family members, co-workers, members, co-laborers, friends, spiritual sons and daughters, proteges in ministry, and many more, praised her for her service to this community and some personally thanked her for such grace and personification of excellence in being a great teacher and role model for them.

The evening could not end without Mayor Paula Hicks-Hudson giving accolades and presenting the *WHOLLY TOLEDO* bottled water to her. She brought a great amount of laughter in the room when she said that "this bottle was before the crisis Bishop Holt!"

Bishop Randall Parker, guest speaker, did not spare in his eloquence of inspiration, necessary and maybe even unexpected pontification, that certainly proved to send Holt off and ready for the NEXT. She feels up to the task for the NEXT, as she continues her activism with the Women of Purpose, the female pastors group in the city that meets monthly, and is committed to impact the lives of children and families. She says that she has at least three more books in her future and looks forward to touring with her latest book.

Holt has already been scheduled for national television interviews and appearances. She does not take them lightly and gives all praises to God for the doors that have already been open to her.

The celebration ended with an evening of elegance in the multi-purpose fellowship hall with a scrumptious meal that will be remembered by all. The bishop says that the basic principle that she lives with daily is that all people possess V. I. P. i.e. Vision, Initiative and Potential! And To God Be The Glory for the things that he has done, she says!



Mayor Hicks-Hudson and Bishop Holt



Back row from L to R: Pastor Roger Lawson; Pastor Daphne Brown, Promise Land Christian Fellowship, Jacksonville, Fl.; Pastor Sheila Early, Trulight Cathedral Church; Overseer Roger Hayes, Fishers of Men Church; Bishop Gregory Early, Trulight Cathedral Church; Pastor Pinkie Mitchell, Redeemed By The Blood Ministries; Elder James Anderson, New Life C. O. G. I. C.

Front Row from L to R: Pastor Lorene Pettaway, Kingdom Community Christian Church; Nadine Larde, D.Min, Massive Praise Church; Bishop Marjorie Holt, Ph. D. (Honoree); Pastor Rodney Jackson, The Movement Church; Pastor Carmenita Pratt, House of Worship & Deliverance Church; Pastor Terri Sutton, Word of Faith Ministries

Present but Not Pictured: Bishop Randall Parker, Manifested Canaan Word Church; Pastor Louis Self, The Majestic Ministries; Pastor Richard Brown II, The Rock Church; Pastor Roosevelt Pope, New Destiny Community Church; Pastor Pearl Russell, Shelter In A Storm Church; Pastor Clinton Chambers; Pastor Bonnie Larkins; Elder Rodney Mason; Evangelist Sharon Johnson; Evangelist Ella Dukes; Evangelist Dianne Evans; Evangelist Sabrina Russell

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Martin Lamar: Optimistic about the Future for LMHA and the Toledo Area

By Fletcher Word

Sojourner's Truth Editor

Martin H. LaMar has been in place as Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority's deputy executive director for seven months. New to the Authority, new to Toledo, LaMar possesses a sense of optimism about his position, his agency, his adopted city and region that, it seems sometimes, only the transplanted share.

LaMar is an Atlanta, GA native who previously served in that city's Housing Authority and, more recently, in Philadelphia, PA's Housing Authority. In Toledo he has a much better opportunity, he says, to help "make decisions that can be made fast, that can stick and that can have an impact."

The vast bureaucracies of Atlanta and Philadelphia grind slowly, he suggests. So slowly that it's much more difficult in such places to get to the point of his chosen career – helping people.

"I'm about people and it's a people business," he says of a housing authority. "It's making sure people have quality dwellings and giving them a chance. I understand because I did not grow up with a silver spoon in my mouth and my heart goes out to people who say 'I don't know how to

get through the day.'"

LaMar arrives in Toledo during a time of great change within LMHA and, he is convinced, within the region as a whole.

LMHA, under the guidance of LaMar's boss, Executive Director Linnie Willis, is in the midst of a three-phase building project that will create almost 200 new units at a cost of more than \$33 million. However, the agency, one of the oldest of its type in the nation, faces some challenges, says LaMar.

Among the top challenges he faces as deputy director are updating technology operations, collecting data and marketing the agency.

"We are a little behind," he says of the technology issue. "In our basic IT functions we are utilizing 21 centers." LMHA, says LaMar needs to increase communication efficiency and face the challenge of doing more with less.

"With our funding seemingly getting reduced every year, technology can affect our bottom line," he notes. LaMar conducts monthly leadership meeting during which the topic of technology is of paramount importance.

Collecting accurate data about LMHA's residents will be critical to enhancing the agency's services going forward, says LaMar. "This will allow us to affect more households as we learn who's under what roofs, who's the head of the household, who's a veteran, for example. That way we can align people with what they need. I'm big on that because we come from a community that doesn't network the way other communities do."

As a third important challenge, LaMar speaks to the need of "getting out the word of what we do as an organization." The importance of this self-promotion he says is to foster networking and develop partnerships within the community and region.

As LMHA is in transition, LaMar says, so is the region. "Toledo has elements of what Atlanta was like before it became an international city," he says. "I was raised in Atlanta and saw people create opportunity, particularly during Mayor Maynard Jackson's time. The 21st century is awaiting Toledo's arrival and LMHA is part of that future."

LaMar is bullish on Toledo because he sees the "ripple effect" of things that are already happening – LMHA's projects, for example, Neighborhood Health Association's Jefferson Street project and ProMedica's move into the downtown area. "We are on tap for a revival. We are in the infancy steps of rebirth. We are already a hub for higher education. We are going to see people taking note of what Toledo can be," he says brimming with optimism.

LaMar earned his undergraduate degree in finance from Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University where he was a scholar and an athlete. He earned a masters in business administration from Brenau (GA) University and a masters in social work and public administration from the University of Washington.

He is a member of a number of professional and civic organizations such as the Rotary Club of Toledo, the board of the Boys and Girls Club of Toledo, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. In 2012, the Atlanta Business Chronicle included LaMar in its annual "40 Atlantans under 40" class.

The fact doesn't escape the Atlanta native that he has arrived in Toledo during a period in which the traffic is headed almost entirely the other way as Toledoans flee the Glass City in droves seeking to move to the booming Atlanta metropolis. He is, however, unfazed by the irony.

"Economic growth is inevitable and everybody who fled will be clamoring to come back," he confidently predicts.



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Decisions are at the discretion of LMHA and are subject to change at any time. We reserve the right to award multiple winners and prizes, or no winners and prizes.

Winners: All winners will be notified by email, phone, or postal mail. The winner of each age group will receive a prize. Specific prizes will be chosen by LMHA, at our discretion. All contests end Monday, June 15, 2015, or as otherwise posted on LMHA's website, www.lucasmha.org.

For a complete list of winners, write to LMHA 211 S. Byrne Rd., Toledo, OH 43615, and include a self-addressed, stamped envelope or visit at online at www.lucasmha.org.

Kids, write an essay, short letter, poem or create artwork to express the impact that a male or father figure has made on your life.

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Four Time and Money Saving Home Improvement Projects

Special to The Truth

When you began shopping for your home, you may have envisioned white picket fences, the perfect kitchen, and decorations mirroring those from your favorite glossy magazines. Soon, you realized your taste and budget weren't on the same page. However, every home can be a glorious fixer-upper as you add appealing features -- especially if you know some tricks to save time and money on home improvements.

With limited time and budget, you may not know where to begin. Here are four home improvement tips to help get you started.

Wall Repair

You've decided the ugly bathroom mirror needs a makeover, but when you remove it from the wall, some of the drywall paper comes off too. For larger wall repairs, remember to prime twice. Cut away any loose paper, apply a thin coat of primer, followed by three coats of spackle or compound -- sanding between each layer for a smooth finish. Apply primer again to prevent "flashing," or a dulling in the finish, and paint the area with your desired wall color. For a quick bathroom update, consider framing the mirror instead of removing it.

Boxed Storage

Large retailers offer stylish storage solutions for minimal cost. The downside, besides having to assemble things yourself, is the lack of stability these units provide. Have a little peace of mind with a simple fix -- before screwing the pieces together, simply add a small amount of Elmer's Wood Glue. The bond will hold strong, even as your screws loosen over time. For projects with mixed materials, such as metal and wood, use ProBond Advanced.

Fill in the Gaps

Your trim and baseboards can take quite the beating over the years. Moving furniture, kicking off your shoes, or playing with toys can lead to dents and gouges. Apply wood filler to damaged trim to quick-

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Yet, if we are going to "keep it real," we must take into account a black community who, in the words of Lalah Hathaway, is tired of elected officials:

"Telling me what you gon' do;
pointless cause you don't come through;
wasted breath and words on you;
I've done all I can do."

The plan promises \$7 billion in revenue and more than 16,000 direct jobs that pay a living wage and nearly 9,800 additional indirect jobs should ResponsibleOhio's proposed constitutional amendment appear on the November ballot and wins the approval of voters. The African-American community has a degree of skepticism whether it will actually benefit from an economic standpoint.

Others, from a social justice perspective, complain that "it is really foul that so many of our brothers and sisters have been incarcerated for marijuana possession until *somebody* decided that they wanted to turn it into a legitimate industry. So, "we" are criminalized, off ramped for developing the underground trafficking systems... then "they" come along, take them over with *clean records* and are designated profitable business men and women."

It is inevitable that legalization of marijuana will eventually take place. The conversation now, even among anti-personal drug use proponents, needs to be about how we can be practical, keep our people safe and rebuild communities of color devastated by the politics of "explicitly racist" U.S. drug policies.

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ly bring them back to life. Not sure when it's ready to sand? Color Change Wood Filler changes color when it's dry, taking the guesswork out of the drying time. Finally, apply a fresh coat of paint or stain.

Tile Transformation

Tile adds a touch of luxury to your kitchen or bath, but can be an eyesore if it starts looking dingy. For an easy refresh, pick up grout cleaner from your local hardware store or simply sprinkle baking soda onto the grout. Pour a little vinegar over it before scrubbing. Use an old toothbrush and some elbow grease, and your old grout will look new in no time. If you need to replace the caulking around your tub or base of your backsplash, apply painter's tape on the base and wall to ensure you'll get a straight, clean line.

Home improvement doesn't have to be daunting. Tackling small, effective projects can provide a large impact while requiring little time, money and DIY expertise. From home repairs to furniture fixes, these quick tips will help you make your house feel more like a home -- leaving you more time to kick back and enjoy it.

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Entrepreneurship – Who Should You Partner With or Hire? - Part II

Karl A. Parker, P.E., MBA, Board Chairman, Parker Family of Businesses

The Truth Contributor

In the previous article, I discussed how my father, Edward Parker Sr., operated in the informal underground economy with the many businesses that he owned and operated. My oldest brother, Edward Parker Jr, again, was blessed or cursed with the same entrepreneurial spirit as my father. As mentioned in the previous article, he launched a business, Parker & Carter Home Improvement, with his best friend, Andrew Carter. They were the president and vice-president of the company, and the majority of the employees were family or friends. This is where I began my career in 1971 sweeping sidewalks and picking up sticks.

Many of their employees were from the inner city and African Americans. Because this was a construction business, all of the employees had to have the aptitude to be able to learn how to perform technical work as carpenters, plumbers, electricians, etc. Obviously, their skill sets varied.

In my conversations with my brother, approximately 30-40 percent of them required special, focused training. Another thing about these employees was that they were slightly unemployable. Unfortunately, many of these employees had similar profiles to those that plague inner city citizens today, specifically males.

They may have dabbled in recreational drugs, were suspicious of authoritative figures and may have had some type of criminal record (and this is the late 1960's, early 1970's). Ironically, Ed and Andrew had similar profiles to their employees, as it relates to some of these social issues vs the academic/intelligence issues. So their family and friends strategy, while different than my fathers, was similar.

They hired ex-felons and ex-drug users who were family, friends and former classmates. The great thing about that is that they were able to transform a group of undervalued, disenfranchised African-American men and women into well-oiled remodelers and electricians.

They had a short-term, successful run where they got involved in urban renewal and built or remodeled a number of residential properties. They were fortunate to partner with the Minority Business Development agencies and were pioneers in developing the local Minority Contractors Association. However, the chickens came home to roost.

Unfortunately, their human capital strategy failed as a result of some unfortunate family and friends' dynamics. Specifically, my sister asked my brother to hire her boyfriend. My father didn't like him because he didn't think the boyfriend treated my sister with the dignity and respect she deserved.

A vote was taken by the operating leaders of the company, primarily my siblings and their friends, that resulted in a recommendation to hire the boyfriend. This decision made my father very unhappy and he pulled his funding and support of the company. In less than a year, the company failed.

Ed Jr. left the region to go work with my Uncle Chuck as a Junior Project Engineer in Phoenix, Arizona. Around

the same time, his partner, Andrew Carter, unfortunately died in a tragic swimming accident. The other employees disbanded and found other employment. My sister Sandra, the first African-American female to become a licensed electrical contractor in the State of Ohio, and her husband, Louis Bibbs, started their own electrical contracting business.

Fast forward to the winter of 1977, members of my family decided that there should be an entrepreneurial reunion. Two of my mother's brothers, Willie and Chuck, convinced my brother and sister that they should all reunite and launch a new electrical contracting business called Consolidated Electrical Contractors and Engineers. Again, this business was launched with family and friends.

To be continued in Part III - Entrepreneurship – Who should you partner with or hire?

Ed. Note: Part 1 of this article can be viewed online in our May 20 issue



Karl Parker

LMHA's Fatherhood Initiative – Dribbling With Dads

Special to The Truth

"My father gave me the greatest gift anyone could give another person, he believed in me."
– Jim Valvano

"Any man can be a father but it takes someone special to be a dad." --- Anne Geddes
"Your children need your presence more than your presents." --- Rev. Jesse Jackson

The Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority's annual Fatherhood Initiative Celebration --- honoring Toledo fathers and supporting male involvement in the lives of children --- will be held Saturday, June 20, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Frederick Douglass Community Center.

This year's theme, **Dribbling With Dads**, recognizes the significance and impact a father and/or male father-figure can have on young impressionable children even as simple as taking time out to dribble a basketball together. An honorary **Dribbling With Dads** ceremony in which fathers, sons and families will dribble basketballs on a 1K (+/-) course is scheduled to begin at 11 a.m.

Toledo native and former pro basketball player Todd Mitchell is scheduled to be in attendance as the basketball marshal and to share thoughts on growing up with a dad and the importance of being a father.

The annual Fatherhood Initiative Celebration is a day for honoring fathers and families. The community center is located at 1001 Indiana Ave., and the event is free and open to the public.

Light refreshments will be served, music, fun and games will be offered for children of all ages. David Bush, Youth Advocate and Executive Director of the Madd Poets Society, Inc. is this year's keynote speaker. Additional local officials and dignitaries are also expected to attend.

The LMHA-established event traditionally held during Father's Day weekend has received the support of local companies and organizations, including the Toledo Zoo, University of Toledo, Toledo Metroparks, The Butterfly House, Subway, Walmart, Anaconda Sports, Dairy Queen, Skyway Financial, City of Toledo Youth Commission, Toledo Police Department, Lucas County Sheriff's Office and Toledo Fire and Rescue Department. Confirmed vendor participants include, The Ridge Project, The Source/Ohio Means Jobs, Toledo Lucas County Health Department, and UMADAOP.

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Social Security Column

From Typewriters to Megabytes – Social Security's Evolution

By Phil Walton, Social Security Manager in Toledo, OH

Guest Column

The first typewriter to be commercially successful was invented on June 23, 1868. One hundred years later, Social Security still used the same technology to type Social Security cards, envelopes, forms, and applications. This system required thousands of employees to create, maintain, transmit, and file the folder for each current and future beneficiary by hand to ensure accurate payments to retirees and disability beneficiaries.

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Dr. Hope Mitchell is the first African-American dermatologist in Northwest Ohio as well as the founder and medical director of Mitchell Dermatology. She has been voted a top dermatologist for the past two years in Toledo City Paper's Best of Toledo poll. Dr. Mitchell has been practicing dermatology for the past 16 years. She started her own practice 10 years ago in Perrysburg and enjoys seeing patients of all ages, skin types and ethnicities. Since opening Mitchell Dermatology in 2005, the staff and reputation for high-quality care have both grown. Dr. Mitchell specializes in general and cosmetic dermatology, including hair loss, skin discoloration, mole examination and removal, acne and eczema.

Dermatologists treat all conditions concerning the hair, skin and nails. They are the authority and experts in skin care. "Our job is to help our patients keep their skin healthy," says Dr. Mitchell. After completing medical school, dermatologists complete a four-year residency in which they focus on learning about ALL conditions that affect the hair, skin and nails during the last three years of the program. "I trained at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit where I was fortunate enough to see all types of skin issues but especially those affecting African American patients such as hair loss, lupus, moles and pigmentation disorders," says Dr. Mitchell.

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Keep the Change by Harley J. Spiller

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

The Truth Contributor

Find a penny, pick it up.

Words of advice from your grandfather, for whom a penny was worth bending over. For you, one cent doesn't buy much, so do you grab errant coins or step past them? What's the deal with a lousy penny, anyhow? **Harley J. Spiller** makes it his hobby to know, and in *Keep the Change*, he'll tell you.

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We humans are a curious bunch. There's a good chance, for instance, that you have fabric in your wallet, cloth you could exchange for dinner. The fabric *itself* isn't worth much – surely not as much as printed numbers inked by sixty tons of force might indicate. No, it's the value we assign to it that really matters.

Dollar bills are made with “world-class” precision and safeguards, each made of 75 percent cotton, 25 percent special linen, measuring 2.61 inches by 6.14 inches by 0.0043 inches thick. “In 2012,” says Spiller, “more than eight billion rectangles... soaked up close to three thousand tons of ink to create just under three hundred and fifty-nine billion dollars.” That ain't chump change, and the government constantly looks for ways to keep counterfeiters from reproducing the fine details, glow strips, and muted colors of foldable money. Even just scanning a dollar bill into your computer, Spiller notes, can result in a bit of unpleasantness...

And then there are the bits of metal you have in your pocket or purse.

Copper has been prized for eons: some Native Americans considered it sacred. The U.S. Mint begged to differ, though, and didn't declare copper to be legal tender until 1862 – which meant that the first copper pennies, produced in 1792, couldn't be deposited in a bank. Still, making cents made sense: pennies were traded for and used by slaves, and when Abraham Lincoln died, mourners turned “Indianhead” coins into souvenirs. Abe's portrait on the penny proved to be even more popular: between 1909 and 2012, nearly 500 billion pennies were minted, although many people now jeer at the mere presence of a one-cent coin.

Did you know that banks sometimes literally throw money away? Yep, and you'll learn why (and more!) in *Keep the Change*.

Since he was a young boy, museum professional and author Harley J. Spiller has been a numismatist (coin collector) with a focus on mangled and altered cash. In this entertaining book, he nicely melds his passion and quirky collection with photos and facts about money as a whole: its history, the reasons why it looks as it does, and a large list of alternates for the word “money.” Spiller's shared knowledge also fills in many cultural gaps to help readers understand money's role in society, and embracing his glossary of terms will make you sound like the Big Wig of Big Bucks.

While you'll surely learn a thing or two here, the real reason to read this book is to enjoy a lighthearted look at currency, recovered and made. If that seems like great fun to you, then... and pick it up.

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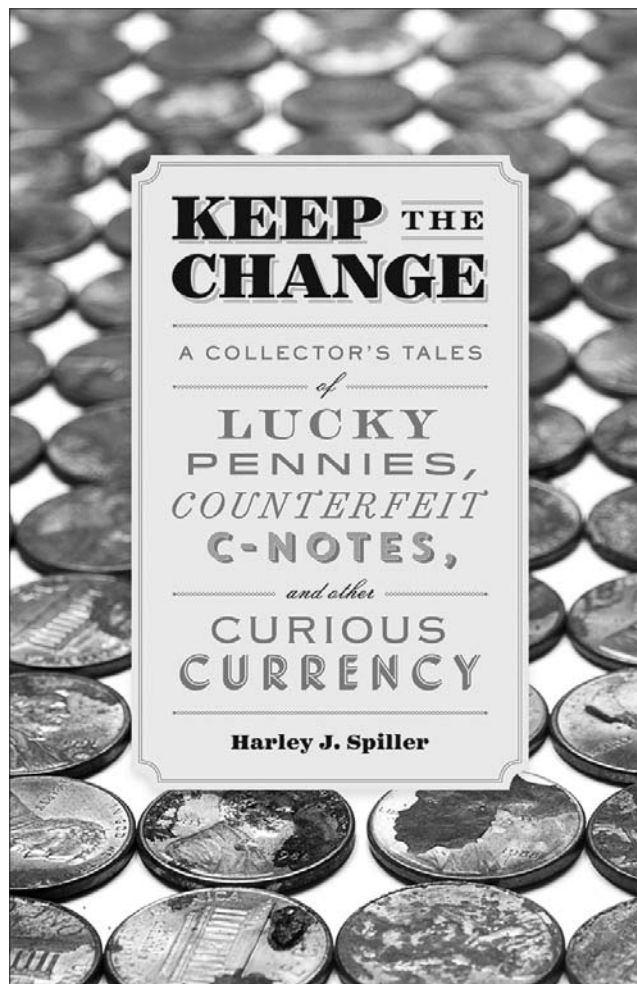
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Toledo Fair Housing Center Condemns House's Multiple Assaults on Fair Housing

Funding Bill Attacks Local and National Efforts to Fight Discrimination

Special to The Truth

The U.S. House of Representatives narrowly approved a funding bill last week that will prohibit local fair housing agencies and HUD from effectively enforcing the Fair Housing Act on multiple fronts. Lawmakers approved language that eliminates federal grant funding to local non-profit fair housing centers making it easier for banks, landlords, and other housing providers to discriminate with impunity.

The bill also included language blocking HUD's nearly final Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) rule, and its disparate impact rule, both of which are important tools to stop illegal housing discrimination and promote safe and stable communities.

"This bill attempts to undermine all of our efforts to achieve justice for victims of discrimination and ensure that every neighborhood receives what it needs to thrive at a time when most Americans feel strongly that civil rights laws are critically important for our society", said Shanna Smith, president and CEO of the National Fair Housing Alliance.

"The AFFH rule, which is now being finalized by HUD, will help jurisdictions that willingly accept federal funds comply with their long-standing obligation to promote strong neighborhoods, and work to reverse entrenched patterns of residential segregation and the structural inequalities that they produce."

"Local nonprofit fair housing centers investigate over two-thirds of all reported housing discrimination complaints and rely on federal dollars to root out and stop illegal practices. These groups help tens of thousands of people every year when they face barriers to fair housing. More than 3 million acts of housing discrimination occur each year, but the vast majority are never reported. Congress must support robust enforcement of the Fair Housing Act by expanding the resources available to local nonprofit fair housing groups that do the majority of the work to fight hidden discrimination and promote local policies to overcome the ugly legacy of segregation and concentrated poverty."

HUD's Disparate Impact rule, based on 45 years of legal precedent and upheld by 11 federal Circuit courts, was promulgated by HUD in response to calls from both the housing industry and civil rights groups for more clear guidelines on how to apply the legal standard. The disparate impact doctrine simply states that housing providers must use policies and practices that do not


unnecessarily discriminate against people if there are other, less discriminatory, alternatives that achieve the same business goals.

The rule provides helpful guidance for how to promote diverse, inclusive communities and help victims of domestic violence, families with children, people with disabilities and others access equal housing opportunities.

If these anti-fair housing bills are permitted to pass the Senate and are approved by President Obama, they could directly impact Toledo Fair Housing Center's enforcement of fair housing laws.


"This could reduce our funding, which would undermine our ability to assist victims of housing discrimination," remarked Michael Marsh, President/CEO of Toledo Fair Housing Center. "By eroding the power to enforce fair housing laws, it essentially renders those laws meaningless. This opens the door for housing professionals to adopt discriminatory practices."

Marsh continued, "As these bills proceed to the Senate and President Obama, we expect our government leaders to value the rights of Americans to have equal access to housing opportunities, and prevent these bills from weakening the laws that were put in place to protect those rights."



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Breaking Super Records!

(Released June 12, 2015) – The Toledo-Lucas County Public Library and Lucas County residents have been challenged to **Escape The Ordinary!** in this year's superhero-themed **Summer Reading CHALLENGE (SRC)**, which runs **now through August 8!**

During the pre-registration phase of SRC (which started May 18), some 3,600 signed up! SRC, which started June 8, now has more than **9,000** total registered and growing – a Super record! Last year, some 20,000 total participated in SRC.

Super-Citizens of all ages can have extraordinary fun and become a reading Superhero by registering for SRC at a neighborhood library location or online at <http://src.toledolibrary.org>

(src.toledolibrary.org).

Once you register, you can pick up or print your first **Challenge Card**. Registration prizes are available at all library locations. A new Challenge Card will be released weekly for KIDS and bi-weekly for TEENS and Read to Me participants. You can log each Challenge Card once. The SRC program ends August 8 and all prizes must be claimed by August 22.

Summer Reading Challenge is about reading, learning and summer fun! We want to encourage people of all ages to read books, listen to books, try new things and explore our community and the online world. The amount of time a child spends reading each day is directly linked to their success in school. Your Library is here

to encourage children to keep reading and learning all summer-long. Kids who read succeed!

SRC's categories include the following:

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- **TEENS** (6th grade through 12th grade)
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SRC 2015 is generously supported by the following:

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Library Joins Books 4 Buddies at Summer Kick-Off Event

(Released June 12, 2015) – The Toledo-Lucas County Public Library is pleased to join **Books 4 Buddies** as they kick-off their summer **Superhero Literacy Campaign** scheduled from 2 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, **June 20** in the Macy's® court of Franklin Park Mall, 5001 Monroe St. This is a **FREE** event and open to the public.

Books 4 Buddies is represented by a diverse group of 25 male teen ambassadors from area pub-

lic and private high schools who spend their summer months out in the community collecting and gifting books to children and young adults – with a specific focus on reaching boys – some of whom have limited access to leisure reading material.

At the kick-off event, participants are asked to bring new or gently-used books for youth and deposit them at the book drop-off at The Blade truck located on event day in Franklin Park Mall's Southeast parking area (off Sylvania Avenue). **Ben Cathey**, a 13abc reporter, will serve as the event MC.

This **FREE**, fun, family event features an exciting line-up of local superheroes:

- 2 p.m. - The honorable **Teresa Fedor**, Ohio House of Representatives, District 45
- 2:15 p.m. - Toledo-Lucas County Public Library's **Summer Reading Challenge** superhero (**Christopher Smith**)
- 2:30 p.m. - **Evan Fritts**, accomplished, professional Kart racing driver
- 2:45 p.m. - **Dennis Hopson**, retired National Basketball Association player/all-time men's ca-

reer points record holder as a former basketball player for The Ohio State University

- 3:00 p.m. - **Romules Durant**, D.Min, Toledo Public Schools Superintendent
- 3:15 p.m. - **Jayme Thompson**, Iowa Western Community College football player/former football player for The Ohio State University and Central Catholic graduate
- 3:30 p.m. - **Nigel Hayes**, University of Wisconsin basketball player and Whitmer graduate
- 3:45 p.m. - The honorable **Paula Hicks-Hudson**, City of Toledo Mayor
- 4 p.m. - **Jean Holden Singers** (led by vocal-ist Jean Holden-Hanna aka *Toledo's First Lady of Song*)

Books 4 Buddies was founded in 2012 by Toledo native **Toure McCord** and his grandmother **Laneta Goings**. The organization collects new and gently-used books for disadvantaged children and young adults. Since its inception, Books 4 Buddies has donated more than 30,000 books to readers in Northwest Ohio and beyond. For more information and to get involved with Books 4 Buddies visit www.books4buddies.com.

Books 4 Buddies would like to thank the following generous sponsors: The Andersons, Apex Micrographics, The Blade, Buckeye CableSystem, CedarCreek.tv, Fifth Third Bank, Franklin Park Mall, HART, Lucas County Sheriff's Office, Toledo-Lucas County Public Library, and Toledo Public Schools

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"After a Y Splash class, the kids have a strong sense of accomplishment because they now have the ability to do something they didn't think they could do," said Kathy LaFountain, YMCA aquatics director for the West Toledo YMCA. "There are so many opportunities to participate in aquatics, like boating, swimming, water sports and games, and aquatic parks. Families can participate free of worry knowing they have the skills to participate safely." The YMCA of Greater Toledo is committed to providing as many opportunities as possible for everyone to swim and learn water safety practices."

The YMCA of Greater Toledo encourages parents to take an active role in their child's safety. Following are safety tips to practice when in and around the water:

- Only swim when and where there is a lifeguard on duty; never swim alone.
- Adults should constantly and actively watch their children.
- Inexperienced or non-swimmers should wear a Coast Guard-approved life jacket.
- Parents or guardians of young children should be within an arm's reach.
- Children and adults should not engage in breath holding activities.

In addition to learning lifesaving water safety skills, children can increase their physical activity by swimming. Swimming also motivates children to strive for self-improvement, teaches goal orientation, and cultivates a positive mental attitude and high self-esteem. It also teaches life lessons of sport and sportsmanship, so that children

can learn how to work well with teammates and coaches and how to deal with winning and losing.

As a leading nonprofit committed to youth development, the Y has been a leader in providing swim lessons, as well as water-safety classes and programs. The YMCA of Greater Toledo continues to help youth and adults experience the joy and benefits of swimming, so they can be healthy, confident and secure in the water. Join us at one of our branches indoor or outdoor pools for family swim, or competitive swimming. To ensure that everyone has an opportunity to participate, financial assistance is available to those in need to help cover the costs.

To learn more about the YMCA of Greater Toledo swim programs, including YMCA Splash, please visit the branch in your community. To find the branch near you, visit our Web site at ymcatoledo.org.

Toledo Community Foundation's Oswald Supporting Organization Awards Grant To YMCA of Greater Toledo

The Board of Trustees of the Oswald Supporting Organization of the Toledo Community Foundation has approved a grant to the YMCA of Greater Toledo in the amount of \$6048.00. These funds will be used to support the Live Well Greater Toledo Bicycle Fix It and Safety Education Programs.

The Oswald Supporting Organization grant will be used to support the collaborative efforts of Toledo Safe Routes to School and Toledo Bikes with the goals of bringing awareness to the community that bicycling is a viable source of transportation and improving the health, safety, and well-being of all.

Jenny Hansen, Live Well Greater Toledo Safe Routes To School Travel Plan Coordinator said, "Although encouraging students to bike to and from school in an effort to increase physical activity is important, safety is our main goal. It is imperative that student bicycles have been checked for safety, that students receive bicycle safety education, and that they have the proper equipment, like helmets and reflective gear, to keep them safe on the route".

Toledo Community Foundation, Inc. is a public charitable organization created by citizens of our community to enrich the quality of life for individuals and families in our area. In existence since 1973, the Foundation has more than 685 funds with assets of approximately \$224 million. The Foundation provides philanthropic services for individuals, families, businesses and corporations to meet their charitable giving needs. For more information on the Foundation, visit the organization's Website at www.toledocf.org or follow us on Facebook.

Toledo was chosen to be part one of 16 YMCAs from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the YMCA of the USA's Statewide Pioneering Healthier Communities initiative to reduce childhood obesity. Early in 2011, leaders from the YMCA/JCC, ProMedica, Mercy Children's Hospital, Lucas County Commissioners, United Way of Greater Toledo, Toledo Community Foundation, Toledo Public Schools, University of Toledo and Toledo Lucas County Health Department, along

with the Mayor of the City of Toledo and three youth advocates, attended a conference in Washington D.C. to help greater Toledo create solutions to improve nutrition and physical activity. The group is currently established a community action plan which will focus on 4 key areas including improving access to fruits and vegetables and healthier food as well as improving areas for physical activity such as walking

and biking. To learn more about how to be a part of this opportunity, log on to the website at www.livewelltoledo.org.





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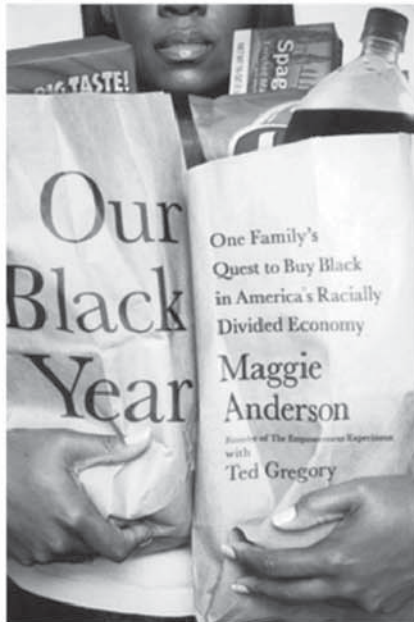
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Pay range: \$18.23 - \$20.54 hr.

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Invitation for Bids

Window Replacements at Devonshire Estates (RE-BID) IFB #15-B003A

Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority (LMHA) will receive bids for Window Replacements at Devonshire Estates. Received in accordance with law until Fri., Jun. 19, 2015, 11AM ET. Pre-Bid Conf.: Jun. 11, 2015, 10AM ET. For Documents: www.lucasmha.org, 435 Nebraska Ave., Toledo, OH 43604 or 419-259-9446/419-259-9446 (TRS: Dial 711).

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



Request for Proposals Pest Control Services RFP#15-R010

Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority (LMHA) will receive proposals for **Pest Control Services. Received in accordance with law until Fri., Jun. 19, 2015, 3PM ET. Pre-Prop Conf: Jun. 4, 2015, 11AM ET. 425 Nebraska Ave.** For Documents: www.lucasmha.org, 435 Nebraska Ave., Toledo, OH 43604 or 419-259-9446/419-259-9446 (TRS: Dial 711).

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Board of Directors that Sealed Bids will be received by the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority for:

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This contract is for all labor, material, insurance, and equipment necessary for the OVERLAND INDUSTRIAL PARK Warehouse Access Road located at 1000 Jeep Parkway in Toledo, OH 43610, in accordance with the approved plans and specifications, to the Port Authority at One Maritime Plaza, Toledo, Ohio 43604.

Bids will be received at the Port Authority's administrative offices at One Maritime Plaza, Toledo, Ohio 43604 until Thursday, June 18, 2015, at 2:00 PM, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The project "OVERLAND INDUSTRIAL PARK Warehouse Access Road" is for the excavation, grading, aggregate base installation, paving and striping. The engineers estimate for the base bid of this project is \$250,000.00.

Plans, Specifications, Instructions to Proposers, and Forms of Proposal and Contract are on file and may be obtained by contacting Gilda Mitchell with the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority at either 419-243-8251 or gmitchell@toledoportauthority.org.

Please note that there will be a pre-bid meeting for all prospective bidders on Tuesday, June 9, 2015 at 10:30 AM in the office of the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority at One Maritime Plaza, 7th Floor, Toledo, Ohio 43604. Attendance is helpful, but not mandatory.

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Pre-Applications for Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority's Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCVP, formally referred to as "Section 8") waiting list lottery is scheduled to take place beginning midnight June 15, until midnight June 29. To avoid the inconvenience of long waiting lines, pre-applications will only be accepted on the Internet. Pre-applications forms will be available at www.lucasmhaapply4housing.org.

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Five Star Daycare Graduation

By Tricia Hall

Sojourner's Truth Reporter

The Seagate Convention Center was filled with excited parents and family members on Saturday, June 13, 2015 to celebrate the graduation from Little Generations Day Care.

The organization operates two locations in Toledo under the slogan found within the program, "The Great Minds of Tomorrow Start with the Little Generation."

The ceremony opened with greetings and inspirational words of wisdom from staff members, Rev. Benjamin Green and Bennett Venture Academy Head Start Director Hope Bland.

"This is a momentous occasion in the lives of our children. I want to thank you personally for trusting your children with us. Little Generations Day Care is a five star organization, meaning they deliver quality services with exceptional staff," said Bland.

Graduates presented highlights from their daycare, with presentations of ABC's, sounds with sign language, counting in English and Spanish and special presentations. Before the graduates received their diplomas, Romules Durant, Ed.D, Toledo Public Schools superintendent addressed the graduates and the audience.

"Thank you, Little Generations Day Care," said Durant. "Education is important for the success of our children. School success leads to career success. I'm excited about what is going on at Little Generations Day Care."



"Celebrating the Ministry" – Pastor Brock Celebrates 22 Years at Mt. Nebo

Sojourner's Truth Staff

Pastor Cedric Brock and First Lady Debra Brock, along with the congregation and special guests, celebrated 22 years of service to Mt. Nebo Baptist Church on Sunday, June 14. "Twenty Two Blessed Street," from Psalm 1:1-3, was an appropriate theme for the celebration. Pastor E.L. Branch, D.Min, of Third New Hope Baptist Church of Detroit was the guest speaker.

Pastor Rick Morris served as master of ceremony and the Brock's daughter, Kiarra Brock led the ministry of dance, followed by selections from the M. Nebo Music Ministry.

Sunday's service closed with remarks by both Pastor and First Lady Brock.



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