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# Beta Gamma Chapter Brings Home Four Awards

*Special to The Truth*

At the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc's recent Midwest Regional Conference, hosted by Chi Chapter in Detroit, MI on May 4-6, 2017, the Toledo Beta Gamma Chapter was awarded the Chapter of the Year for the third time in three years.

Bessie Mack won the Soror of the Year for her exemplary service in the community and her work with youth. The chapter was also awarded second place for its Activity Book, which highlights the projects and programs that members provide for youth, education and service throughout the year.

Lastly, Beta Gamma Chapter placed third for membership attendance at the conference.

Nineteen chapters from around the Midwest attended this year's Regional Conference. The chapters are in Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana and Missouri.

The National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. was founded in 1923 in Jersey City, New Jersey by eight women who were teachers. The National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. is a professional organization of teachers

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For the past four years, Dorothy Batson has been the president of Beta Gamma Chapter.



Bessie Mack



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## Summer 2017 updates effective June 4.

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- **1/4 Ottawa Hills/Sylvania/ Sylvania Twp Call-A-Ride**  
- schedule adjustments Monday through Sunday; holidays unchanged
- **2H Franklin Park Mall via Toledo Hospital**  
- Saturday and Sunday schedule adjustments
- **3 North/South Crosstown**  
- schedule adjustments
- **5 Dorr via UT Main Campus**
- **5R Dorr/Richards**  
- schedule adjustments; Wal-Mart served evenings, weekends, and holidays; Flaire Dr no longer served by 5R; Independence/Nebraska/Richards loop no longer served evenings, weekends, and holidays
- **6N/S King Road/City of Sylvania**  
- schedule adjustments
- **8 Maumee Call-A-Ride**  
- Saturday and Sunday schedule adjustments with the last timepoint at Southwyck Blvd eliminated
- **11/12/13/14 East Toledo**  
- schedule adjustments: last lineup trip discontinued evenings, weekends, and holidays
- **11/14 Oak/East Broadway**  
- schedule adjustments to last evening trip
- **12/13 Front/Starr**  
- schedule adjustments to early evening trips
- **15A Summit/Suder/Alexis**
- **15E Summit/Point Place via Alexis**  
- Saturday and Sunday schedule adjustments
- **17B Lagrange/Bennett via Miracle Mile**
- **17E Lagrange/Eleanor via Miracle Mile**  
- Saturday and Sunday schedule adjustments
- **19F Cherry/Franklin Park /**
- **19T Cherry/Tremainsville**  
- afternoon schedule adjustments
- **20T Central/Franklin Park to be designated 20F**  
- schedule adjustment: one evening trip eliminated
- **22F Bancroft via UT Campus/ Franklin Park to be designated 22**  
- evening schedule adjustments and last evening trips eliminated
- **24 Delaware/Kenwood via Westgate**  
- one inbound morning schedule adjustment
- **26D Berdan/Douglas-Miracle Mile /**
- **26L Lewis/Alexis-Miracle Mile**  
- 26D routing now covers Central Ave from Collingwood Blvd to Jeep Pkwy; 26L remains; evening schedule adjustments
- **27H Nebraska/Hill-Reynolds**
- **27N Nebraska/Angola-Wenz**  
- weekday schedule adjustments
- **28/30 City Park/Indiana/Oakwood**  
- weekday schedule adjustments; last inbound lineup timepoint eliminated weekends and holidays
- **31G Glendale/Southwyck /**
- **31H Heatherdowns/Southwyck**  
- Sunday schedule adjustment
- **32H South/Airport /**
- **32R UT Health Science Campus/Southwyck Blvd**  
- weekday evening schedule adjustments
- **34 Detroit/Byrne/Western via UTM**  
- one outbound morning schedule adjustment due to the closure of the Lott Larc Lane location; last evening trip discontinued weekdays and Saturdays
- **35 Airport/Maumee-Arrowhead**  
- late morning schedule adjustments
- **43 Maumee-Arrowhead/Western via UTM**  
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# The Year is 2027....Read and Weep!

By Lafe Tolliver

Guest Column

The event: The Historical Society of Greater Toledo

Meeting Place: African American Legacy Headquarters

Event Topic: What Did Not Happen in Toledo 10 years Ago

Convener: Barrett Quarters of World Reach Television (WRT)

**Convener:** Good evening to everyone and thank you for your attendance today. I see we have an overflowing crowd on hand and that is good to see because when people get involved in the governance of their lives, matters can improve.

This evening's guests are five members of the 2017 Toledo City Council: the then Mayor, Paula Hicks Hudson, Yvonne Harper, Tyrone Riley, Cecelia Adams, PhD, and Larry Sykes. The only person absent is Theresa Gabriel whose whereabouts cannot be determined.

Thank you all for coming out for tonight's topic which is: The Urban Negro Politician: Promising As background information for our viewers and for those here in the studio, as you may recall, back in the year of 2016 and 2017, The City of Toledo had a black mayor and five minority council persons. An unprecedented collection of potential political and economical power. Matter of fact, you were dubbed, "The Super Six."

But, as we saw, that power dissipated when one council person, Theresa Gabriel resigned her council seat and took a job with the Board of Elections.

Several articles critical of the mayor and the five minority council members for not being more aggressive in generating policies that would benefit the black community and to keep black youths in Toledo were published in the black news weeklies called The Toledo Journal and The Sojourner's Truth.

However, in spite of the trenchant articles and the offering of 11 suggestions which were provided to the mayor and the black city council persons on which they could produce some immediate positive results or outcomes, nothing was accomplished or even undertaken on those suggestions to empower the black community.

So, my questions to the former mayor and the five council persons are: What happened? Why didn't your group which was dubbed, 'The Super Six', take up the challenge thrown down at your feet and run with it?

**Mayor:** Mr. Quarters, thanks for the invitation to speak on this long-lasting issue which simply seems not to go away. Yes, I read the several articles about our apparent apathy and

I read the suggestions provided to us by the writer but the political reality is that we were just to worried about what The Blade would say if we did in fact meet together and plot to do things that could have been regarded as being biased towards the black community, so we sat on our hands and did nothing.

**Convener:** Mayor, are you stating that in the year 2016-17, that your group could not have withstood media scrutiny if you engaged in a pattern of political power that sought to uplift a certain section of the Toledo community and thus would have, in turn, benefited the entire city? That sounds ludicrous!

**Cecelia Adams:** To be honest, we had several other pressing issues in our In-box and we simply did not have the time to convene in secret and issue a manifesto that would have benefited our minority community.

**Tyrone Riley:** Plus, we wanted to make sure that we kept our council seats and if we went out on a limb, we could face being "primaried" by a new candidate and thus wind up losing our council seats and a nice monthly check to boot!

**Larry Sykes:** Hey! Who made the author of those biting articles our conscience? We are all adults and we did what we thought was right and I am not apologizing for our conduct.

Some may call it lame, but it is what it was... politics.

**Yvonne Harper:** Yes, we could have and should have done more but quite frankly we were not equipped to deal with such issues and especially as part time council members. I agree with the intent of the articles but come on...what did we know about collective urban economic development?

Those 11 suggestions were great but to fit all of that on our plates would have been too much. We are just council persons in Toledo! What did we know about similar happenings in other cities?

**Convener:** Wow! It sounds like you all were not equipped to take on the urban problems of Toledo and especially so when it came to aggressively tackling the economic concerns of the Toledo inner city.

So, my question to all of you: Why did you want elected office in the first place if you were not willing to take the heat and fight the good fight of faith and do some intense planning to help out the, "least of these?"

Long silence.....

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**Mayor:** Yeah, looking back at that time, we did have a super majority on city council and we could have at least met to figure out if we could advance such an agenda but we did not because we were not in one accord and each person apparently had their own agenda about what to do and how to do it. We did not form a consensus about what needed to be done.

**Cecelia Adams:** Speaking only for myself, I did not know the leanings of the other members on City Council in regards to raising funds to sponsor the suggestion of an

Office For External Affairs which could have been our cover for such an approach.

Looking back now, I guess we could have been more proactive but we were in Toledo and not in a Columbus or a Cleveland or an Oakland and we simply did not have the finesse to know and how to do such progressive things. Sorry.



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**Tyrone Riley:** I guess none of us wanted to be the pioneer because as you know, it is the pioneer that gets all of the arrows in the back! We just did not gel as a group and we did not count the costs to do such things for community improvement as the list suggested.

Yes, looking back, we lost a golden opportunity to make a solid impact in people lives and enrich the city, but we fumbled the ball and did not get it into the end zone!

**Yvonne Harper:** My concern was what if the community did not support us and we go out there with this plan and it falls on deaf ears...how does that make us look?

Plus, I do not know if we could have gotten certain community leaders on board with us since, as you know in Toledo, everyone seemingly has their own turf and they are not willing to have others step into it!

**Larry Sykes:** (beginning to slightly sob into his hands). Yes! It could have been done and should have been done! We were able to do it but we failed! We failed ourselves and our community because we did not want to take political risks and get cut off at the knees.

We did not have the courage of our convictions and now it is too late. Toledo will never have such an unusual alignment of political power as we did then! Oh, what a loss!

**Convener:** Well, thank you all panel for your honesty and insight into that situation that you faced about 10 years ago. It still goes to show you that opportunity, political or otherwise, waits for no one and you all had the chance to make a profound impact in Toledo but alas, you all chose the road of least resistance and for that, people lives who could have benefited from your vision and courage, got the short end of the stick!

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# Testimony in Opposition to Representative Merrin's Amendment to the Budget Bill that Would Increase Lead Poisoning in Children The Ohio Senate

*Finance – Health and Medicaid Subcommittee  
May 24, 2017 | Columbus, Ohio*

Chairman Hackett, Vice Chair Tavares and Members of the Committee:  
Background & Statement of Interest

My name is Larry Sykes and I am a member of Toledo City Council. I personally worked very hard to pass Toledo's lead law, because I've seen the horrible things lead does to our kids and our society.

I have a unique perspective because of my various positions in the community. In addition to City Council, I currently serve on the Lucas County Children Services Board and I am a former board member of the St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center Board, the Lucas County Metropolitan Housing Authority and Toledo Public Schools.

Lead is ruining our children's lives and robbing them of their futures. Child lead exposure lowers IQs, causes developmental problems and is linked to violent crime. You all struggle with finding money to pay for education, public safety and public health. Well, having less children being exposed to lead will lessen the need in all three of those areas. And we know that the approach that Toledo has adopted works. The City of Rochester had over an 80% decrease in child lead poisonings when they adopted a preventative approach.

I want you to know that Toledo City Council very carefully crafted this law. We have been working on this issue for four years. There have been many council committee meetings where we took testimony from landlords, families, medical professionals and activists. All voices were given the opportunity to be heard. We consulted heavily with the City of Rochester to learn from their process and adopted a policy that we feel will best work in our community.

But when Representative Merrin wrote his budget amendment, he didn't talk to any of Toledo's elected officials who have been living lead for the past four years. I cannot tell you how frustrating it is to have a legislator who clearly has no personal experience with lead-poisoned children trying to stop us from saving them.

Toledo's major medical institutions are all in agreement that our approach should be followed. The Merrin amendment should be struck from the budget bill and I am very grateful for the leadership from Senator Brown and Senator Lehner who have drafted amendments to do just that.

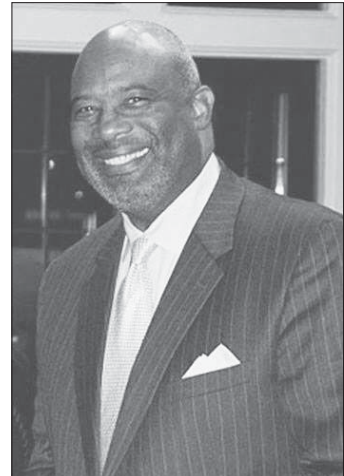
We don't live in a third-world country, but you might not realize that if you looked at some of the housing conditions in some of Toledo's neighborhoods. If a landlord is renting a property, he should have to make sure that it's safe

for children. This is not too much to ask. We require our water to be lead-safe, why shouldn't we require that our housing stock be safe too?

Lead paint was banned in 1978, yet here we are today still talking about the problem. It's past time to do something about it.

I am here to plead with you today to let us work to save our children. Toledo's attempt to stop lead poisoning will help other policy makers figure out what works and what does not. Our children's futures are at stake.

Thank You



Larry Sykes - Toledo City Councilman



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## The Soulcial Scene

# Fros Fashions and Finds: Men's Edition

By Megan Davis

Soulcial Scene Contributor

Listening to the news this month: it was reported that Mother's Day is the second most celebrated commercial holiday next to Christmas. When you go into the stores, there are flowers everywhere, jewelry displays, beauty kits, and cute mommy t-shirts for sale right in front of the store.

Let's not forget how the beauty shops are full of giggling women getting pretty for the whole weekend, because they are going to celebrate more than just the one day. Yet, when Father's Day rolls around, you will see Fourth of July decor, graduation cakes, grills and camping gear. No "I Love Dad" parade of gifts on display.

This year can be different, it can be the year, we decide to give our men some love. We can at least start with pampering them. It's practical, but it is a gift that can be overlooked. So this edition of Fros, Fashions and Finds is dedicated to our Black Men.

Men are often viewed as hard-working, rugged people who wear work gear most of the time. Their hands, which they work with; their feet, which they stand on and their muscles which work overtime to carry the family's burdens-they all get tired and worn and need TLC just as women do.

So why not consider gifting them a massage, manicure and pedicure?

Locally, try Rey of Sunshine Massage. Owner, Joy Reyes will come to your location to provide a relaxing massage for your dad, husband, brother, uncle or friend. You can learn more about this woman-owned local, small business by visiting [www.romassage.com](http://www.romassage.com) or by calling 419-377-9066.

For manicures and pedicures, book a service with Amaris Johnson of Platinum Sky Nail Bar & Beauty Lounge located at 4050 Airport Highway. This small business, owned by Kenneth Johnson, is another great way to keep black dollars circulating in our community. Booking is available at 419-509-8847 and they are open on Sundays too!

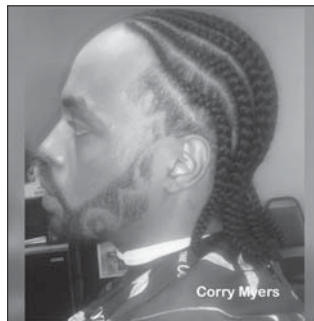
Natural hair is often associated with black women. When we talk about it, read about it or see advertisements, it's most of the time, going to feature a female model, subject or spokesperson. But black men are natural too! In fact, they have been natural much longer than black women, but are rarely included in discussions. We see our entertainers on stages and athletes on the court and fields sporting amazing cuts, locs and braids as well as gorgeous beards. They get these great looks from salons and barbers.



Megan Davis

The Toledo Barber Brothers is a local business that has an amazing team of barbers who cater to men and young men of all ethnicities. When you enter the shop, the men are at their chairs putting in good work, getting their clients handsome for the week.

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Corry Myers



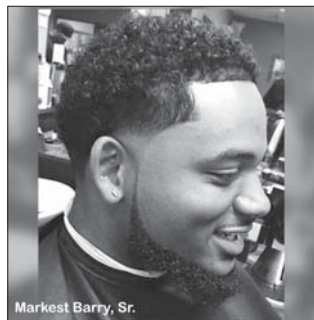
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## The Soulcial Scene

# 34rd Annual Junior High Afro Ball – An Evening of Elegance

Over 800 seventh and eighth grade area students turned out on Saturday, May 20, for the 34rd annual Junior High Afro Ball at the SeaGate Center. The annual event is hosted by the Grace Community Center.

The Afro Ball brought together students from 69 schools around the greater Toledo area and 52 of the students were honored as VIP Guests during the evening.

The theme of this year's Afro Ball was: "The future belongs to those who prepare."

The Ball was started 34 years ago by Betty Amison, the original executive director of the Grace Community Center. Elaine Page is the current executive director. The planning committee consisted of Page, Mark Robinson, David Jones and Kristen Edwards.



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June 14	James W. Hancock Senior Center	4350 Navarre	10:30 am-1 pm
June 15	Friendship Park Senior Center	2930 131st	11 am-1 pm
June 20	Mayores Senior Center	2 Aurora Gonzalez	9 am-11 am
June 21	Senior Centers Inc.	2308 Jefferson	9:30 am-11 am
June 22	Sylvania Senior Center	7140 Sylvania	11 am-12:30 pm
June 23	Margaret Hunt Senior Center	2121 Garden Lake	10:30 am-1 pm
June 27	Senior Centers Inc.	2308 Jefferson	9:30 am-11 am
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## The Soulcial Scene

# NETwork to GETwork . . . It Works!

By Carla Thomas

Sojourner's Truth Reporter

As someone who looks forward to one day quitting my day job and working for myself fulltime, I'm always looking for ways to connect with like-minded people, people who share an understanding of what it's like to be tied to a day job while pursuing their passion of one day owning their own business. With this desire in mind, I decided to hold a networking event and call it, "NETwork to GETwork" and gear it toward entrepreneurs, creatives and those building successful side hustles.

The purpose of the event was to provide an opportunity for creatives and entrepreneurs to meet and connect with others who may benefit from the services they offer and to develop connections that could eventually help grow their business.

Despite the wind chills and rainy day, 22 businesses were represented at the event which took place May 4 at The Truth Art Gallery. Fashion designer, photographer, graphic designer, writer, event planner, contractor – those were just a few of the businesses represented however, the most impressive entrepreneur in attendance was 10-year-old Kamaree Walker, owner and CEO of "Little Man With Big Dreams" lawn care service.

Tamales with a selection of tasty sauces offered by caterer Kim Taylor of Taylormade Productions whet our appetites while Pastry Artist, Kathleen Corggens of Corggens Couture Cakes, satisfied our sweet cravings with an array of beautifully displayed desserts. Each business owner was given the opportunity to introduce and share information about their business and Gary Johnson, flooring contractor and candidate for Toledo City Council, stopped in and offered hopeful insight for the future of small business owners in Toledo.

The next NETwork to GETwork event will be held sometime in the fall.



Amber Hawkins of Your Computer Needs of Toledo and Sonya McCreary



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Carla Thomas and Kelly Westmoreland



Gary Johnson of American Floors and Interiors and Theo Shelmon of The Shelmon Group, LLC



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Kamaree Walker, owner and operator of Little Man With Big Dreams



Kathleen Corggens of Corggens Couture Cakes, Carla Thomas and Kim Taylor of Kim Mini Kakes - N - Kulinary Delites



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McKenna Lea Wilson  
Trevor Richard Parkes  
Glen Michael Chambers  
Cassidy Nicole Petersen  
Tyler Thomas Westhoven

### **Rogers High School**

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Min Liu  
Whitney Elizabeth Byram  
Jewel Nichol Rhymes  
Nathan Brennan  
Larry Earl Smith  
Deanna Solis  
Keth Arthur Brennan  
Najai Enoch  
Lamontia J. Butler

### **Scott High School**

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Courtney Renee Roberts  
Ja'vionne Dontrell Harris  
Kimaree K. Lawson

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Diamond Miracle Fears  
Ta'juan Anthony Lashon Dixon  
Essence L. Johnson  
A'Shawn Lee Young

### **Start High School**

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Mariah Nicole White  
Hannah Marie Smith  
Aislynn Ward  
Castillo Jahz Gurtzweiler  
Corinne Elizabeth Grivanos  
Brookelyn Mariah Casper  
Brandon Scott Smith  
Mackenzie Rose Lopez  
Kaylee Hunter Flaws

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Alyssa N. Schad  
Kimberly Lyn LaLonde  
Laurie Allison Britt  
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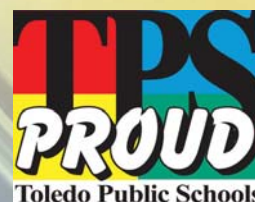
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## The Soulcial Scene

# An Evening of Dining and Dancing for Attendees at Senior Prom for Those Age 60+

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A sold out crowd of 300 people age 60 and over enjoyed a Senior Prom evening of dining and dancing at Start High School Friday, April 28 from 5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. The event was co-hosted by the Area Office on Aging and Toledo Public Schools.

Entertainment was provided by the Motown cover group, The KGB Band. A sit down dinner was served by Toledo Public Schools students, who also escorted the attendees down the red carpet into the event and then put the corsages and boutonnieres on them. This is the fourth year for the event that has already outgrown two other Toledo Public High Schools.

Students and older adults sometimes believe mistaken negative stereotypes about one another. The Area Office on Aging and Toledo Public Schools' (TPS) Senior Prom at TPS high schools provide positive intergenerational experiences. The intergenerational event often has the older adults teaching the students some dance moves from their generation and the students doing likewise.



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## The Soulcial Scene

# Local AKAs Honor Community Impact Day

On Saturday, May 20, "AKA Playground Mobilization Day" under the direction of the Environmental Ownership Committee – Paula Martin, chairman – the Zeta Alpha Omega Toledo Chapter selected the Monroe Neighborhood Center and helped revitalize the play area for the children that is within the neighborhood center.



Dr. Debra Fulton



Cassandra Adams



# Saturday Night at The Garden Lake Hall... Day

The 70's 80's Dance Party : A Mother's Day Celebration!

On Saturday, May 13, during the 70's/80's Dance Party, Ebony World Productions gave awards away to three local businesses that have been in our community for over 150 years collectively. These businesses have survived through many years of struggles, trials, and tribulations. They have endured, hence "The W Charles Welch Endeavor" for their perseverance!

The recipients were Henry Triplett of Henry's Jewelry and Giftware; Calvin Powell of Powell's Beauty and Barber Supply, and Jeff Conn of Jack's Men's Ware!



Henry Triplett, Tommy Kaye,  
Calvin Powell



Dance Party



Hope and Tommy

# My Daddy Rules the World by Hope Anita Smith

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

The Truth Contributor

Your Daddy is the King of the House.

He's the smartest person you know. He can run fast, jump high, and his words make things happen, he's strong, cool, and funny; he's always making you laugh. And in the new book *My Daddy Rules the World*, words and pictures by Hope Anita Smith, you'll read all about him.

Your daddy is many things to you. He's friendly as a puppy, he's a porcupine on his face, and he's a tickle octopus. He's tall as a giraffe, wise as an owl, and he gives the best bear hugs!

When he's taking a nap, you try hard not to make a peep. You sneak around and whisper, but there are times when you can't help it: your voice accidentally gets loud, the door might slam when you go outside, or something might be really funny, and you giggle. You try to hush, but when Daddy sleeps, he's noisy! It sounds like "horses galloping fast" or a "real horn that blows."

When he spends extra time with you, just you and Daddy, it's special. He makes a great breakfast, and he makes time to talk about what's important. And if you can't talk with him at home (because sometimes, Daddies go "far away" for awhile), you can write a letter and tell him everything. Add a poem or a prayer; he'll like that very much.

Your Daddy might give you a haircut outside, with a "backwards cape" wrapped around your neck. He might scoop you up, or balance you on his shoes so you can dance together to an old-school song. He plays with you and teaches you how to do things that are fun to do; he knows when to let go when you're learning to ride a bike, he shows you the value of a great book, and he helps you to remember to be good.

Your Daddy is the King of the House. And that's the way you like it.

Here's a certainty you can count on: every Daddy's Little Girl and Daddy's Boy will find something to love inside *My Daddy Rules the World*.

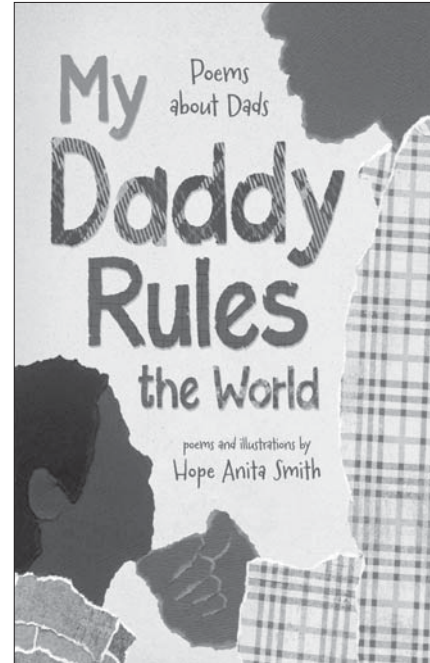
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They're going to enjoy the poems; that's how author Hope Anita Smith presents each chapter and sentiment of a father's love for his child, and vice versa. Those rhymes are simple and sweet, and they celebrate the everyday.

It's also nice to find poems that are specific to children whose fathers are temporarily absent, and one that speaks subtly of fathers who work late hours. Both boys and girls are equally represented here, which is likewise a very nice touch.

Children will also appreciate Smith's artwork: each picture is created with torn paper, an art form that's interesting to look at, as well as to try at home.

This is a great book for kids to read to Dad, for Dad to read aloud, or for sharing with Grandpa, too. No matter how you enjoy it, *My Daddy Rules the World* is fit for any Papa's prince or princess.



## Fros Fashions and Finds... continued from page 6

James McGinnis is the first barber you see. He was asked about trending styles for men and his response was that young men prefer longer hair with fades (when the sides and back are gradually lowered) or tapers; but older, working class men prefer shorter haircuts. Men with straighter hair are wearing the comb over look, a modern take on an old school style. He specializes in these styles, especially beard grooming and color enhancements, which can last anywhere from 24 hours to seven days.

Markest Barry, Sr. is stationed next and wears a full beard. When asked about beard care, he suggested that beards should be cleansed with shampoo and conditioned too, to keep them soft. Beards should also be combed out (detangled) and brushed to prevent ingrown hairs. Follow up with a beard balm or oil to keep the beard soft and add shine. Markest also is great with designer hair cuts for all textures.

Stationed third at Barber Brothers is Corry Myers. While he cuts all ages of hair, he also cuts children's hair. His best tips for parents bringing their kids to get a haircut are to wash their hair the night before and to remove all oils and products from their hair. Next, he suggests that their hair be combed out – using a metal pick is best – as this will minimize their discomfort once they arrive for their haircut.

Andre Johnson who rocks locs, is often doing multiracial haircuts where frizz is a major issue. He recommends having edges sheared to prevent frizz and also using leave in conditioner, moisturizers and pomades to shape the hair.

LaSommer Hudson is a barber sister, specializing in color enhancements and hair prostheses, which is an alternative for men who are thinning or bald. She suggests that black men who are bald, should always shave their heads against the grain to prevent ingrown hair and skin irritation.

When you ask all these barbers their specialty, they almost said in concert, "Customer Service is our specialty."

They strive to give each customer what they desire, but for those who are new to the barber scene or for those who don't go often, it is best to have a clear idea of what they would like to have done and to also be mindful as to whether or not it is suitable for their hair type. This leads to a more successful and satisfying barber visit.

The Toledo Barber Brothers have several locations throughout the city, but these barbers can be found at Holland-Sylvania Rd. between Bancroft and Dorr St. Their hours of operation are Sunday-Monday closed; Tuesday-Friday 9:00 AM-7:00 PM and Saturday 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

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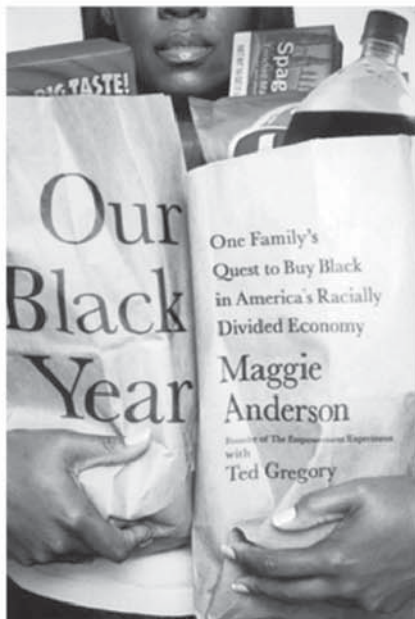
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## The Soulcial Scene

### Miss Debutante... continued from page 16

the Arts. Debutante Ryann Zarrieff currently attends Springfield High School.

Debutante 2017 is Sara Taite Trail. She currently attends St Ursula Academy, was escorted by Justin Moore, earned first place in the talent competition and earned a \$3,000 scholarship. Debutante Lyricka Robinson-Smith currently attends Toledo School of the Arts, was escorted by LaMarr Smith and earned first place runner up and awarded a \$2,000 scholarship. Debutante Destiney Kight currently attends Early College High School, was escorted by Nathaniel Simmons Jr, earned second place runner up and was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship.

Debutante Brianna Smith currently attends Springfield high school, was escorted by Christopher Pasker, earned second place in talent and Ms. Congeniality. Debutante Keiondra Williams currently attends Bowsher High School, was escorted by Javon Lee and earned third place in talent. Escort Kellen Grant was named Mr. Escort 2017.

NANBPWC Toledo Club officers are: Denise Black Poon, president; BJ Tucker, first vice president

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The cotillion's purpose is to present outstanding young ladies to society clothed with the finer thoughts of living and endowing with a complete sense of responsibility, and accomplish culture, charm, talent, and congeniality. 13abc general assignment report Brigitte Burnett served as cotillion presenter.

The cotillion judges were: Laneta Goings, John Moore, and Vallie Bowman English.



Kellen Grant, Mr. Escort



Sara Taite-Trail and her escort, Justin Moore



Sara Taite-Trail, Lyricka Robinson-Smith, Destiney Kight



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## The Soulcial Scene

# Sara Taite-Trail Crowned Miss Debutante 2017

Tricia Hall

Sojourner's Truth Reporter

Twenty-five young women and their supportive escorts were presented to the City of Toledo during the annual Debutante Cotillion. This rite of passage is sponsored annually by the National Association of Negro Business & Professional Women's Club, Inc; (NANBPWC) Toledo Club, and was held on Saturday, May 27 at the Stranahan Great Hall with over 350 guests in attendance.

"I want to sincerely thank the sponsors and friends for their generous support. I thank each debutante, escort, deb in waiting and fathers for their patience and dedication over the past six months. It takes hard work to organize an effect this grand in scale. However, it's worth it because this experience is just another positive moment in their lives," said club President Denise Black Poon.

Dressed in various white ball gowns, each debutante received a string of pearls, and completed the escort waltz and parent waltz.

The 2017 debutantes and their escorts: Debutantes Karen Baryaruha, Esther Bowman, Portia Phillips and Malaika Powell currently attend Central Catholic High School. Debutantes Minya Bell, Taylar Knowles, and Kevon Snodgrass currently attend Bowsher High School. Debutante Laurie Britt currently attends Toledo Early College High School. Debutantes Christina DuPree, Onyx Salone Fuller and Simone Lonas currently attend Notre Dame Academy. Debutante Niyah Edwards currently attends Toledo Christian High School. Debutante Diamond Fears currently attends Jesup Scott High School. Debutante Mohogany Jackson currently attends Start High School.

Debutante Lexis Lewis, Kyla Simpson currently attends Rogers High School. Debutantes Tyler Mathis, and Courtney Moreland currently attend Southview High School. Debutante Jennasis Savage currently attends Toledo School of

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Bridgette Burnett, 13abc, and Miss Debutante Sara Taite-Trail



Presentation of Pearls



Debutantes-in-Waiting



Debutantes



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NANBPWC, Toledo Club members