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Toledo Cares!



Andrew Kinsey (third from left) and volunteers



Chief Kral (second from right) and his officers prepare to deliver Thanksgiving goodies

My Idol, My Father, Big Daddy

By Tanya Murphy

Sitting in a large recliner that leans back slightly with his feet up watching TV, he is a 5'11", cocky, well-built, 78-year-old man we call 'Big Daddy': My father, my mentor, my best friend. Born here in Toledo, Ohio on March 31, 1939, he is known as a 'pk kid' (preacher's kid). James Edward Murphy now attends Ararat Missionary Baptist Church where he plays the organ, but he had been a musician as a child playing for his father's church up until his father passing in the late '60s. Because of his church upbringing, he pursued his passion by joining another church, and playing the piano every single Sunday while also holding down a job at Toledo Edison.

Big Daddy's values of serving a higher power are enormous. Why, you ask? Because of his upbringing. My father's favorite quote is "It's a real God out there." This quote came when he was six-years-old and very sick, not being able to eat, drink nor keep anything down and also bed-ridden with no idea what was wrong with him. It was the scariest time in his life. He was attending 1st grade at Washington Elementary School located on Palmwood and Detroit Avenue. (now torn down). He was out of school, losing weight day-by-day until his mother called on a "prayer warrior," that is, a neighbor whom they trusted and who believed that prayer works. They prayed over my father along with other church-goers. The next day my father was up eating and drinking. He is still a true believer, and says, "If you wake up praying and pray when you go to bed, everything will be all right."

My father met my mother at his father's church while playing the piano. He was a junior at Scott High School, but he dropped out because my mother became pregnant; however, later he attended night school to obtain his high school diploma. My father did get into a lot of trouble at Scott due to hanging with his buddies. But, he was taught to be responsible and to "take care of your business": thus my dad was forced to get a job at a gas station named 'Johnson Ohio,' where he fixed on cars and pumped gas instead of staying in school.

My parents married at a young age and starting a family was challenging. My older sister Selese was born. This forced my father to step his game up. When my sister turned one, my dad purchased his first home at 1017 Broer located near Dorr and Secor Road. Being a dad meant more bills and responsibilities, so my father had a couple of more jobs including driving an ambulance for Shirell Funeral Home. In addition my dad was working with a guy fixing refrigerators, completing side jobs working on cars and appliances, along with being self-taught to complete plumbing jobs on the side. My father and my mother had more children, "girls that is," and he needed to get a better paying job. My dad went to an electrician trading school for a better chance to get hired, and he was hired at



Toledo Edison starting in 1966. My father, at this young age of 21, loved his job. He was so proud to be able to get a decent salary and provide for his family. He continued his profession by attending a school in Springfield, Ohio, and received his management certification.

He became a manager for Toledo Edison beginning in 1989. The only downfall with this job was that he was concerned about not getting promoted to a higher position as his colleagues. My dad tried going back to school to earn a degree so he could get promoted, but his boss put him on a schedule that kept him from continuing his education. This is one thing that hurts my father. He feels he was held back to succeed, and to move up the corporate ladder. My father says "education was the only way he could make more money" as his colleagues had done. He pushed for this goal for my three sisters and me, with the motto, "Be a man: be successful in all you do."

My father's biggest accomplishment was working for Toledo Edison, this providing my mother, my sisters and me a beautiful home located at 866 Independence Street near Dorr and Richards Road. We moved into this new beautiful neighborhood where only a few houses were on the block. We had a huge back yard overlooking a forest which as a child I thought was full of wildlife including snakes. Our family was well-off. My sisters and I had our own cars, a family boat, and we stayed in a neighborhood that provided great schools: Ryder Elementary, McTigue Junior High and Rogers High School.

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Community Calendar

December 2

Toledo Public Schools and Jones Leadership Academy Holiday Expo and Christmas Market: 11 am to 4 pm; Jones Academy; 30 vendors selling one of a kind items and other holiday gifts

December 4

Speed Networking at Club Evolution: 6 to 8 pm; Exchange your business information with potential clients, vendors and collaborators; Free admission

December 5

Birmingham Elementary 2nd Annual Holiday Bazaar: 9:30 am to 7 pm; Shopping, baked goods, raffles, prizes

December 9

Affordable Care Act Discussion: 3 to 5 pm; Maumee Branch Library; Hosted by State Rep. Michael Sheehy and Toledo Department of Health; Healthcare issues, open enrollment

December 25

Merry Christmas!!

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While working at Toledo Edison he suffered the biggest loss ever. In the late '70s my father had his little brother Charles Terry Murphy hired as a lineman. I cannot even imagine getting that call, as my father did, from his supervisor to identify his 21-year-old brother hanging from a pole, electrocuted to death. His brother had not been on the job for more than a month. My father said, "This was the saddest day of my life," and he felt guilty of his brother's death, because he got him hired as an unexperienced lineman. Again this brings to mind education: if Terry had been educated and trained on how to be a lineman, this would have never happened.

My father told me he was angry, so he turned his anger and depression into remodeling our three bedroom house into a five bedroom home with an extra bathroom, den and a step-down living room that was converted from a garage. His last project was building a 2 ½-car garage and making a circle driveway in front of our home. He added a little hill and added some beautiful landscaping. My dad says he planted a "stick" in the ground which was given to him by his mother from down South. We as kids couldn't understand why he planted a stick. Now that stick is a huge tree that blooms with pink flower buds every spring. This also taught us girls "to be patient and to have faith."

My father was so proud of my sisters and me, and he still is. My eldest sister passed in her sleep of heart failure. This devastated my father: he felt the parents are supposed to die first not their children. My middle sister drove a TARTA bus, retiring last year. My little sister, Jamesetta (she was supposed to be a boy), works at Buckeye Cable System. My dad tells me he is very proud of me for owning my own business, fostering trouble teens, and returning back to school to get an Associate degree and then my Bachelor Degree in Education.

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In writing this profile, I asked my dad questions, I listened to him, and I understood his accomplishments and disappointments. What I did not hear him speak about is how he almost died three times of heart attacks, the latest being this past May. I asked him, "Why didn't you mention this, Dad?" He explained, "I asked God was he finished with me in this here life."

Then my father said, he told God, "If you want me to leave, I'm ready." My father stressed to me, "If you have faith, 'real faith' and you trust in the Lord, you have nothing to worry about." This brought tears to my eyes because I knew this interview had taught me a little more about my dad and the unknown troubles he has had. This man has taught us girls how to change a tire

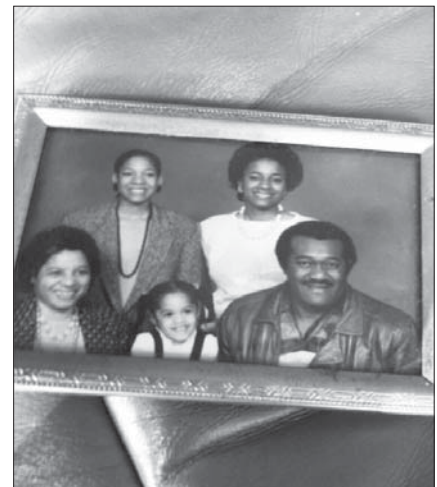
and change our oil in our cars. My dad's main goal was to teach us to "trust only in God, not man."

I love my father. God put him here and is keeping him here for a reason. What reason? His gift to gab, his strength never to give up despite the circumstances, and his ability to touch so many lives. If you call my father to ask him about plumbing, he'll know what to do; electricity, he'll know exactly how to troubleshoot; mechanics, yes, he can help; construction, yep! Politics, very active. And of course he knows about family, living for the Lord and for a purpose. If you want any consultation about the Bible? Hands down, he has that covered, too. I do not want to brag about how bright my father is, or how gifted this man has been, but I must! He is awesome!

I always tell my dad, "I LOVE YOU, BIG DADDY!"

His reply, "I LOVE YOU, TOO, BABY," and then we hug.

Tanya Murphy is a 10-year paraprofessional most recently working at Toledo Public School's Martin Luther King Academy. She is a 30+ year foster parent through Lucas County Children Services and SAFY of Findlay, Ohio. She is currently in her first year as a University of Toledo student, pursuing a Bachelor of Education degree through the Teach Toledo program, whose vision is "helping Toledo's citizens become tomorrow's teachers." The profile "Big Daddy" was originally written for her ENG1110 Composition I course.




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Black Lives Matter Successfully Kicks Off the Provocateurs Series at California African American Museum

Walter Mosley, Staceyann Chin, Emory Douglas, Shamell Bell and More Shared Their Reflections on Art & Activism for The Provocateurs: Master Series

Black Lives Matter Global Network introduced its new arts and culture project *The Provocateurs: A Masters Series* last week at California African American Museum in conjunction with the museum's *We Wanted a Revolution: Black Radical Women, 1965 – 85* exhibition. The evening opened with BLM co-founder and artist Patrice Khan-Cullors reminding the full house of attendees that, "Every moment is a historical moment" and recalling the vital role art has always played in the black community and the movement.

The program featured 12 minute TED talk style performances, presentations and talks by a variety of multigenerational visual artists, dancers, spoken word artists, DJ's and authors providing an array of personal experiences with radical art and activism. Dancer Shamell Bell reminded the audience to, "Use your talent for the movement," and Staceyann Chin affirmed that, "Rage is mighty important."

The full list of presenters and panelists included:

- **Emory Douglas**, Artist/Former Black Panther Party Minister of Culture
- **Lynnée Denise**, DJ
- **Maren Hassinger**, Sculpture activist
- **Miss Prissy**, "Queen Krump" (Rize)
- **Shamell Bell**, Street dancer activist
- **Staceyann Chin**, Spoken word poet and performing artist
- **Walter Mosley**, Best-selling author

The Provocateurs was taped live and will be shown online later this year. For more information on the provocateurs please visit <https://blacklivesmatter.com/the-provocateurs-a-masters-series/>.

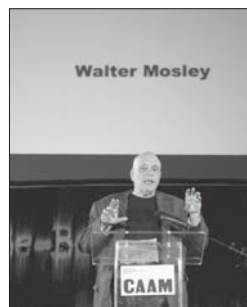
ABOUT THE PROVOCATEURS

The Provocateurs is a creative video series produced by Black Lives Mat-

ter Art + Culture. The series features established artists and creatives from all fields who create within a politically radical framework. Artists will give 12 min TED- style talks about their practice and journey as a provocative Black Artist. #WeAreProvocateurs



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Local Organizations Help Neighbors with Thanksgiving Donations

By Jay Black
Guest Column

Numerous local charitable organizations stepped up once again this year to lend a helping hand to less-fortunate neighbors. A.N.G.E.L.S. Outreach, yet again and for the 22nd year, assembled dozens of Thanksgiving dinner baskets for those of the local community and, this year, enlisted the aid of Toledo Police Department Chief George Kral and his officers to deliver the meals within area.



Andrew Kinsey (third from left) and volunteers



MLK Principal Willie Ward (far left) and Assitant Principal William White (far right) with students Carmelo and Philip Pearson



Andrew Kinsey of WTOL TV and founder of "Andrew Cares" spent part of his Thanksgiving holiday at Martin Luther King, Jr. Academy for Boys where he donated turkeys and desserts to families of the students. Andrew Cares also helps students during the year with tutoring, school supplies and occasional entertainment treats, such as trips to football games.



A.N.G.E.L.S. Thanksgiving baskets



Chief Kral (second from right) and his officers prepare to deliver Thanksgiving goodies



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The Soulcial Scene

What Fros Are In Fashion and Where Can You Find Them?

By Megan Davis

The Truth Contributor

Holiday parties still happen during this time of year. From swanky soirees to corporate dinners and PJ Parties by the fireside, the holidays are here, and, well, quickly passing. 'Tis the season for sequins, velvet, cute boots and fro-tastic hair.

What are the style trends of the 2017 holidays? It looks like #Big-Hair #Braids and #BoldColor are the hashtags to follow this season. The old school 80's and 90's Patra or Poetic Justice Braids (also known as box braids or "individuals") are also back and here to stay a while. Needless to say, natural hairstyles have evolved right back to our roots. From intricate cornrows, now called the "Iversons" or "Lemonade Braids", to the mini bantus that are now created with the "dread sponge", natural hair is more versatile today than ever before!

The Big Hair Don't Care awards go to those rocking Crochet Braids. Crochet braids are braids mainly because of their braided base.

Typically, loose hair is looped into cornrows to create a super full, shaped



Megan Davis

crown that looks like it is growing from one's own head. The hair used for crochet braids ranges from tight coils to "perm straight" and now box braids or twists. Just a couple of years ago, these "braids" were looped in by hand, and now they come pre-looped for faster installation times and fewer loops around the cornrow base. Crochet braids are a great way to change the color or texture of your natural hair without altering it with heat or chemicals. They aren't recommended for people with very weak hair, unless the person installing them understands how to cover those areas without stressing them further. This style is fairly simple for the DIY home beauty guru.

For a Black Owned company to purchase the hair, check out Powell's Beauty Supply in Toledo or Curlkalon.com which was founded by Shavonne Riggins.

The Color Me Bold trophy goes to the current trending colors purple, pink, green and blue and there's even a rainbow effect many are going for-the options are endless. The most popular brands for DIYers (Do it yourself) are Textures and Tones, Adore and Manic Panic. There are also colored chalks and spray on color that are temporary and work well for short-term color goals. But if you're looking for a drastic color change that is more permanent, enlist the services of a licensed professional who can customize a color blend for you and remember don't mix brands and types of dyes as they may lead to the wrong results (often green) or a bad reaction.



Check out some of these local colorists on Instagram or Facebook: Parebear25 (IG), Maria Powell, Ma'Shalla Bourne, Charmella Coiffeuse, Ryan Taylor, Larry Walker, Chawone Ardrey or visit the newly-opened Blessed Hands Beauty Bar located at 1028 N. Holland-Sylvania Rd. and the newly renovated Studio 329 located at 1244 Flaire Dr. both off Dorr Street.

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Local Business Owner Expands Services

By Tricia Hall

Sojourner's Truth reporter

In the arts community, CC's Lyricist Lounge is one of the well-known supporters of entrepreneurs, musicians and poets. Owned and operated by Chawone Ardrey for over 10 years, the business has expanded into the special events and workshop area.

"We have different events each week and I like to support other entrepreneurs. Especially if you're looking for a service or business partner, then you can make connections," said Ardrey.

Ten years ago, the lounge hosted open mic nights for poets, singers and musicians at the Peacock Lounge located in UpTown Toledo. Over the years, the business has moved and expanded to where it is today. In addition to hosting poetry and musical open mic nights,

the lounge plans to offer almost 10 various workshops ranging from drumming lessons, paint classes, sewing lessons, and entrepreneurship workshops. The lounge also provides an intimate venue to host private events or parties.

The lounge periodically hosts special networking or social events for different audiences. In November the lounge hosted Meeting of the Minds, and also Speed Dating, Networking and Musical Chairs; both were networking events that invited participants to either consider speed dating or networking.

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box than box braids. They are back on the charts like the resurrection of 90s R n B and 80s pop. Who can remember Patra whining in her video "Pull up to my bumper" or Janet Jackson smacking on her gum in the film, Poetic Justice? Their down-to-there individual braids were the envy of all the teens in junior and high school who were star struck in awe at these brown skinned beauties gracing their screen. Maybe not considered a melanated Queen, singer Rick James had all the sex appeal a brother who wore individual braids with beads on their ends could have. Box braids can be done in a variety of sizes from micro to jumbo and everything in between. Men may not desire to emulate Rick James these days, but there are those who have opted to braid and bead their beards instead.

Box braids can be done using different techniques such as feed-in, which gives a gradual pattern of thickness or individual crochet, where pre braided braids are simply looped onto cornrows or natural plaits. The most fun thing about box braids are the colors they are available in from soft pink, to silver to ombre black/ purple and turquoise. It may take two hours or six hours, depending on the size and length of braids one may want.

The world of braiding has become so popular again, that professional women have found go-to styles that are suitable for office and date night. The halo braid is a popular crown-effect, large braid fashioned in a circular motion around the perimeter of the head, using all the hair gathered therein. These braids are also often made by hand using a package of Yaki or Kanekalon hair and pinned onto slicked back hair or hair in a neat bun. This gives the natural hair a break from being pulled and stretched and takes as little as 10 minutes to create with an investment of \$1.

If you're thirsty for details, then lemonade braids may be for you. Made popular again by Beyonce (although 80s friends may remember when Bo Derek wore something similar) in her Album-Film Lemonade, these are cornrows that are created in a pattern that often drapes to one side and are done in different directions, leaving "tendrils" out adorned with beads. This type of braided pattern took root with the men when NBA star Allen Iverson wore his version of very intricate cornrows when he was on the court. They had a long run, then faded to black for a few years, only to be resurrected by Queen Bey herself. Now men and women comfortably are wearing designer cornrows again and dare anyone to ask for an apology.

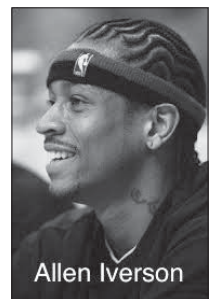
Natural hairstyles were cover stories before social media took notice. Now you can be your own cover girl or guy with the help of video tutorials via any number of sites, including Youtube, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. But if you're not bold enough to try it yourself, we have some great braiders in Toledo who can get the job done. Just go to Facebook and type in Tasha Wilson (Krave Studio), Kierra Tucker, Braiding Brown, Evette Braids, Tuscon Braids or Msteejae Braids and ask them how to view their work and book an appointment.

Before getting braids, you may want to have a consultation so you can learn about the many different ways to wear braids, the cost, the maintenance and



if they are suitable for you and your lifestyle. Your hair should be healthy before having extensions installed. There are always risks, such as allergies to the hair or the chemical used to preserve it, tension (too tight) and weight (too heavy) that could all lead to scalp damage and/or scars. Be sure to follow the directions of your braider to ensure that your hair and scalp remain as healthy as possible.

Everyone wants their chance to shine and be in the spotlight. Hopefully, with this Holiday Hair Guide, you are well on your way to being Cover Girl/Guy Ready. Happy HAIRdays!




Allen Iverson



Crochet Braids

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Gail Awls and Zia Cooke



Yalonda Richardson



Darius Coleman, Zia Cooke, Suzette Cowell and Albert Prince Bell

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The Manhattans



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Last Minute Holiday Gift Ideas

Special to The Truth

Holiday shopping can be a source of stress for anyone, but particularly for procrastinators. Need some last-minute gift ideas? Think about readily accessible, yet thoughtful items that don't require a lengthy shipping process.

Let these five ideas help solve your eleventh-hour gift-giving woes.

1. DIY-It. DIY gifts can be heartfelt, and many items can be made in a pinch. Bake a tray of Christmas cookies and tie them up with a bow; make seasonally scented homemade candles; or knit a scarf. The possibilities for crafty folks are endless.

2. Get Accessorized. Don't get stumped. Consider a classic fashion accessory, such as a Casio Vintage Watch, which can be found in many national retailers, in a range of affordable prices. Functional and fashionable, these water-resistant timepieces that feature both an alarm and stopwatch will complement an array of style preferences.

3. Head to the Box Office. Quickly check the schedule of your gift recipient's favorite band, team or theater company for tickets to an experience, such as a musical, concert or game. This thoughtful gift can be purchased and received in an instant, thanks to e-ticketing.

4. Pamper Them. The holidays are stressful. Help your loved ones unwind during a busy time of year. Consider a gift certificate for a spa or beauty treatment somewhere local to your recipient. The gift can be enjoyed exactly when it's needed most.

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Kevina Hancock's Birthday Celebration

Kevina Hancock and friends celebrated her birthday on Friday, November 17 at the Truth Art Gallery. The celebrants enjoyed music, food and a touch of the grape during the gala as they sand an danced the night away.



Kevina Hancock



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The Social Butterfly's Annual Christmas Bazaar

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Thanks were extended to the sponsors: the Leona Group, LLC, Para-

mount, The Truth Newspaper and Molina Healthcare and, finally, all the guests and volunteers in attendance and Shawnterra Glasgow, executive manager.

The next event will be "The 7th Annual Business & Health Expo" Saturday, April 28, 2018 at the Indiana MB Church. For more information contact donnetta_c@msn.com or (419) 367-9765. You can follow her on Facebook for upcoming events: "The Social Butterfly - Donnetta Carter"



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Shopping for a bibliophile? Along with the gift of a book, consider honoring your gift recipient while promoting literacy and a love of reading in the wider community. Libraries often have programs that offer gift givers an opportunity to donate a book in someone's name. Or, you may consider donating books or a magazine subscription to a homeless shelter or school.

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Unfortunately, these days, safe tap water is not always a given, no matter where one lives. With the incidence of natural disasters like hurricanes and earthquakes on the rise that may displace families and create uncertainty about water quality, consider gifting something essential -- safe hydration on-the-go.

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Give a Local Experience

When shopping for a loved one or friend who seems to have everything, planning an experience may have a greater, longer-lasting impact than a gift card, video game, or flowers.

Consider giving tickets to an art gallery, a play at a nearby theater, or a local museum. Many of these venues are non-profit and donate revenues from ticket sales to charitable foundations. At the same time, you'll be supporting your local community.

This holiday season, you can spread cheer to loved ones and beyond with thoughtful gifts that make the world a better place.

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Local Business Owner Expands... continued from page 7

"The speed dating and networking event, you never know, you may find a mate or business partner. I'm newly single and heard about this type of networking event before, and decided to bring it here," shared Ardrey.

The lounge already has its list of December events available on the Facebook page, search for CC's Lyricist Lounge.' On December 8, the lounge will host Apollo style Junior, an open mic night for kids between two-17 years of age, admission is \$5 and the event starts at 8:00 p.m. On December 16, the lounge will welcome a Bridal Expo featuring vendor and wedding dress models. The lounge will also host a poetry event on December 9 and December 29 starting at 8:00 p.m.

The events are leading up to the one year anniversary of the lounge in the current location, there will be a planned celebration on January 21, which is Ardrey's birthday.

"I enjoy this current location. Less is more, some people have their opinion. Some say it's too small, while others say just right," explained Ardrey.

The name CC, celebrates the three generations of women associated with the lounge: Chawone, her oldest daughter, and three granddaughters. In addition to owning the lounge, she also owns a beauty salon located just four buildings down from the lounge. The salon is called, Transformations natural hair salon, located at 1000 S Reynolds Road. The salon was opened on her mother's birthday, 10 years ago.

For information about booking your special event, workshops or upcoming events, call 419-810-1341. CC's Lyricist Lounge is located at 958 S. Reynolds Road between Angola Road and Airport Highway in Toledo. The lounge has a Facebook page, search for 'CC's Lyricist Lounge.'



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Kaptur, Joyce Lead 53 Lawmakers in Letter Urging Robust Funding for Harmful Algal Blooms

Letter to OMB pushes for sustained federal investment in President's FY2019 budget

Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur (OH-09), co-chair of the House Great Lakes Task Force and Congressman David Joyce (OH-14) led a bipartisan group of 53 lawmakers in a letter to the Office of Management and Budget Director, Mick Mulvaney urging robust funding in the President's fiscal year 2019 budget for programs that address harmful algal blooms.

"We write to respectfully request that you allocate robust funding in the President's Fiscal Year 2019 budget request for programs that address a widespread and ever-increasing problem affecting every state and territory in the nation: toxic algae blooms, also called harmful algal blooms (HABs)," the Members wrote to Director Mulvaney.

human health and cause several billion dollars in economic losses each year. While we have made significant advances in our understanding of where, when and why blooms occur, we must improve our ability to mitigate their impacts on our communities. We strongly support investment in science, research, and management to increase our capacity to forecast, detect, and prevent HABs, as well as to lessen their impacts on human health and economies across the country," the Members continued.

"To make the necessary progress toward understanding and addressing the significant and expanding threats that toxic algae pose to human health and our national economy, we ask that you prioritize a strong and coordinated federal response in this year's budget request with robust funding allocated for HAB-related work," the Members concluded.

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Encyclopedia of Black Comics by Sheena C. Howard, foreword by Henry Louis Gates, Jr., afterword by Christopher Priest

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

The Truth Contributor

"Draw, Sheriff."

Oh, how you loved to do that. It started with spider-legged people and crooked houses. As you got better, you replicated and created worlds, invented characters, and expanded your tool use. Even today, with sharp pencil or fine pen, you can still make a respectable doodle; in the new book *Encyclopedia of Black Comics* by Sheena C. Howard, you'll see how you're right in 'toon.

One-hundred-four years ago, the country was captivated by a cat and a mouse.

The cat was appropriately called "Kat," and he lived with the Dingbat family in the comic strip, Krazy Kat. His nemesis was Ignatz, and in each episode, Ignatz the mouse threw a brick at Krazy Kat. It was an "incredibly simple" strip but it became "one of the most respected and influential works in comics history..."

The artist was a black man named George Herriman who was the first major cartoonist of color. He would be far from the last.

Today, countless black cartoonists, inkers, illustrators, and writers toil behind-the-scenes to create comic strips and comic books, as well as TV shows and movies. In this book, Howard celebrates the firsts, the bests, the noteworthys, and the historic.

In the early days, for example, many comic writers worked through the Black Press; that included Jackie Ormes, "the first published

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female African-American cartoonist." Ormes was the creator of Torchy Brown, a strong black cartoon woman; and fashionista Ginger, whose little sister, Patti-Jo offered wisecracks. In 1947, one of Ormes' characters was made into an "upscale" doll; in 2014, Ormes was posthumously inducted into the National Association of Black Journalists' Hall of Fame.

The first African-American cartoonist with "two nationally syndicated comic strips" is in this book. Political and social-commentary cartoonists are represented. The first black woman to own a comic book store is profiled here, as is America's first black comic book publisher; the "first and only black editor at King Features Syndicate;" an animator and writer whose credits include *Thundercats*; a 12-time Pulitzer Prize nominee; and many people who use their talents to enhance your favorite superhero comic books...

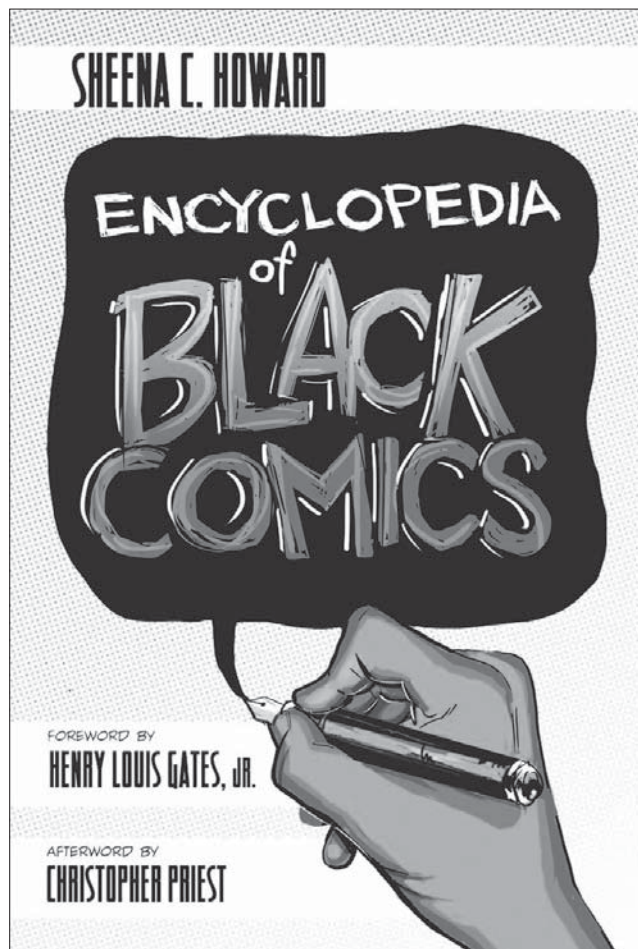
In his afterword, comics writer-editor Christopher Priest points out that, to many African Americans, the Man of Steel isn't Superman, he's "SuperWhiteMan." That's just one reason, as Priest indicates, that a book like this is needed.

The other reasons fill up these pages with a wide range of biographies, achievements, and examples of many cartoonists' work, in bite-sized articles that make quick reading. While there's a chance that you've heard of many of the people included in this book, author Sheena C. Howard didn't just keep things familiar: she dug back into history for several of her profiles, and she also includes people who are on the periphery of – but important to – today's comic book world.

Quick-minded readers may note some absences inside here, but *Encyclopedia of Black Comics* is a good start for this genre. For those who love the funnies, cartoons, or pen-and-ink art, this book will be a big draw.




Sheena C. Howard



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ACT-SO MEETING

Saturday, November 18, 2017 the Toledo Branch NAACP will host its first ACT-SO Meeting of the 2017-18 academic year. High school students grades 9-12 interested in showcasing their talents at the local and national level are encouraged to attend.

The NAACP's **Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics (ACT-SO)** is a yearlong achievement program designed to recruit, stimulate, and encourage high academic and cultural achievement among African-American high school students. ACT-SO includes 32 competitions in STEM, humanities, business, and performing, visual and culinary arts. Almost 300,000 young people have participated from the program since its inception. For over thirty years the mission of ACT-SO has been to prepare, recognize and reward youth of African descent who exemplify scholastic and artistic excellence.

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Parents or a family member are asked to attend this meeting with students.

If you are unable to attend the Saturday meeting, a second meeting will be held Tuesday, November 21, 2017, 5:30 - 7:00 pm at Kent Branch Library, 3101 Collingwood Blvd.

The National ACT-SO competition will be held in San Antonio, Texas, July 12-15, 2018. Qualifying gold medal winners from Toledo will be eligible to compete in Texas.

Questions? Please contact Beatrice Daniels ACT-SO Chair at 419-531-1336 or beatrice-dan@msn.com.

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- Craft helpers
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The Toledo Branch NAACP 103rd Freedom Fund Banquet

The Toledo Branch NAACP held its 102nd Freedom Fund Banquet on October 28 at the Stranahan Great Hall. The Freedom Fund Banquet is held annually to provide funding for both the local and national NAACP operating expenses. And in addition the funds from the banquet also helps fund the Toledo chapter's ACT-SO program for local youth giving them an experience of a lifetime as they compete for bronze, silver, and gold awards, potential scholarships and other great opportunities.

This year's guest speaker was Ben Jealous, former president and CEO of the National NAACP and a Democratic candidate for governor of Maryland.



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