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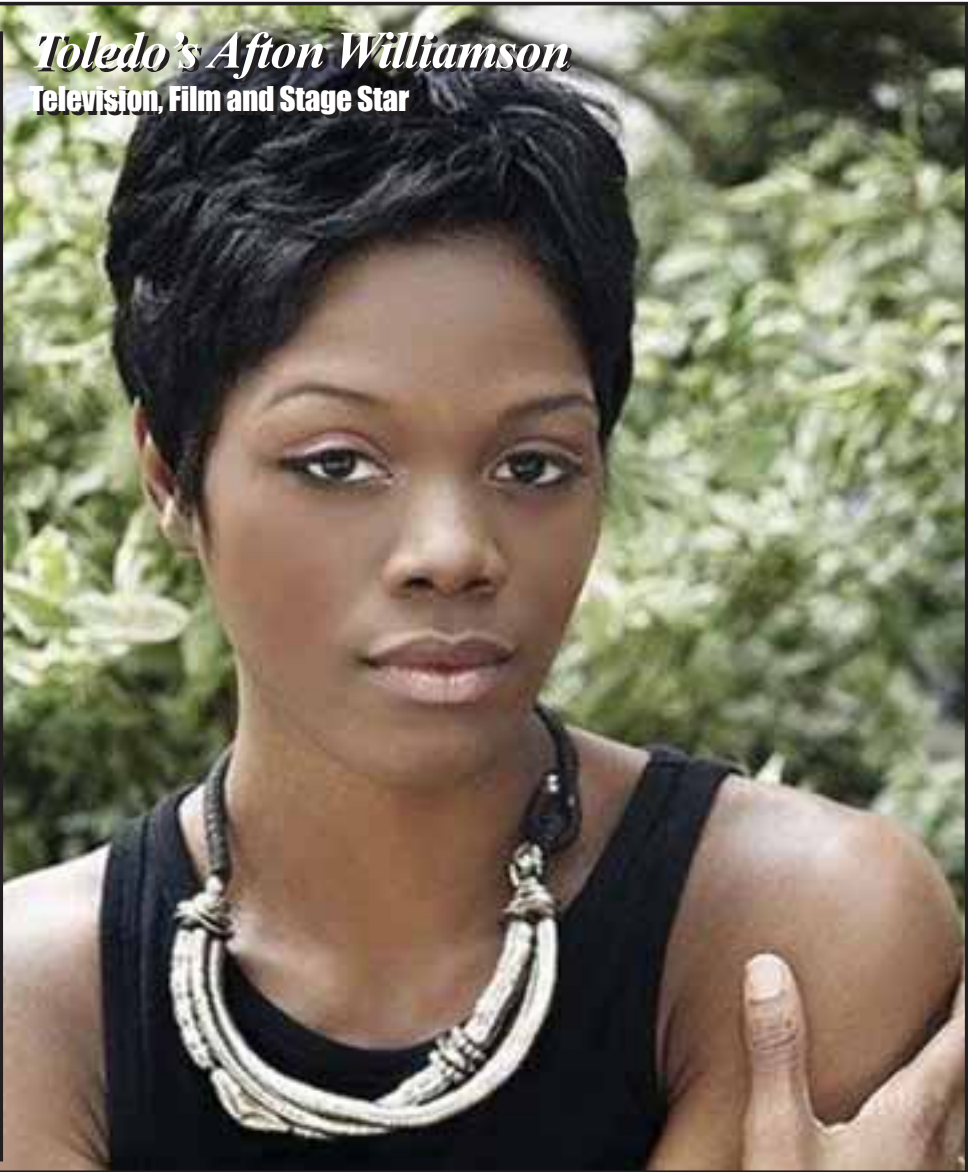
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Ties That Bind

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

*If I am not for myself, who will be for me? If I am only for myself, who am I?
- Hillel, ancient Hebrew scholar*



I jubilantly celebrated along with organized labor in its successful repeal of Governor John Kasich's anti-union law earlier this month. A survivor of a tragic house fire during my teenage years in which two relatives perished, for me the fight over the rights and benefits for public workers is personal.

With my life inextricably linked to the efforts of public safety workers, I have come to view more celebrated political faces as "the foam on the waves of a deep ocean" compared to the faceless and nameless men and women whose obscure but practical deeds "resolve the challenges of everyday life" and are exponentially stronger and more significant.

To support these true heroes, who are the backbone of contemporary life and who often put their lives on the line to protect others and then must go home and

try to decide what to cut out of their personal monthly budgets, was my pleasure indeed!

Yet the "hit it and quit it" bonds between organized labor and the African-American community have long been fragile and viewed with suspect by both parties.

Most recently, several unions have been criticized for leaving labor-endorsed City Council candidates hanging out to dry while focusing electoral efforts almost exclusively on defeating Issue 2.

Another complaint, particularly of the building trades, accuses unions of "protecting the few and not reaching out" to the African-American community. Outreach efforts would cause unions to become stronger politically by adding more persons, but instead the community continues to be shut out because of internal politics or racism, it is claimed.

Additionally, the African-American community has been critical of the unions for being "internally focused" and operating in reactionary mode for soliciting its help for Issue 2 but remaining indifferent on other issues important to the community.

The unions counter with the complaint that the community only sees them as an ATM machine and seldom approaches except when needing a check or soliciting other resources.

However, with labor unions now under fierce attack concurrent with record high unemployment in the building and construction trades, staggering job losses in the manufacturing and service sectors, layoffs in the public sector and millions of workers struggling to keep their heads above water something must give.

It is obvious that the time has come for a renewed community-labor alliance.

Is it possible? And, if so, how can a long-term relationship be developed?

Across the country, community leaders are quietly forging community-labor alliances in an attempt to "get union members off the bench" and more people of color and women into union careers.

"Dialogue and understanding are critical," says Amado Uno, of the Emerald Cities Collaborative.

"We must first attempt to understand the needs and nature of unions. The building trades in particular, are very structured. Many officials are required to stand for election every three years and therefore have lost many progressive leaders who were in a tough spot because of the economy. And there is no place for union leaders to go after losing an election. Its very difficult, if not impossible, to go back on the front line after 35 years as an official," Uno adds.

With the scale of current unemployment, new layoff threats and decades of unemployment in communities of color, the key seems to be in finding joint win/win opportunities for a labor-community alliance.

Certainly, local hiring legislation or flexible project-labor agreements with goals or outcomes revolving around local and disadvantaged workers deserves to be explored or revisited as does mandatory hiring by trade with participation by a state-certified local apprentice program.

Although trade unions prefer to take in only the number of apprentices that they can keep regularly employed, it is also imperative for a community workforce agreement to be developed that will strengthen or establish community based education. A core curriculum is needed to get enough minorities and women into the workforce development pipeline so that minority workers are available when the economy does begin to thaw.

In addition, the alliance needs to find a way to bring skill and leadership programs such as the Youth Build program back to Toledo as a part of an apprentice pipeline to ensure that minority employment becomes seamless.

We will then discover that, rather than "running off fruitlessly to see a wizard to ask for things which we already have," true and lasting solutions shall be developed from small win/win opportunities based upon mutual self-interest and produced one agreement at a time.

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Community Calendar

October 28-November 30

The "Soil: The Foundation of Life" Exhibit: Monroe County CC Whitman Center; Life-sized exhibits on conservation; 8 am to 9 pm - Mon - Thurs; 8 am - 4 pm on Fridays: 734-384-4207

November 14-18

Shiloh MBC Fall Revival: Services 7 pm nightly; Guest evangelist O.J. Hudson of Mt Calvary MBC, Carthage, MS: 419-693-6698 or 419-535-0615

November 16-19

Parkwood Seventh Day Adventist Church Revival: 419-241-5456

November 17

EOPA Reverse Job Fair: www.copa.org or 419-255-1082 ext 2233

November 18-20

Indiana Avenue MBC Men's Day Weekend: Friday - clothing giveaway, 4:30 to 7 pm; Saturday - Fellowship Breakfast - 9 am; Sunday - service at 10:45 am

November 19

Calvary Baptist Women's Ministry Annual Cancer Awareness Luncheon: 10 am to 2 pm; Various agencies to offer information
Maumee Bay Club of NANBPWC, Inc Holiday Craft Bazaar: Lucas County Rec Center Clubhouse; 10 am to 4 pm: 419-277-7091

Canaan Outreach Center Benefit Boxing Exhibition: 6 pm; JKA Boxing Club; Proceeds for the After School Enrichment Program: 419-244-5700

Third Baptist Church of Holland Appreciation Musical for Brother Mick: 5 pm

November 20

Warren AME Harvest Celebration Service: Non-perishable and personal care items presented to the Cherry Street Mission's Women's Sparrow's Nest; Guest speaker Bishop Henning

November 22

Temple of Praise Church Free Thanksgiving Dinner: 419-754-0325

November 23

The Need to Feed Free Thanksgiving Dinner: Ebenezer Church: 11 am to 2 pm

November 24

United Vision Baptist Church Community Day Thanksgiving Dinner: Zablocki Senior Center; 11 am to 1:30 pm: 419-720-0050

November 25

Mt. Nebo MBC Women's Ministry's Christian Fellowship and Shop: 419-283-2775

November 26

Families for Fitness Benefit: 5 to 11 pm; The Lodge at Strawberry Acres in Holland; Games, music, fun: 419-917-2557

November 27

Brian Thomas Chorale's 27th Anniversary: 6 pm; The Calvary Baptist Church; Guest choir Joe Derrico & Latter Rain, Bishop Roger Hairston and the Voice of Deliverance

December 2-4

Mt Sinai Pentecostal Church Midwest District Council Meeting: "Do the Right Thing;" Nightly services at 7:30 pm, Sunday at noon

December 4

St. Stephen's COGIC "Jubilee of Praise:" 4 pm
Joshua Generation Ministries' Benefit Concert for the Homeless: "My Brothers' Keeper;" 5 pm; Mt. Zion MBC: 419-213-0653

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Rep. Fedor Condemns School Voucher Bill

Calls on State Superintendent Heffner to Weigh-in on plan



State Representative Teresa Fedor (D-Toledo) held a press conference last week to denounce House Bill 136, a proposed law to dramatically expand and alter Ohio's school voucher system, and called on State Superintendent Stan Heffner to take a stand on the issue. Joined by Toledo Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Jerome Pecko and school board members, Rep. Fedor criticized the bill as a public giveaway to private causes.

"HB 136 is another example of extreme Republican policies hurting the middle class. Some schools will literally end up paying the state, through their levied tax dollars, to send children to private schools," Rep. Fedor said. "Vouchers can often cost the state up to three or four times what it would take to send a child to public school. Clearly the expansion of this voucher bill is unconstitutional and

could bankrupt local school districts across the state.

Rep. Fedor, a former educator, noted that the proposed voucher system would increase instability for local schools and de-fund public education at a time when it is more important than ever. Educators and school administrators across the state have spoken up about the negative effects of vouchers, which would increase educational inequality for Ohio's students.

While proponents of the bill argue that it will increase school choice, in reality, generous public subsidies to private entities do nothing to encourage competitiveness. In addition, private schools do not always have to abide by the same standards (e.g. mandates to educate all students) as their public counterparts, unfairly offering them a technical advantage.

"Today, I call on State Superintendent Heffner to take a stand on House Bill 136. As the head of Ohio's Department of Education it is imperative that he take a stand on an issue that could have widespread detrimental effects on Ohio's public education system," Rep. Fedor said.

Representative Ashford Applauds Central City Election Day Turnout

On Election Day, Ohio voters overwhelmingly defeated Issue 2 by a 61-percent to 39-percent margin. I am encouraged that minority turnout was extremely high throughout the state.

Minority voters were strong in their opposition to Issue 2. In the City of Toledo, the vote in City Council Districts 1 and 4 (with high minority populations) was 84-percent no.

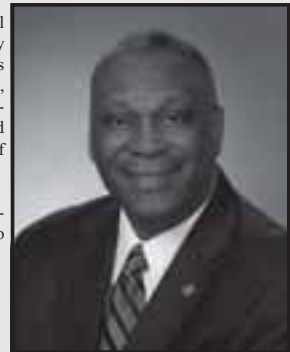
There were 69,248 total votes cast in the City of Toledo, and City Council Districts 1 and 4 combined accounted for 24-percent of the turnout.

Minorities this year obviously realized their votes were important, and how it could change the political landscape, protect the middle class and improve the quality of life. Now we must bring this same intensity to other elections. Local races (mayor, city council, school board and judges) are equally important to the survival and growth of our school systems and the city as a whole. Your vote is always important.

The Republican majority in the General Assembly is trying to discourage minority voters from going to the polls. Their tricks include shortening the time for early voting, requiring photo identification to vote and limiting the provisional ballots that can be counted as are all ways to decrease the number of minority voters.

This is a jump start for the 2012 presidential election. Continue the momentum into 2012.

Michael Ashford
State Representative
Ohio House District 48



LCCS Holds Sixth Fatherhood Town Hall

Lucas County Children Services (LCCS) and its Diversity Advisory Committee are holding their sixth in a series of Fatherhood Town Hall meetings to encourage fathers to become more involved with their children.

The free event is scheduled for Friday, December 2 at 7 p.m. @

UMADAOP, 2447 Nebraska Ave. As with the other Town Halls that LCCS and the Advisory Committee have held, this meeting will provide fathers with an opportunity to discuss the problems they face in connecting or reconnecting with their children.

Free transportation is available to the Town Hall by calling 419-242-3010 or 419-481-6210.



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Speakers:

1:30 & 3:30 p.m. Jerry Anderson, Co-anchor of WTOL (Channel 11) News, will discuss this incredible year of change in the Middle East, how the media has covered it and what this means for the way we may receive information in the future.

2:30 & 4:30 p.m. Dr. Henry J. Langknecht, Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus, "Son of a Craftsman, Son of God." This lecture will explore what Jesus' daily life might have been like as a craftsman in the little town of Nazareth.

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Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority's Dance Supports Scholarships

By Artisha S. Lawson
Sojourner's Truth Reporter

Pink, green, smooth jazz, distinguished men and fabulously attired ladies best describes Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc, Zeta Alpha Omega Chapter's event on Saturday, November 19 at the Toledo Hilton.

The ladies of AKA presented, "Fall into Fabulous" which also explains the event. Elegant decorations, welcoming hostesses and musical entertainment summarized the one-of-a-kind event.

DJ JRoc kept the room dancing, as ballroom dancers of all skill levels enjoyed the music all night. For the jazz lovers, another room was arranged to keep your feet tapping with music ranging from the early 1970s to 1990s.

"Tonight our 'Fall into Fabulous' benefits our scholarship program, each year we award scholarships to 10 deserving high school students," said Clara Petty, president. "Through generation participation of the community we are able to assist our youth again. It's important for the community to support events like this that we sponsor, also



(left to right): Fall into Fabulous committee: Katina Johnson, Richelle Watkins, Co-chair Olla Danielle Avery, Co-Chair Lisa Dubose, President Clara Petty, First President Deborah Washington, Patricia Hogue, Marie Bush, Denise Black-Poon, and Patrice McClellan.

events sponsored by Deltas, SGRhos and Zetas, because we are all providing service and scholarship to these young people."

Guests dined on light re-

freshments as proceeds benefited the sorority's ongoing commitment to scholarships. The 2011 recipients are as follows: Ashley Smith and Kiauanna Wilkes \$1000 each;

Alyssa Dorn, Taylor Harris, Keia McCarver, Kelvin Lawrence, Lindsey Rankin-Anderson, William Schumacher and Jessica Williams \$500 each; and

Cameron Terrell received the \$250 book scholarship.

"I would like to thank my committee of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc for the fabulous job. This was col-

laboration with my sorors who wanted to bring a safe community event that would continue scholarship support for students," said Felicia Dunston, event chairman.

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Faith Community Celebrates the Defeat of Issue 2

By Artisha S. Lawson
Sojourner's Truth Reporter

Pastors, community leaders, elected officials and residents filled and rejoiced at Mt. Nebo Baptist Church on Friday, November 18 to celebrate the defeat of Issue 2 - Senate Bill 5 on Election Day, November 8.

"Our community came together on issue two. The solidarity shown since we began this campaign is unified tonight during this service. Our voices have been heard statewide, no on issue two," said Rev. Cedric Brock, pastor of Mt. Nebo Baptist Church.

The campaign Brock referred to was a revival from May 4-6 sponsored by the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance (IMA) of Toledo and Vicinity. The faith community opened that three-day event at Warren AME Church on Collingwood with a unity service and prayer on SB5.

Last Friday's rally opened with a traditional devotional service during which Mt. Nebo deacons led high spirited gospel



lections followed by scripture and prayer.

City Council members Phil Copeland, Steven Steel and Paula Hicks-Hudson praised supporters and encouraged them to stay in the fight. Members of Toledo Federation of Teachers were also in attendance, and joined the celebration.

"We are excited to continue this partnership. This attack on working class and their families needs to stop, tonight we celebrate this victory. It's an honor to stand shoulder to shoulder with influential black leaders to stay connected," said

Kevin Dalton, president of Toledo Federation of Teachers.

City Council members Copeland, Steel and Hicks-



Pastor Brock, Kevin Dalton and Toledo Federation of Teachers

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Toledoan Afton Williamson on the Path to Stage and Screen Stardom

Sojourner's Truth Staff

Toledo's Afton Williamson landed another high-profile acting job this fall when she was cast in the CBS series, "A Gifted Man," in the part of Autumn.

The Bowsler graduate plays the part of a volunteer in a medical clinic in this show about a surgeon (Patrick Wilson) whose life is disrupted by the sudden appearance of the ghost of his ex-wife Anna (Jennifer Ehle) who was recently killed in a car accident.

The Friday night series was given new life recently when CBS ordered three new shows for a total of 16 thus far in its inaugural season.

Williamson, who earned an undergraduate degree as a theater major from Eastern Michigan University in 2006 and a masters two years later in the Alabama Shakespeare Festival graduate program, arrived in New York City in 2008 and started the whirlwind of casting calls eventually landing several understudy jobs.

Her first Broadway job was understudying three female parts in the revival of August Wilson's *Joe Turner's Come and Gone*.

When *Joe Turner* closed, she landed a job understudying film star Kerry Washington (*Ray*, *Save the Last Dance*, *For Colored Girls*) in David Mamet's *Race*, a drama about a team of lawyers defending a white man accused of raping a black woman.

Williamson remained with the cast as an understudy for seven months until Washington and the rest of the original cast left. Williamson stepped in for the final two months of the play's run and her patience was rewarded in a review by the New York Times' chief theater critic, Ben Brantley. Brantley wrote that Williamson was an improvement in the part over Washington.

This year, Williamson has guest starred in several television series – "Home-land" and "Law & Order: SVU."

Coming up for Williamson is a part in a feature film (Janice) to be released in January – *Man on a Ledge*.

"A Gifted Man" premiered in September and can be seen on Friday nights at 8 p.m. on CBS.



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The Children's Theatre Workshop's production of

The Legend of Pocahontas will take place at the Lois M. Nelson Theater for the Performing Arts at the Collingwood Arts Center, 2413 Collingwood Blvd., Toledo, Ohio 43620.



For more information on *The Legend of Pocahontas* or the Children's Theatre Workshop, please visit Children's Theatre Workshop (Toledo) on Face Book, or www.childrenstheatreworkshop.org. Please link to our website from your website's community activity page.

European Expressionist and Cubist Works on Paper, 1900–1930

Exhibition Opens Dec. 2 at Toledo Museum of Art

The early 20th century was a period of great innovation in style and graphic technique. Artists explored new subjects that ranged from modern society to poetic fantasies and highly personal allegories of human existence. *European Expressionist and Cubist Works on Paper, 1900–1930*, a new exhibition that opens Dec. 2 at the Toledo Museum of Art, looks at this exciting period.

Drawn from the Museum's collection, the exhibition features prints, illustrated books and drawings from France and Germany in the first decades of the 20th century.

The free exhibition, organized by students in the art history course "Expressionism and Cubism" at the University of Toledo, includes work by Picasso, Matisse, Kollwitz, Kirchner, Kandinsky and others who emerged or came to maturity during this time.

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CAC Opening Mack Walton Exhibition

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Are you a fan of fine art? The Collingwood Arts Center welcomes you to a solo exhibition by regionally acclaimed artist Mack Walton. The show is set to open Friday, December 2.

Walton, a Toledo native who attended Scott High School, started painting in

1966 when he won a contest and took a correspondence course. After that he was hooked, says the Vietnam veteran who joined Jeep in the late 1970's and remained in factory work there until his retirement in 2001. He developed a procedure and a following



amongst his fellow employees at Jeep, by transferring photographs to oil canvases. He estimates that he painted over 100 portraits during his 25-year Jeep career. He would simply take home the photographs that he was presented by his colleagues and acquaintances and start to paint.



Walton has exhibited his work in a number of venues around Toledo such as The Truth Gallery, both as a solo artist and as a member of the now defunct Omni Artists Group. Opening reception hours are 7-10pm. Light refreshments will be served. The exhibition is free and open to the public. Artwork will remain on display throughout the month.

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Man in the Music: The Creative Life and Work of Michael Jackson by Joseph Vogel, foreword by Anthony DeCurtis

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320 pages

By Terri Schlichenmeyer
The Truth Contributor

There was no way you were sitting down.

As soon as you heard those four notes—just four beats—your feet were itching to move. You were up and on the dance floor quick, not caring that you didn't have a partner. With songs like that, you'd dance alone but not for long: other people's feet were itching, too, and you knew you wouldn't be by yourself but for a minute.

Remember the first time you heard Michael Jack-

son sing? No matter what your age, whether it was "I Want You Back" or clips from "This Is It," your musical tastes changed right there. In the new book *Man in the Music: The Creative Life and Work of Michael Jackson* by Joseph Vogel, you'll read about what went into those songs and everything in between.

Even in his early years as a performer, friends could see the drive that young Michael Jackson

possessed. At age eight, he studied the moves of James Brown and Elvis Presley. At Motown, he was heavily influenced by Marvin Gaye, Smokey Robinson, and Diana Ross. Stevie Wonder recalled that Jackson had a deep curiosity about how the blind singer "worked."

Jackson, they said, watched everything "like a hawk."

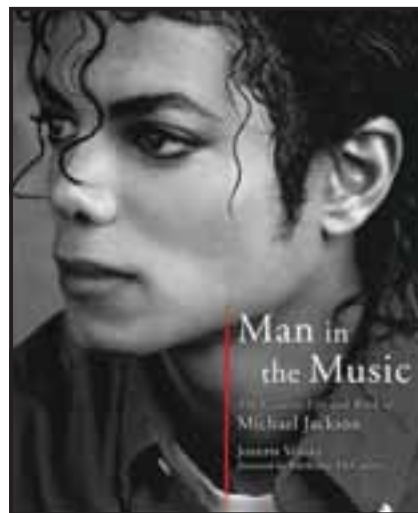
Aside from the guidance he got from contemporary singers and

songwriters, Jackson was also inspired by actors, classical music, other dancers, and by books. Michael Jackson, says Vogel, was a voracious reader and owned a massive library.

In the studio, Jackson was a perfectionist—a habit he said he'd learned from Barry Gordie, Jr.—and often astounded fellow musicians by singing, bar by bar, the entire arrangement of a song. He was self-conscious, often danced as he sang, and sometimes sang with the lights off. Working with Jackson was fun, said one musician, like musical freedom.

In this book, you'll learn the stories behind each individual album that Jackson released in his adult career. You'll read about how he met Quincy Jones and Lisa Marie Presley, his (possible) inspiration for "She's Out of My Life," why "Thriller" almost wasn't released, and lots more.

Much has been written about Michael Jackson over the years and, if you've watched any TV lately, you might have



heard things about him that you wish you didn't know. But reading "Man in the Music" will pull your focus back on the legacy and away from the lunacy.

In this book, author Joseph Vogel gives readers more insight and less emotion about Michael Jackson. Vogel shows that Jackson was driven and cunning and that nearly everything he did was with precision, including the births of his children and his planned comeback.

Though it would have been nice if Vogel had included more downfalls, I found this book, overall, to be interesting, eye-opening, and relatively well-balanced.

I think that, if you're a fan of MJ's music or if you just want to know more about the man behind the headlines, then this book will be a thriller. For you, *Man in the Music* is one to sit down with.

Lourdes University Department of Music to Present Christmas Concerts Featuring Maumee Community Band, Children's Choir of NW Ohio, Perrysburg Symphony

The Lourdes University Department of Music is spreading holiday cheer with two uplifting concerts featuring Christmas and spiritual music:



December 4 – 7:30 p.m. Lourdes University presents its annual Christmas concert "Joy to the World!" Director Karen T. Biscay and Accompanist Olga Topuzova-Meade partner with the Children's Choir of Northwest Ohio and the Maumee Community Band to musical favorites of the season. Featuring music by Leroy Anderson, Hector Berlioz, Bradley Ellingboe, Howard Helvey, Robert Pherigo, John Rutter, Audrey Snyder, Andre Thomas and Healey Willan, as well as other favorite traditional Carols. Also includes a sing-along finale.

Franciscan Center of Lourdes University. Free and open to the public. For more information please contact Karen T. Biscay at 419-824-3772 or email kbiscay@lourdes.edu.

December 10 – 7 p.m.

The Lourdes University Chorus and Good Company Ensemble join the Perrysburg Symphony Orchestra to present a holiday concert at Grace Lutheran Church in Perrysburg, Ohio. Featuring festive holiday music with sing-along Carols arranged by David Willcocks.

Grace Lutheran Church, 601 East Boundary Street in Perrysburg. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and free for children 12 and under. Email psop@perrysburgsymphony.org or call 419-931-4100 for more information.

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YWCA of Greater Toledo Announces their NEW Name: "YWCA of Northwest Ohio"

Special to The Truth

In a move to expand and strengthen services to women in the Northwest Ohio region, YWCA of Greater Toledo and YWCA Lima announce a merger and the formation of YWCA of Northwest Ohio.

The merger was announced by Lisa McDuffie, the president and CEO of YWCA in Toledo, Robin Johnson, chairman of YWCA Lima Board of Trustees and Sally DePerro, chairman of YWCA Toledo Board of Directors.

"YWCA Northwest Ohio was formed by the merger of the two organizations in order to create a larger entity with the resources and reach to serve the mission of the YWCA USA more fully," McDuffie and Johnson explained in a joint statement. "The YWCA is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all. YWCA of Northwest Ohio will have the financial, human, and programmatic resources to pur-

sue this mission with increased efficiency and focus."

The new organization will be led by McDuffie, president and CEO, and DePerro, chairman of the Board of Trustees. The headquarters of the YWCA of Northwest Ohio is located in Toledo, which will continue its mission-based programs such as The Battered Women's Shelter, H.O.P.E. Center (Rape Crisis), Permanent Housing, Healthy Connections, and Youth Development.

The "hands on" services available in the Lima area, include the existing YWCA programs of Child Care Resource and Referral, and the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. The Lima office is located in the United Way Building, 616 S. Collett Street.

Additionally, a Lima/Allen County Advisory Team will be formed to advise YWCA Northwest Ohio about local needs and recommend actions regarding planning for additional

YWCA mission-based activities, projects and programs in the area.

The Advisory Team's role will include assisting with development of the community roll-out of new YWCA endeavors in the area, as well as develop and conduct fund raising events to support local program and project funding. They hope to engage and train young women and girls in the Lima/Allen County area in the programs and activities of YWCA Northwest Ohio and to help develop their leadership potential. Robin Johnson will serve as chairman this committee, and additional members from the community are being sought to serve on this Advisory Team.

The boards of trustees of both organizations have been discussing a formal alliance for over a year, beginning around the time that YWCA Lima closed and sold its long-time headquarters building on Market Street.

The Toledo Repertoire Theatre Announces Dance Auditions

Fresh off the heels of an overwhelming turnout for our November 12 singing auditions The Toledo Rep is pleased to announce changes and additions to musicals now under serious consideration...

CAMELOT, WEST SIDE STORY, RAGTIME, EVITA, FORBIDDEN BROADWAY, CHICAGO, 42nd STREET, BLOOD BROTHERS, DAMN YANKEES, XANADU, and CHESS

In preparation for the 2012/2013 80th Anniversary Season where we intend to expand our musical theatre repertoire and possibly create an in-house musical revue ensemble, The Toledo Rep will hold **dance** auditions on Saturday, November 19th at

The Valentine Theatre - 410 Adams Street, Toledo 12:00 Noon, SHARP!

MINORITY PERFORMERS ENCOURAGED TO AUDITION

You must be at least 16 years old to audition. Younger performers will be seen at a later date.

Dance auditions for performers 16 and older will be held on Saturday, November 19th at The Valentine Theatre. Doors will open at 11:45 and the audition begins promptly at 12:00. Please plan to stay for 90 minutes. Though not required please bring tap shoes if you have them. No need to call for a dance audition appointment. Performers will be taken in as a group promptly at 12 noon. No need to stretch prior to arrival as there will be sufficient warm-up time once brought onto the stage.

Please note these auditions are not for a specific show, but rather to give us some idea of the available talent for the possible creation of an in-house musical revue ensemble and for musicals we are now more seriously considering for our 80th Anniversary Season lineup. Once the season is selected each Main Stage show will still have its own separate audition as will the in-house revue ensemble. No one is guaranteed any role in any Main Stage show or the in-house musical revue ensemble from these auditions. **Please bring a current performance resume along with a head shot that we can keep. If you attended the singer audition on November 12, and supplied us with a head shot/resume at that time then there is no need to bring another.**

Thank you to all who attended our singing audition on November 12. We had more performers than available time slots, so thank you for your patience as we worked everybody in over the course of 4+ hours. We hope to see you again on the 19 as well.

Toledo Rep's Revamped A Christmas Carol Coming to the Valentine

Special to The Truth

The Toledo Repertoire Theatre's annual tradition gets a face lift this season as the 79 year old theatre company presents a new twist on an old favorite, Charles Dickens' classic *A Christmas Carol*, directed by Deb Calabrese and starring Paul Causman as Ebenezer Scrooge.

With a new script and new score written by local composer David Jex, a live orchestra and a move to the historic Valentine Theatre, *A Christmas Carol* spins the tale of Ebenezer Scrooge, the curmudgeonly miser who learns to love more than his money.

Performances are Friday, December 2 at 8:00, Saturday, December 3 at 2:00 and 8:00, and Sunday, December 4 at 2:00. For tickets call the Valentine Theatre box office at (419)242-2787. And for more information visit the Toledo Rep website at www.toledorep.org.

Young Rep to Hold Auditions

The Toledo Rep's, Young Rep Productions will hold auditions for their next show, *The Seussification of Romeo and Juliet*, on Saturday, December 10 at 1:00 at the theatre, located at 16 10th Street. Performances are scheduled for February 24, 25 and 26, 2012. All youth ages six through 13 are encouraged to audition. More information and samples of the script can be found by visiting The Toledo Rep website at www.toledorep.org and clicking on the audition link.



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Diocesan Parishes and Local Organizations Offer Free Thanksgiving Dinners



There will be a number of Thanksgiving dinners being offered throughout Toledo and surrounding areas. Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Toledo compiled the list of dinners, which are detailed below with contact information for each site:

Wednesday, November 23, 2011

Helping Hands of St. Louis
443 Sixth St.
419-691-0613

A Thanksgiving lunch is served from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

M.L.K. Center — Kitchen for the Poor
650 Vance St.
419-241-2596

A meal is served from noon to 1:30 p.m. The center is closed November 24-25.

St. Paul's Community Center
230 13th St.
419-255-5520

Lunch is served from noon to 1:30 p.m. The center is closed Thanksgiving Day.

Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 24, 2011

Christ the King
4100 Harvest Lane
419-475-4348

Dinner is served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

St. Joan of Arc
5856 Heatherdowns Blvd.
419-861-9401

Dinner is served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the school gym.

Augsburg Lutheran Church
1342 West Sylvania Avenue

Meals are being delivered between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. To place an order, call Peg at 419-478-8148 as soon as possible.

Pilgrim Church
1375 Sylvania Ave.
419-478-6012

Dinner is served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission

Lourdes University Open House Offers Opportunity to Meet Faculty & Register for Classes

Special to The Truth

Interested in enrolling for college? Attend Lourdes University's Open House from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, November 19, 2011, and learn more about the undergraduate programming available.

Those attending the Open House in McAlear Hall can:

- Meet with representatives from admissions, financial aid and athletics
- Meet faculty in their field of study
- Tour the campus and explore housing options
- Bring school transcripts and apply and get registered in one day
- Enjoy refreshments and win great prizes including 3 free credit hours of tuition and an iPod!

"Our Fall Open House offers individuals and their family members the opportunity to come and discover all that Lourdes offers," adds Amy Mergen, dean of Enrollment. "This is the perfect time to stop for a visit and take advantage of getting everything done in time for spring semester."

For more information about Lourdes University, contact the Office of Admissions at

419-885-5291, 800-878-3210, ext. 5291 or visit admissions.lourdes.edu.

1917 Jefferson Ave.

419-241-6579

Meals include breakfast from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. and a Thanksgiving dinner November 26 following a 5 p.m. chapel service.

Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission Outreach Center

670 Phillips Ave.

419-478-1005

Dinner is served from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Cherry Street Mission

1919 Madison Ave.

419-242-5141

Thanksgiving Day meals include breakfast from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and football and snacks at 4 p.m. On November 26, dinner is served from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Fremont VFW Hall

204 Birchard Ave.

419-334-2551

A community Thanksgiving dinner is served from noon to 2 p.m.

Norwalk St. Paul

31 Milan Ave.

Dinner is served from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the elementary school cafeteria. For more info, contact Robin, 419-668-1114, or Patti, 419-668-2766.

Sandusky Holy Angels

1603 W. Jefferson

419-625-3698

Co-sponsored with Zion Lutheran Church, the meal is served in the Holy Angels school gymnasium from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Carryout dinners are available. Transportation or meal delivery for shut-ins can be arranged by calling the parish office, 419-625-3698, before November 23, 2011.

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**Five Athletes Sign at Notre Dame Academy
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Basketball for UT**

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Five Notre Dame Academy (NDA) athletes celebrated signing to play basketball, swimming, and volleyball in front of the entire student body on November 16.

Michelle DeHenning will play volleyball at Ashland University. Rachael Dzierzak will swim at The Ohio State University. Jocelyn Uchic will play volleyball at Clarion University. Lisa Urbanski will play volleyball at Owens Community College. Catherina “Cat” Wells will play basketball for The University of Toledo.

A point guard for the Eagles for four years, Wells is one of the top area women's high school basketball players in the state and will play for the home town University of Toledo Rockets. In her junior year Wells was named All State, Third Team, All District, First Team, All City, First Team, and WTVG 13 ABC Athlete of the Week.



As a sophomore she was also All State, Honorable Mention and All District and All City, Second Team.

In addition to playing basketball, Ms. Wells has been

involved in the Latin Club and African American Club, is a Sunday school teacher at Bethlehem Baptist Church, and helps at Eagle basketball camps.

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Album Review Drake Take Care

By Michael Hayes
Minister of Culture



But when I pressed play, from beginning to end... I heard NONE of that.

Where's all the love-lorn heartbreak kid whining?

Where's all the weak rap that so many people have told me they "just can't get with"?

I don't think people have even listened to this entire album.

I've heard one resounding opinion on this album even two weeks before it officially dropped: "Drake is whining, he's soft."

From facebook and twitter to the hip-hop blogosphere to random discussions about what's hot and what's not, no one seemed willing to even listen to the entire project because the sheer meekness of his music was such a turn off that people were barely able to stomach it.

So when I finally get to sit and vibe with this album, I'm expecting to hear teletubies on downers. I'm expecting to hear rap's Sarah McLaughlin. I'm expecting to hear a man so depressed over his brief encounters with heartbreak that he's damn near suicidal. All based on what others had to say.

Since it's on Young Money, it's supposed to be all fast cars and fast women?

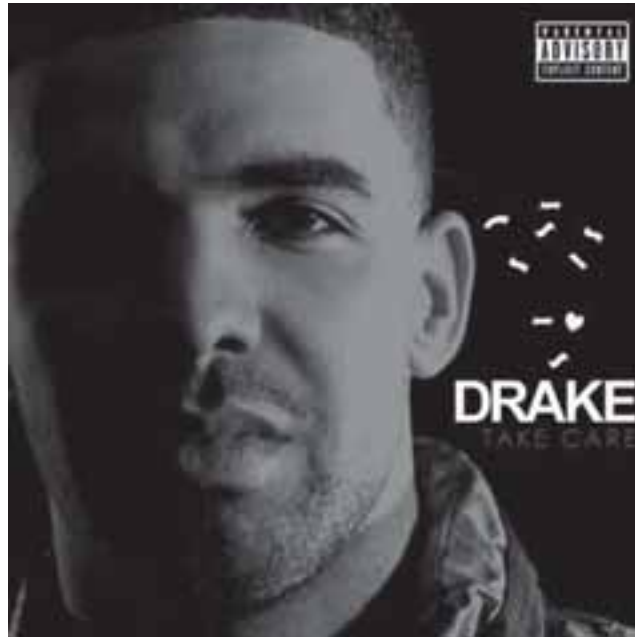
Maybe the rap fans of 2011 are harder than they were in 2010 thanks to MMG, Slaughterhouse, Odd Future and other tough talking crews.

But *Take Care* by Drake, is far from soft.

I actually can't find any songs besides "Marvin's Room" where he's depressed over a chick, many of the songs on here is the exact opposite... he's actually leaving women feeling sad and blue over him.

Subject matter is a huge part of a successful rapper's sophomore album.

What I'm always hoping to hear is more back story about the artist's life and struggles, more insight into who they are as a per-



son.

If the first album is for the fans and the label, then the second album has to be for the individual. I can honestly say that Drake has accomplished that winning combination of bravado, humility and openness to create a cohesive collection of songs about the right subjects. He's not going to give you socially-

conscious messages like Lupe.

He's not going to scare you with dark-hood tales like Jeezy.

He's going to admit to having a lot of interaction with women and not always for the right reasons. He's going to admit that he catches feelings, has hater moments, sucka at-

tacks and just be honest that he's inexperienced and dare you to relate to him.

There are songs like "Underground Kings" where he chronicles his rap

career and the fact his own visions of success is what has driven to be successful.

"With fame on my mind, my girl on my nerves... I'm pushing myself to get the things that I deserve" - he spits before getting into seriously admitting he failed at school on purpose because industry greatness was a certainty for him.

There are so many gems on this album.

Production wise it wins on every level by creating a sound that knocks hard but compels a thoughtful mood no matter what time of day it's played.

The only problem with *Take Care* is the run time, it's a very long album at 17 songs.

But the material is some of the best you will hear this year.

Drake wins, haters need to listen... like really go ahead and listen.

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Come and Celebrate the Grand Opening!

Special to The Truth

It's official! - Kent Branch Library, 3101 Collingwood Blvd., is re-opening to the public with an Open House as the new **Kent Branch Library @CCESS Center** from 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Monday, **December 5**. All are invited to the renovated building where treats and activities will be happening throughout the day!

Kent Branch closed to the public last November 2010 to complete a one-year renovation project. The new @CCESS Center is designed as a public computer center that will provide greater broadband Internet access to all.

Fait Hairston, manager of the Kent Branch Library @CCESS Center, said the renovation project started in September 2010 with the help of a \$2.2 million federal stimulus grant received by the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library.

"This grant funded the expansion of Kent and the acquisition of a mobile computer center so that training for the community can be extended. There are so many patrons in need who will benefit from this advanced technology," said Hairston, who added that the Kent @CCESS Center will open with expanded hours beginning January 3, 2012.

Clyde Scoles, Library Director, said the new Kent Branch @CCESS Center will benefit many patrons:

"From those interested in learning new job skills and computer literacy to adding training for small-business owners and business start-ups," said Scoles, who added that in addition to the stimulus funding, the Library partnered with

56 major community partners for the grant including unions, corporations, institutions, hospitals, small businesses and non-profits. The partners contributed endorsements, knowledge and funding - about \$70,500 total.

The total cost of the project was around \$3 million, which included \$859,281 from the Library's general fund.

Margaret Danziger, Library deputy director, said the branch will expand from 30 computers to now offering some 129 staff and public-use computers.

"This amazing @CCESS Center will provide broadband access to the general public and to specific vulnerable populations, such as low-income individuals, the unemployed, seniors, children, minorities and people with disabilities. We are proud of this fact," said Danziger.

Kent Branch Library @CCESS Center highlights include:

- New Research Lab with six computers for group collaboration
- New Teen Gaming Room featuring PlayStation 3 and Xbox 360 Kinect
- Building enlarged by 997-square-feet
- New state-of-the-art Computer Training Room to accommodate up to 12 students and includes Smartboard technology
- Six adaptive workstations with vision and hearing en-

hanced software

· Thirty-two public access Internet computers, plus four Teen-only Internet computers

The Buehrer Group were the architects and The Spieker Company served as the general contractor for the Kent Branch Library @CCESS Center project.

Mobile Technology Center (Cybermobile)

A state-of-the-art mobile technology center (cybermobile), complete with high-speed broadband Internet access will also be on site at the upcoming Open House scheduled from 9-11 a.m. on Monday, December 5. The cybermobile was also funded via the stimulus.

Pat Nigro, head of the Library's Outreach Services department, said this "classroom on wheels" is a first for the local Library system and a new concept in the delivery of Library Outreach services.

"This cybermobile will provide access to technology and programs to neighborhoods in high-need of such services," said Nigro, who added that the cybermobile will be equipped with 12 desktop computers and a large-screen Smartboard for instruction and literacy programs.

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Elementary School Position Star Academy of Toledo

Star Academy of Toledo is looking for one Elementary School Teacher (4th Grade). Applicants need to have a current Ohio licensure, must be highly motivated, passionate, team oriented and have a genuine desire to work with young people from an urban community. We are an equal opportunity employer and individuals from underrepresented minority groups are encouraged to apply. Applicants should send letter of interest, resume, copy of license, transcripts, references. All information should be sent to the attention of Dr. Ward Barnett, Curriculum Instruction Specialist Star Academy of Toledo 1850 Airport Hwy Toledo, Ohio 43609.

Middle School Math Position Star Academy of Toledo

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- o Coordinate and implement events including but not limited to: annual meetings, recognition events, fundraisers, community conversations/summits, and trainings.
- o Provide administrative support for the Community Engagement team.

Qualified candidates must possess:

- o Associates Degree plus 1-2 years experience in event planning and/or administrative support.
- o Working with budgets and communications a plus.
- o Prior experience with nonprofits a plus.

Qualified candidates should submit a cover letter with salary requirements along with a resume to karri.anthony@unitedwaytoledo.org – subject: Assoc.

Deadline for resumes: November 21, 2011

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The qualified candidate shall possess a Bachelor's Degree in a science related field such as Organic or Analytical Chemistry. 10 years industrial or analytical experience is preferred with a minimum of 5 years refinery or petrochemical lab experience focused on lab instrumentation and analytical testing.

For confidential consideration, please submit your resume via email to TLR.HiringManager@PBFEnergy.com

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Toledo Choose Local Joins National Campaign to “Shift Your Shopping”

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Toledo Choose Local, a non-profit organization, whose mission is to create awareness of the importance of locally-owned independent businesses and to encourage local purchasing is joining an unprecedented “Shift Your Shopping” collaboration among advocates for local independent business.

“We are excited to participate and promote local shopping during the holiday season,” said Pam Weirauch, president of Toledo Choose Local. “Among other efforts, our members will place “Shift Your Shopping” signs in their windows to encourage local shopping.”

Toledo Choose Local’s members join over 38,000 locally owned and independent businesses across the U.S. and Canada, Shift Your Shopping will encourage residents and businesses to make a “Shift” by buying from local independent businesses for the holiday season. Shift Your Shopping offers a simple, powerful way to boost our economy and preserve and create jobs in our local communities.

The campaign encourages residents to take job creation and economic concerns into their own hands by exercising their power to strengthen their own local economies. Numerous studies on the impact of buying from local independent business have found impressive benefits. For example, a 2008 study of Kent County Michigan by Civic Economics projected shifting 10% of the county’s per capita spending from chains to locally-owned independent businesses would create “al-

most \$140 million in new economic activity and 1,600 new jobs for the region.”

In addition, annual surveys over the last four years show that places that “go local” do better. For example, last year, the Institute for Local Self Reliance gathered data on annual revenue changes from nearly 2800 independent business. That data revealed independent businesses in communities executing long-term “buy local and independent” campaigns averaged a healthy 5.6 percent increase over the previous year. This gain more than doubled the 2.1 percent increase reported by independent businesses in areas lacking such campaigns. All of those campaigns operated with support from the American Independent Business Alliance (AMIBA) and/or Business Alliance for Local Living Economies (BALLE).

Shift Your Shopping combines the efforts of

AMIBA and BALLE with more than 150 local business alliances comprised of over 38,000 local businesses. Grassroots groups like Toledo Choose Local in Toledo, Ohio will execute campaigns with their own flair. Anyone can participate and make a direct impact where they live.

“Shift Your Shopping promotes the united vision and voice of thousands of real people in real communities across the U.S.


and Canada committed to building strong local economies,” said BALLE Executive Director, Michelle Long.

Beyond the economic impacts, Shift Your Shopping is also about celebrating the uniqueness of your local community, AMIBA Director Jennifer Rockne said, “By shifting the focus of holiday shopping to locally owned, independent businesses, we can strengthen our communi-

ties and economy, create more jobs and — equally important — we can enjoy more relaxed and rewarding experiences doing holiday shopping.”

Shift Your Shopping will extend through December. A list of Shift Your Shopping events, participants, and resources is online at ShiftYourShopping.org and posted at toledochooselocal.com.





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