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Feminization of Poverty in Head Start

By Rev. Donald L. Perryman, D.Min.



Sexism has diminished the power of all black liberation struggles - reformist or revolutionary. -Bell Hooks

Whether as pastor, academic or columnist, I have learned (by being surrounded by several strong women) to be reticent when dispensing so-called wisdom regarding relationships or power dynamics between the genders.

As men, we benefit from the disproportionate power, privilege and advantage automatically bestowed by society. Therefore, we are often oblivious to our own patriarchy, male supremacy or sexism. And while some men can be legitimately engaged in feminist activism or label them-

selves male feminists, the self analysis of women by women seems to bring fresh insights often only accessible by female lived experience.

As a result, I was greatly inspired by the following insights provided by Kristi Hannan, Ph.D. in response to my May 16, 2012 article "A House Divided:"

"In his May 16 column, 'A House Divided,' Reverend D. L. Perryman shares his conversation with Professor Charles Ogletree about gender divisions in the black community, citing the traditional view in the black church that 'a woman's place is in the home and not in leadership.' Dr. Ogletree argued that progress has been made in the 20 years since the Clarence Thomas confirmation hearings and that there is reason to be very optimistic about the future of gender equality.

"Although clearly, progress has been made and will continue, the gender divide remains and is deeply intertwined with economic disparities. A local case in point is the process by which decisions are being made about who will be involved in applying for the \$12.9 million federal Head Start grant for Toledo, a subject of much media coverage for the past six months.

"Nationally, half of children in Head Start live in households headed by women and 99 percent of Head Start teachers are women. It's a safe assumption that Toledo mirrors these demographics. In contrast, those involved in deciding who will be the grant applicant for Head Start, who will be involved in partnerships with the applicant agency, and how the program will be governed are, as I understand it, all men in high level administrative positions in their organizations.

"The economic status of the women whose children receive Head Start services and those who deliver those services is both a barrier to their participation in these decisions, and a reason why their interests, and the interests of the children they care for and teach, need to be represented. Both groups of women are affected by what sociologist Diana Pearce (1978) termed the 'feminization of poverty,' the increased concentration of poverty among female-headed households resulting from the 'economic and social consequences of being female.'"

"According to recent Census data, nearly a third of households headed by a female (with no husband present) live below the poverty threshold (\$23,050 for a family of four), compared with 16% of families headed by a male (no wife present) and six percent of married couple families.

"Although the average earnings of Head Start teachers is above poverty (\$28,000 in 2008-2009), they earn much less than other workers with similar levels of education. Decision-makers should ensure that these groups of women have a say in how resources are used to meet the educational and economic needs of children, their families, and the women who teach them.

"Interestingly, when decisions move from funding and governance to the classroom, women are not only at the table, but are well represented. At local, state, and national levels, women are involved in teaching, program administration, curriculum development, teacher preparation, leadership development, and research. At Ohio's Early Care and Education Conference this April, male presenters and attendees could be counted on one hand relative to the several hundred women participating.

"Just as early childhood education would benefit in many ways from more male representation in the teaching side of the equation, greater female representation in finance and governance is needed to help narrow the divide."

Kristi Hannan, Ph.D. is a professional whose program provides health and developmental services so that children can start school healthy and ready to learn.

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Community Calendar

June 1-28

Arts Commission of Greater Toledo "Hot Glass" Exhibition: Edison Building Lobby; Fund raiser for Young Artists at Work, Art in TARTA, Artomatic

June 11-15

United MBC Vacation Bible School: 5 to 8 pm: 419-242-1455

June 15

Friendship New Vision Grand opening Ceremony for "Visions:" Card, gifts, flowers and collectibles; Mission designed to train, employ and create homeownership for the developmentally disabled; 11 am to 2 pm; 2513 Woodville Rd: 419-534-5437

June 16

2nd Annual Fatherhood Walk: Central Catholic High School; 10 am to 2 pm; Free food, fun, inspirational music; Guest speaker James McDonald: 419-377-1488

Kwanzaa in the Summer: Presented by the Toledo Kwanzaa House; Padua Center; 11 am to 5 pm; Entertainment, poetry, African drumming, presented, and more: 419-708-9701

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Open Recruitment Day: Opportunity for young women and parents to learn about the sorority's youth affiliate program - Rhoer Club; Kent Branch Library; 3 to 5 pm: 419-509-3625

June 17

2 Mile March and Rally 2 Stop Gang Violence: Starts at corner of Central and Detroit; Ends at corner of Dorr and Detroit; 4 pm: 419-290-6850

June 18-July 27

Canaan Outreach Center Summer Enrichment Program: For ages 5 to 14; Math and language arts, physical activity, drama, dance, field trips; 11 am to 3 pm; Pre-registration starts on June 13 from 11 am to 3 pm: 419-244-5700

June 22-24

EMT Productions Auditions: Need actors, singers, dancers, puppeteer, choreographer, stage manager, set designer, stage crew, costume assistant techs for upcoming gospel musical; Walls Memorial Chapel; Fri - 6 to 9 pm; Sat - 10 am to 2 pm; Sun - 3 to 6 pm: 419-215-1464 or 419-508-8919

June 23

Women of Virtue Ministries "An Evening with the King: A Worship Experience:" 4 pm; 3225 Markway; Foot washing, communion, prophetic intercession, soaking and more: 567-698-0336

City Wide Trustee Meeting: United MBC; 10 am

June 24

Holland Third Baptist: Mass Choir Appreciation Sunday: 3:30 pm
 Indiana Avenue MBC Mass Choir Concert Service: "God's Been so Good, You Should Give Him Praise;" 5 pm; Special guest Brian Thomas Choral: 419-246-3850

Calvary MBC Men's Day Service Sunday: 6 pm; Guests Bishop Donald Washington of Mount Hermon MBC of Columbus

Charity MBC 31st Pastoral Anniversary: Rev. Bobby and First Lady Vickey Wellborn; 4 pm; "A Pastor Looking after the Flock;" Guests Shiloh Baptist and Rev. Theodis Horton: 419-535-1925

First MBC Women in White: 4 pm; Speaker Sr. Alice Cathcart

June 25-29

Vacation Bible School: Free dinner every day at 5 pm; Classes 6-8 pm - preschool and adults - St. Paul AME Zion; K-5 grade - Amazing Grace AME Zion; Grades 6-12 - Walls Memorial Chapel AME Zion: 419-243-1065 or 419-215-1464

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Strike Out...!

By Lafe Tolliver, Esq
Guest Column



Now, you know that a permanent levy is like being tattooed. It stays and stays and even when you wish it were not around...there it is.

A permanent reminder of what maybe you should not have done in that wild and crazy moment.

But, back to the school board which wants to give the tax payers a permanent tattoo on their financial foreheads that will read, "we now own you forever."

My inside contact, whom I will call, "Noodles" and I had the following conversation in the parking lot of the now defunct Stanley's Restaurant.

Noodles: Listen. I presented all of your ideas to the board at an executive session

and they went nuts! Hollering and yelling and screaming. I thought the place turned into a nut house. When I brought up your idea of teachers and others putting their kids in a public school, you woulda thought that I was cutting off their fingers with a blowtorch.

The board members that have kids said they would resign and move out of Toledo rather than do that. The other board members that had kids but never placed them in a public school, thought it was a denial of their freedom of choice.

ME: Noodles. Doesn't it make you wonder just what these board members had in mind when they ran for the school board? Obviously it was not about their kids be-

ing in a public school. They ran for the power and to be seen in the public's eye. They are charlatans. They are saying that the public schools are only good for "those other" kids but as for their precious Jane or Johnny, they will not have any of it.

Noodles: Man. I never saw such angst about their school kids. You would think that you were asking them to put their kids on a death walk to Manchuria or something. What is that all about?

ME: Noodles., you gotta understand that for decades and decades, the school board members and the teachers and staff and administrators have been putting their kids in private and parochial schools on the premise that they are getting a better education but then they want the parents of the kids in a public school to not only send their kids to a public school but also to fund their paychecks so they can take those checks back to places other than Toledo.

Noodles: Wow! I had no idea it had been going on for that long. I guess when you multiply the state subsidy for

each kid (currently \$5,800.00) who is not enrolled in a public school, over the years and decades, that is millions and millions of dollars that does not get put into the coffers of the public schools. What a loss.

ME: Now, you are beginning to see the class warfare in school officials and teachers opting out and taking their kids elsewhere. They do not want to have their kids sit next to a Shauntae or a DeMarcus. So much for all of this humble blather about education being a great equalizer.

Noodles: Well, the discussion about your other idea of all school employees living inside of the city limits, that idea went ballistic! When I found out how many board members (past and present) and teachers and staff have an address that is not in Toledo, you could have knocked me over with a piece of chalk.

I thought about the buying of homes and the increased property tax base that would benefit Toledo; and the jobs that it would create and I was

stunned that so many people want a check by working in Toledo but do not want to live in Toledo.

ME: Noodles, it seems that you have had quite an education with the school board because of these issues. So... what gives?

Noodles: It does not look good. You can forget about the other ideas of adding three parents to the school board or giving principals more control and input at their schools.

Those two ideas were dead upon arrival.

ME: So, tell me. What do I tell my readers about how they should vote for this permanent levy if the school board is not willing to give up anything?

Noodles (scratching his beard): You got me. I wouldn't vote for this levy if they are that mad about biting the hand that feeds them. I had no idea that things were this bad.

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About two columns ago, I told you about a conversation I had with a school board "member" who was trying to solicit my ideas about what would it take for the school board to stand in the best possible light in their desire to pass a permanent tax levy.



Norman Bell from this year's Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame Inductions and Elder Caregiver Awards ceremony in Columbus. With Bell are his wife Ora and State Representative Michael Ashford.

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Lucas County Children Services

ProMedica and Habitat for Humanity Partner for Benefit of Local Family

*By Fletcher Ward
Sojourner's Truth Editor*

ProMedica is sponsoring a Habitat for Humanity house in north Toledo and over the course of the last six to eight weeks, over 150 employees of the health group have volunteered their time to build a residence for a deserving Toledo family.

In this particular case, that family is Deb Ward's. Ward first applied for housing through Habitat for Humanity two years ago. Within a few short weeks, her home will be completed giving her and her family the opportunity to move in shortly thereafter.

Ward, a single mother who is raising her two biological children and four foster children, is a case worker with the Lucas County Department of Jobs and Family Services. She is also attending graduate school at Lourdes University, soon to earn a master's degree in organizational leadership. Her eldest children, sons Micah and Malcolm, just graduated from Maumee High School.

On any given day at the house site, one can find volunteers from Habitat, ProMedica and Ward's church, First Church of God, pounding nails and painting walls on the newly-con-



Volunteers building a deck

structed house on Ward Avenue.

Co-ordinating ProMedica's effort on the site is Gayle Martin, manager of Community Advocacy, whose outreach efforts include such programs as healthy eating, Health Conversations in schools (speaking so far with over 2,000 students), a scholarship program with local high schools and a home repair ministry.

Habitat for Humanity was founded in Georgia in the late 1960's by Nillard and Linda Fuller. The con-



Gayle Martin, president of Flower Hospital



Gayle Martin and Deb Ward

Roosevelt Pool GRAND RE-OPENING

Please be advised that the Roosevelt Pool (901 Dorr St.) GRAND RE-OPENING will be this Saturday June 16th at 12 NOON.

There will also be live music, live broadcasts, free food, face painting, sports activities and SWIMMING!!!

GAS Gallery Hop, – Friday, June 15, 6:30-10:30pm

For the month of June, The Arts Commission's Art Walk will take place on Friday, June 15 in conjunction with the Glass Art Society's Gallery Hop. The GAS Gallery Hop is a free and open to the public evening event that is part of the week-long national conference commemorating 50 years since the birth of the studio glass movement in Toledo. More than 40 galleries, artist studios, and local businesses will be open and showing unique, original glass art, as well as an array of other work, by artists local, regional and national. The evening offers FREE bus rides to participating venues. The GAS Gallery Hop will take place on Friday, June 15 from 6:30-10:30pm, this will serve as the Art Walk for the month of June. For more info about the GAS Hop and GAS Conference, visit www.glassart.org/2012_Tolledo_OH.html

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The Toledo-Lucas County Public Library's Board of Trustees approved a resolution on May 24, 2012, asking the County Auditor to certify the total current tax valuation generated by a renewal levy with an increase for the benefit of the system.

Once it receives the auditor's response, the board is expected to approve another resolution requesting the Lucas County Board of County Commissioners place a 2.9 mill levy on the November 2012 ballot. The 2 mills would renew the existing levy, and the .9 mill would be additional.

The current levy, approved by voters in 2007, was for 2 mills, and expires on December 31, 2012. The additional .9 mill is expected to make up some of what Library users have lost due to recent funding cuts, especially on the state level.

The Library's Summer Reading Club

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It's time for you and your children and you and your grandchildren to sign up NOW for the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library's annual **Summer Reading Club (SRC)**! This year's theme, "**Dream Big READ!**" encourages everyone from infants to adults to expand their horizons with big thoughts, big words, but most of all BIG dreams through reading!



SRC's "Dream Big READ!" kicked off this week, and runs NOW through August 4. We have reading clubs for all ages!

You must first register for SRC by either stopping in any neighborhood Library location, or aboard the bookmobile to pick up and fill out an SRC entry form, or register online at src.toledolibrary.org on the Summer Reading Club page. It's all FREE!

Everyone can participate, here are the age categories for SRC:

- **READ TO ME** (Infant to three years): Read to your baby every day, complete an activity page and earn a prize for baby and for you!
- **KIDS** (Preschool to fifth Grade): Track the time you spend reading and visit your library for a reading folder. Read at least 15 minutes a day.
- **TEENS** (sixth to 12th Grade)
- **ADULTS** (18 years and older)

Read a book and enter! The more you read, the better your chances of winning some fantastic prizes for all age categories!

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Delta Sigma Theta Summit for Young Men

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On Saturday, May 12, 2012, the Toledo Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. hosted a summit for young males to inspire and educate on the challenges they are facing today. The event was held at Martin Luther King Elementary and tar-

geted youth ages 10-14. The teens participated in workshops such as: the value of a dollar, bullying, what a son needs and drug abuse. The organization partnered with Fifth Third Bank, Huntington Bank, Kids Unlimited, Lucas County Juvenile Probation, A Renewed Mind,

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A Few of the Best and Brightest – In The Toledo EXCEL Program

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Toledo EXCEL, a scholarship incentive program at The University of Toledo which began in 1988, reached a milestone this year when it graduated its 20th class of high school seniors on Sunday June 10. To date, there are more than 1,100 students in the EXCEL pipeline and of the 759 students who have completed the program in the first 19 groups, 96 percent have enrolled in college, 76 percent have enrolled at UT and 84 percent are either college graduates or on their way to becoming college graduates on time.

Usually, The Truth scans the metropolitan area at the end of each academic year to take a look at a few of the best and brightest high school graduates. This year we stuck with EXCEL in honor of its banner year and two decades of accomplishments.

Ginae Bluitt is a graduate of Central Catholic High School and was named to the Honor Roll (Summa Cum Laude). Bluitt is a Regent Scholar and member of the Insignis Society, and National Honor Society. Bluitt has been an active member of the basketball and track team, Spanish Club, and Student Government. She was also crowned as Central's 2011-2012 Homecoming Queen. Bluitt's most memorable community service project was the MS Walk with TOLEDO EXCEL. She also did community service at Heatherdowns Library and with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Toledo. Providing service to others has become something that she has grown to love. Bluitt's biggest accomplishment was receiving a full ride to The Ohio State University and also becoming Homecoming Queen. "Homecoming Queen is solely voted on by her fellow students so to receive this title was such an honor." She looks up to her parents who have both broken through barriers and overcome huge obstacles. They have both taught her that is failure is not an option.



Bluitt is the daughter of Gina and Benjamin Bluitt. She will be attending The Ohio State University to study Pharmacy. Her career aspirations include becoming a pharmacist and traveling overseas to third-world countries in need of medications. When asked what her ultimate goal in life is, she replied, "To make at least a small difference in the world."

LaVelle Ridley is a graduate of St. John's Jesuit High School where he was on the Honor Roll and was inducted in the National Honor Society. Ridley was The Blade's Student of the Week in April 2012. He earned cum Laude, First Honors, Class Honors the Men for Others Award, Berchman's Award for Leadership in Spanish and Miki House Council and St. Michael's College Book Award for Academic Achievement and was a 20/20 Scholar. Ridley has been a member of Christian Service Core Team; Ambassador's Society; Integrity Committee; Philosophy Club, Spanish Club (president); and Diversity in Action (D.I.A) where he served as president. He was a member of the Cavalier Magazine, was a Retreat Leader and was a student in the Post-Secondary Enrollment Options Program. He has participated in numerous community service activities such as at Martin Luther King's Academy for Boys, Kent Branch Library and Arbors at Toledo Rehabilitation Center where he enjoys being of assistance to others.



Ridley's career goals include double majoring in English literature and Philosophy with a minor in Spanish at The University of Toledo. Upon graduation, he plans to be accepted into a master's program, where he can earn a master's degree in Literature, and hopefully be offered an assistantship. He also plans to study abroad in England, Spain, Italy, and Australia, and would one day love to become a full-time professor of literature and teach younger children how to speak Spanish as a volunteer endeavor. Other scholarships Received: Blue and Gold Scholarship (UT Guarantee) and the Harold K. Mossier Scholarship from St. John's Jesuit High School

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Cierra Awls is a graduate of Central Catholic High School and named to the Honor Roll. A member of the National Honor Society, and International Baccalaureate Program, Awls has also been active as a member of the gospel choir, Mat-stat, Anime Club, Drama Club.

Awls' most proud accomplishment has been her poem "If my heart could," published at the Toledo Museum of Art. Her most memorable community service is the mini Dance Marathon. Her role model is Queen Latifah because she has excelled in all forms of media and continues to enforce a positive message to young women. Awls is the daughter of Kimberly and Charles Awls. She will attend The University of Toledo to study psychology. Her career aspirations include Psychiatry, and becoming mental institute supervisor.

Taylor Fowler, the daughter of Laura and Charles Fowler, is a graduate of Toledo School for the Arts (TSA) where she achieved a 3.82 cumulative grade point average. Fowler's academic achievements include being on the Honor Roll throughout high school and being inducted into the National Honor Society her junior year. She has been awarded The University of Toledo Rocket Scholarship, the Bowling Green State University Freshman

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Scholarship, the Mary Ann Russo Vocal Jazz Scholarship and the TSA Citizenship Award. Taylor also earned the distinction of achieving the highest female score on the American Legion Test at her school. An active Student Council President, TSA Ambassador, and Senior Thespian, Fowler's proudest accomplishment has been her growth as a student, artist, and overall person. Taylor's role models are her parents because they taught her everything she knows, and continue to inspire her to better herself every day. She will attend The University of Toledo where she will study Psychology and Jazz Voice. Her career aspirations are of becoming a business consultant, jazz voice professor or a radio personality.



Sigma Theta Sorority Certificate of Recognition for Outstanding Academic Achievement, both Academic and Athletic Letters and numerous track medals. Hampton, very active in extra-curricular activities, such as member of the Book Club, Old Glory Club, Chinese Club, and Varsity Track team. Her proudest accomplishment was being on the Honor Roll throughout high school. Jean is also a recipient of an Athletic Scholarship from The University of Toledo. She acknowledges her grandmother, Jean McMillian, as her role model and describes her as a very strong individual who speaks her mind and practices what she preaches. Jean, the daughter of Joseph and Delaine Hampton, will attend The University of Toledo to study Biology in preparation for a career as a pediatrician.



the Honor roll. A member of Student African American Brotherhood (SAAB), Buckeye Boys State Program, French Club, and the baseball team, Trey'Vaunte was very active in extra-curricular activities. His role model is his dad who taught him to be the best man possible. Jones, the son of Tracy and Terri Jones will attend The University of Toledo to study Pharmacy.



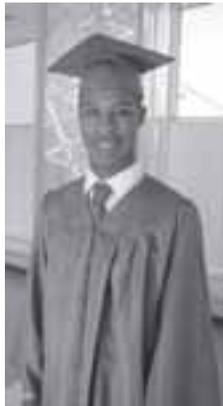
Jean Hampton Jean Hampton is a graduate of Central Catholic High School where she was a member of The National Honor Society and earned a 4.0 cumulative grade point average. Jean was enrolled in the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme, a challenging two-year curriculum for juniors and seniors. While at Central, Jean received many awards including the Delta



Tyreshia Jackson is a graduate of Rogers High School, where she achieved a 3.9 cumulative GPA. She was on the Honor Roll and principal's list throughout high school and was inducted into the National Honors Society as a sophomore. Tyreshia was also a member of the Varsity Softball team and enjoyed volunteering at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Toledo. Her role model is her Aunt Satarah, whom she admires for her strength and aggressiveness. Jackson, the daughter of Willie and Denise Jackson, will attend The University of Toledo to study Spanish.

Trey'Vaunte Jones is a graduate of Rogers High School where he achieved a 3.9 cumulative GPA. He was also inducted into the National Honors Society and was named to

Channing Keith is a graduate of Toledo Technology Academy and was named to the Honor Roll. Keith was highlighted as Student of the Week in the April, 2011 Toledo Blade. Keith has been active as a member of First Robotics, Alternative Energies Team and Science Olympiad. While on the First Team 279, he specialized in electronics and website design. His volunteer community service was helping at the YMCA during the summer and with Habitat for Humanity. His most memorable



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Students Graduate from St. Francis de Sales High School

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Courtesy Paul Kenney Studio

The St. Francis de Sales High School Class of 2012 has 150 seniors who graduated June 2 at the Toledo Museum of Art Peristyle. It is worth noting that among the many achievements and honors bestowed on this class, 100 percent of students applying to college have been accepted into one or more colleges of their choice.

Among the more than 100 schools where students have been accepted are the Georgia Institute of Technology, Purdue University, University of Notre Dame, University of Michigan, Boston College, Marquette University, Georgetown University, The Ohio State University, University of Toledo, Miami University and the University of Chicago. One student has been appointed to the U.S. Air Force Academy.

Academic and athletic scholarships and grants totaling nearly \$15 million were awarded to 132 students of the graduating class. Two hundred seventy-two advanced placement examinations were taken in 19 subject areas by 94 students. One student is a National Merit Finalist and two students are National Merit Commended Scholars.

There are 78 seniors who have been recognized as All-Academic Athletes having earned at least a 3.0 grade point average and a varsity letter in a sport; many of them play more than

one varsity sport. The class has 47 Honor Students and 33 seniors are members of the National Honor Society.

It is very impressive that this class has contributed more than 15,300 hours in community service to 115 local organizations, in Appalachia, and Omaha, Nebraska. Each student has completed at least 100 hours of community service.

Congratulations to the following students:

Wayne Blanchard II is the son of Wayne and Cereda Blanchard. He will attend Eastern Michigan University and received a Challenge Scholarship. Blanchard will compete in track at the collegiate level.

Juan Boyd is the son of Marquisa Darden. He will attend Full Sail University.

Crystal Brown is the son of Kimberly Ellis and Melvin Brown, Jr. He will attend The University of Toledo and received the Rocket Scholars Award. He was an Academic-Athlete in soccer.

Allister Dakin is the son of Jack and Raquel Glaser. He will attend The University of Toledo.

Richard Ellis III is the son of LaShawn McCadney. He will attend Notre Dame College of Ohio. Ellis will compete in Football at the collegiate level.

Delynn Harris is the son of Karla Totty. He will attend Eastern Michigan University.

Jarrod Jefferson is the son of Edward and Tammie Coleman. He will attend Iowa Western Community College and received the Undeclared Spirit Foundation Scholarship.

Tre-Vaughn Moss is the son of Ms. Tucker-Lingo. He will attend Wright State University and received the Paul Laurence Dunbar Scholarship.

Tyrin Rome is the son of Shelly Larkins. He will attend Tiffin University. He received the

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Scott High School Graduation

Sojourner's Truth Staff

In recent years, the Scott High School Commencement Exercises have been conducted at the Stranahan. This year, however, the newly remodeled Scott High School was quite appropriately the site for the graduation ceremony for the Class of 2012.

On June 6, 97 high school seniors received their diplomas in front of family, friends and administrators and staff from



Principal Treva Jeffries prepares to open commencement

both the high school and the Toledo Public Schools district.

Overall the graduating seniors collected just over \$700,000 in offered scholarship money.

The commencement

welcome was offered by class president, Lora Jefferson, who finished third in the class and racked up over \$200,000 on scholarship offers all by herself from Bowling Green State University, Defiance Col-

lege, Bluffton University and Sienna Heights University.

This year's valedictorian and salutatorian were Daquze Stephens and Bria Boyd, respectively



Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc Host Shower for Polly Fox Academy

Sojourner's Truth Staff



The members of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, Inc and guests held a luncheon shower this past Saturday, June 9 at the Brandywine Country Club to benefit the Polly fox Academy. The event, entitled "In Her Shoes," brought in donations from a variety of sources including items from Target and Baby R Us.

Olla Danielle Avery served as chairman for the benefit. Deborah Washington, Ph.D. is president of the local Zeta Alpha Omega Chapter.

Shown are: Joan Durgin, director of development, Polly Fox Academy; Event Chairman Olla Danielle Avery, Deborah Washington, chapter president; Katina Johnson, chapter vice president; Polly fox student Whitney Maddox, Event Co-Chairman Erin Baker

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Toledo-Lucas County Library Expands Services

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

The Toledo-Lucas County Public Library has taken public service to a whole new level by offering faxing and scanning services says Judy Jones, manager of Mott Branch Library.

While faxing and scanning is offered system-wide, the services have especially benefited users at Jones' branch located at 1085 Dorr St. Mott Branch Library is already viewed by its users as a central resource in the commu-

nity for its meeting space, books, DVDs, music, public access computers and programs for all ages; but adding faxing and scanning services takes library resources "up a notch," added Jones.

Scanning services are FREE at your local Library! Now you can scan photos, documents, keepsakes, and more! You can email documents to yourself or save to a flash drive, said Jones.

Faxing services are only 50 cents with or without a Library card, and there's no page limit. Jones said users sometimes cannot believe that faxing at the Library is so inexpensive.

"Why so cheap? Because the library is not in the faxing business to make a profit, we are just trying to provide another resource as cheaply as possible. Fifty cents is just trying to cover the very basic of costs," said Jones.

Mott users are so grateful, for before these services were offered at the Library, neighborhood residents had to go to out of the way places or pay very high prices.

"Almost every day we would get calls at Mott requesting places that offered public faxing. There was a real frustration for neighborhood residents who needed to fax necessary documents," said Jones. "I love seeing their eyes light up when we inform

a very frustrated patron that we now offer public faxing. Then they really smile when we let them know it's only fifty cents."

Scanning is FREE and faxing is only 50 cents at your Toledo-Lucas County Public Library. Visit Mott Branch or any of the system's other 17 branch locations, or Main Library.

Branch History

Mott Branch first opened in 1918 and was built with funds from famous library philanthropist Andrew Carnegie. The Branch is named after Anna C. Mott, an active Toledoan who left a portion of her estate to the Library. The Branch has twice expanded, first in the mid-1970's and again in 1998.

Information:
419.259.5200

St. Francis de Sales

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Music Department Scholarship and the President's Scholarship. He was an Academic-Athlete in Basketball and Track.

Shannon Wesley is the son of Brad Wesley and Kim Wesley. He will attend the University of Detroit Mercy. He received the National Multiple Sclerosis Society Academic Scholarship, the University's Academic Scholarship and Athletic Scholarship. Wesley will compete in Lacrosse at the collegiate level. Wesley was an Academic-Athlete in Football and Lacrosse.

Nathan White is the son of William and Wendy White. He will attend Wayne State University and received an Athletic Scholarship. White will compete in Football at the collegiate level.

Marcus Williams is the son of Trent and Airiga Williams. He will attend Central State University.

Michael Wingard is the son of Theresa Wingard. He will attend The University of Toledo.

Jacob Young is the son of Timothy and Tamra Young. He will attend Adrian College and received an academic scholarship.

She's a Winner!

Special to The Truth

Ziana Kiari Shaw, age seven, has been selected as a state finalist in the National American Miss Ohio Junior Pre-Teen Pageant to be held July 27, 2012-July 28, 2012 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Columbus, Ohio.

The pageant is held for girls ages seven through nine. The winner will receive a \$1,000 cash award, the official crown and banner, a bouquet of roses, and air transportation to compete in the national pageant at Disneyland in California. The pageant focuses on inner beauty as well as poise and presentation with emphasis placed on the importance of gaining self-confidence, learning good attitudes about competition and setting and achieving personal goals.

Ziana is a Toledo second-grader who has aspirations of attending college to be become a nurse or teacher.



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NOTICE FROM TOLEDO URBAN FEDERAL CREDIT UNION REGARDING THE UPCOMING 9TH ANNUAL AFTONIAN AMERICAN FESTIVAL

Parade:

Aftonian American Festival Committee is now accepting participants for the 9th annual parade.

The parade will take place on Saturday, July 14th at 10:00a.

For more information, please contact Toledo Urban FCU at 419-255-8876. For an application or event see aparrington@aol.com.

Deadline for entry is Friday, June 1, 2012.

Vendors:

Vendors are now being accepted for the 9th Annual Aftonian American Festival. The festival will be held at the University of Toledo, Scott Park Campus, July 13-15th.

For more information, please contact Toledo Urban FCU at 419-255-8876. Or email aparrington@aol.com.

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Second Annual Fatherhood Walk

Special to The Truth

RESTORE Inc., is hosting its second annual Fatherhood Walk on Saturday, June 16 (10-2:00) on the campus of Central Catholic High School. The walk is part of RESTORE Inc. public awareness campaign to raise awareness of

the important roles fathers play in the lives of their children. This year's theme is "Where Are the Fathers?"

The two-mile walk through the surrounding neighborhoods will start and end at Central Catho-

lic High School. A rally, free family fun and food will take place immediately following the walk on the lawn of Central Catholic. The President of Ohio Practitioners Network for Fathers and Families, James McDonald will be the

event's guest speaker. His talk will address the event's theme, "Where Are the Fathers?"

Last year's event attracted over 200 supporters. This year's Fatherhood Walk is expecting to double that number. Sponsors include The City of Toledo, McDonalds, Buckeye Cablesystem, Heal The World, The Andersons, LAMAR Advertising, House of Day Funeral Home, Yell & Tell, Air Extreme Ohio Inc., and Lucas County Children Services.

"We want this event to draw attention to the profound role father's play in the lives of their children. Research confirms that children do better in every measure of development when there is a responsibly involved father in their lives," said Mark Robinson, founder. "This is a free community event and we are challenging businesses to form teams and show their support of



fathers, father figures and mentors. Participants can register on line at restorefathers.org or the day of the event, registrations starts at 9:00 am.

R.E.S.T.O.R.E., Inc. was founded in 2006 by Responsible Fatherhood Advocate, Mark Robinson. Robinson is a social worker by profession and currently serving as the director of Field Education at Lourdes University's Department of Social Work. He is currently serving on the Ohio Practitioners Network for

Fathers and Families (OPNFF) Board, which is a statewide collaboration that seeks to advance a fatherhood and family agenda at the state and local level. Vendor tables are available for a small fee. For more information about R.E.S.T.O.R.E. and/or the second annual Fatherhood Walk, please contact:

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Mark Robinson @ 419-377-1488
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Mitchell-Jackson Basketball Camp Emphasizes Teamwork and Positive Attitude

Toledo Natives Celebrate 22 Years of Teaching the Game They Love

Special to The Truth

Hundreds of Toledo area boys and girls have honed their basketball skills at the popular Mitchell-Jackson summer basketball camp which began in 1990. Over the past two decades, former NBA players Todd Mitchell and Jim Jackson have taught the fundamentals of the game along with skills training to boys and girls from grades five-12.

For youngsters who are new to the game, they say the challenge is to help them build the confidence necessary to compete with the players who may have more experience. *"We deal with the kids at the level where they are, and help them to improve. I've found their attitudes and ability to listen to instructions are just as important as their natural athletic talents. It takes both to be a success on the court."* says Mitchell.

After earning a place in sports history as both a State Champion(83) and a City of Toledo Hall Of Famer at Toledo St. Francis High School, he helped lead the Purdue University Boilermakers to two back-to-back championships with All Big Ten and All American Honors. His successful basketball career included stints with the Denver Nuggets, Miami Heat, San Antonio Spurs and several European teams.

Camp co-founder Jim Jackson is passionate about the game, and shares Mitchell's philosophy about attitude. *"A youngster with average skills and a great attitude will get more out of the program than a boy or girl with natural talents and who thinks they know everything. We're all about making them better, and our camp has been a great learning experience."*

Jackson, a graduate of Toledo Macomber High School was the city and state Player of the Year, a state champion and High School McDonalds All American. He went on to play at Ohio State University where he was twice named Big Ten player of the year and garnered first team All American honors. Jackson was the fourth overall pick to the Dallas Mavericks and enjoyed a long and successful career spanning 15 years and multiple teams.

This year, ProMedica has partnered with the camp as part of the company's Healthy Kids programs. Despite rising costs, the camp has managed to remain affordable at \$100 per camper, which includes a healthy lunch and snacks daily. Other sponsors include Marcos Pizza, Subway, Pepsi Cola and Frankel Dentistry.

The camp will be held July 23-26 from 8:30am-3:30pm at Owens Community College located at 30335 Oregon Road, Perrysburg, Ohio 43551. **Free Shuttle at St. Francis 8 a.m. Drop off at 3:30.** Online applications can be found at the camp's website www.toddjimmyhoops.com. For More Information call 419-340-1303.

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The Workers and The Dreamers

By Michael Hayes
Minister of Culture



Is artistic talent really going to help you earn a living? I got some advice back in February that I will always remember.

A close friend who happens to be happily married told me how my chosen career path affects whom I should choose for a mate. She was saying that most music producers don't see their work until their mid 30's and how most females looking for husbands don't have the patience it takes to be with someone with professional artistic goals.

"You need to find a chick who's committed to you without judging you by earnings, but still appreciates your passion for your art and how hard you work at it" she told me.

I listened to her describe the core differences between certain kinds of women. So many points came up in that conversation that echo con-

cerns shared by both sexes. Not only when choosing a partner, but also when choosing a path.

Are the goals being set reasonable and attainable?

How long should someone invest in a pursuit before it is seen as fruitless?

Think of every working or motivated person you know, and I'm willing to bet they can be divided into two distinct categories:

In one column you have THE WORKERS.

Educated, trained or experienced... they have a stable job and more than likely a sound plan.

They see how they can move up, move ahead or gain in a new field and thrive.

Their off-time is spent not working, maybe pursuing hobbies, or possibly even getting more training.

They have the cycle of stable work and play that families and stability are built upon.

These are the people who make this country run.

In the other column you have THE DREAMERS.

Particularly those aspiring towards a career in film, music or the arts.

Likely just as educated, trained and experienced... they have jobs, but not always stable.

No matter where they work or how high the salary, if they aren't earning a living

through their talent they will be deeply unfulfilled.

Their off-time is mostly spent on investing in their artistic pursuit, which is basically a second (or third) job. The serious ones aren't sitting waiting on some big break, but they do remain flexible enough to chase down the next opportunity to get their foot in the door.

These are the people who make the songs, movies and artwork that the other people rely on for entertainment and connection.

Often remind the singers/rappers on my company's roster:

"As artists, it's our job to create the music that helps people make sense of their life"

When I speak of THE DREAMERS, please don't get it twisted.

I don't mean amateur rappers, singers, actors, etc who haven't put the time and effort into refining their skills to professional standard. I don't mean just people with some foggy dream of hopping off stage into a Lambo as their everyday routine. I mean those who have a legitimate shot, understand the process and are putting the right pieces in place to make actually make it happen.

Since 2000, many authors and scholars have noted that the "creative class" is not only the true backbone of society

but also of the economy. With small business growth comes innovation and people with ideas and artistic talent become sought after and therefore in a position of earning power. Someone I'm close to just did a commercial for a local Verizon Mobile outlet that could go national simply because the small business retailer reached out to the nearest creative person she knew to create an amateur jingle.

Keeping in line with my other friend's theory, this person with this potential big break is in their mid 30s.

One key advantage that THE WORKERS have over THE DREAMERS is, they don't have to live under the stigmatic notion of becoming the dreaded "starving artist".

You know the type. All of their prized possessions in a back pack.

Creativity fueled by deep bouts of depression tempered with whatever they do to escape that depression. Wavering social graces, loose concept of time and commitments and a general disconnect bordering on dysfunction.

Because of what comes to mind when people think of

someone with artistic career goals, I personally used to avoid mentioning my involvement in music when I met new people.

First of all, there is nothing more cliché than a black male who produces or raps or has a music company etc. yada yada yada.

I mean, it's so cliché it turns your stomach...seriously.

Second of all, it's an immediate blow to your credibility.

To let someone know you are trying to get in the door as an actor, singer, dancer or whatever makes you appear to some people as if you're so irresponsible that you haven't even evaluated how seriously unlikely it is that you might ever make it big.

To make it big, what does that even mean anyway?

It always cracks me up inside when people I went to school with see me out and congratulate me on making it. For years it confused and annoyed the hell out of me, but now it amuses me. Some people see my picture in this paper or my name on our commercials and assume that I've reached some goal or attained some modicum of success.

Then I tell them my own struggles with employment, how it's been finding a way to put my degree to use and that my actual artistic pursuits are musical and not journalistic.

Yes, I bust bubbles.

I do the same thing when we meet with potential artists for our company, I bust bubbles left and right. Anytime I meet singers or rappers who have the complete wrong idea of what it means to "make it big" I remind them of the real.

Not to be a jerk, but because none of us will reach the finish line if we kid ourselves about the distance.

I want to buy my mom a big house. I want to give my family so many simple things that people take for granted but would bring comfort and quality to our lives. Yes, I want nice things but overall... I want to say that I earn my desired living doing what I love to do.

The Workers. The Dreamers. Same goals, just different paths.

Maybe I'll do a part two to this, there's still more to say.

Thank you all for reading. Peace.

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Please join his friends for a Jazz Jam Session Fundraiser for him on Sunday, June 24, 2012 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at 151 On The Water, formerly Murphy's Place. Requested donation is \$10.

This event will assist with his medical expenses and give those who have worked with him on a local and regional level the opportunity to play and sing for him. Special thanks to

Sean Dobbins, Josh Silver & Joel Hazard, who have committed to getting the music started and to Mike Scott, owner of 151 On The Water for hosting this event. Also playing will be pianists Glenn Tucker, Kelvin Hughes and Jim Gottron. Please respond to this event ASAP if you wish to perform, so it can be scheduled accordingly.

Organizers are singers Ramona Collins, Kim Buehler, Glenda Biddlestone, Star Cohen, Lori LeFevre Johnson and Ellenie Ash, and Mike Whitty. For more info 419 297-9856.

Career Education Assistance For A Competitive Job Market

Even with the U.S. unemployment rate high, technicians and skilled trade workers top the list of the hardest jobs to fill, according to a Manpower Group talent shortage survey. This gap in today's competitive job market can be a great opportunity for those who are considering attending a trade or technical school over a traditional college or university. Specifically targeting this high-skilled worker need, one organization has introduced a Career Education Grant Program to provide a one-time \$1,000 grant to members and their eligible dependents toward enrollment and attendance at an accredited trade or technical school.

"Higher education provides a tremendous advantage toward success," says Paul Pevsner, M.D., President of the Alliance for Affordable Services, "but the cost of postsecondary education continues to increase. That is why it is important for Alliance to offer members assistance in achieving their educational goals, regardless of the type of school they choose to attend." The grant program is a welcome complement to the already successful Alliance Scholarship Program. Over \$1.9 million in scholarship awards has helped more than 1,200 high school graduates and college students pursue undergraduate degrees since the scholarship program's inception in 1996.

The Alliance is dedicated to helping its members live better and save more. It leverages its strength in numbers to provide access to valuable benefits and services to meet the personal, professional and health care needs of over 75,000 members nationwide.

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Send resume or apply to:
Human Resources - MTD
Unison Behavioral Health Group, Inc.
1425 Starr Ave.
Toledo, OH 43605
Fax: 419-936-7574
Email: hr@unisonbhg.org

EOE

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Notice to Bidders: Inquiry # FY12-136, (Project # 5006-11-1624) for Dana Cancer Center for the University of Toledo Health Science Campus. Sealed bids for this project must be clearly marked with the project number on all inner and outer envelopes and/or shipping containers. Bids must be addressed and delivered to the University of Toledo, Main Campus, Facilities and Construction, Plant Operations Room 1100, 2925 E. Rocket Drive, MS 216, Toledo, Ohio 43606 before 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 19, 2012. Bids will be publicly opened that same day at 2:05 p.m. in the Plant Operations Building, Room 1000. Copies of Plans, Specifications, and Bid Forms may be obtained from Becker Impressions, 4646 Angola Road, Toledo, Ohio 43615. Call 419-385-5303 for an appointment to pick up bid package. A cost of \$150.00 will be charged per set. Any further information may be obtained from Julie Cavese of MBA Architects and Planners LLC at 419-873-8450. One Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Tuesday, June 12, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in the Health Education Building, Room 103, at the University of Toledo, Health Science Campus, 3000 Arlington Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43614. Total Bid Guaranty and Contract Bond are required per section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code. EDGE Participation Goal: 10%. Project Estimate: \$5,870,000.00; Breakdown: General Const: \$3,125,000.00; Plumbing: \$290,000.00; Fire Protection: \$116,000.00; HVAC: \$1,409,000.00; & Electrical: \$930,000.00.

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THE SCOPE OF WORK consists of asphalt roadway and parking lot paving. General construction includes partial depth asphalt pavement repairs, pavement planing, tack coat, asphalt paving, striping, topsoil, seeding and mulching. Bidders may obtain copies of plans, specifications, contract documents and plan-holder's list through Newfax Corporation, 333 West Woodruff, Toledo, Ohio 43604 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (check made payable to Newfax Corporation) or via the Newfax Digital Plan Room at www.newfaxcorp.com. Newfax can be contacted at 419-241-5157 or 800-877-5157. A non-refundable fee of \$15 is required for each set of documents obtained. For additional information, please contact Jon Zvanovec @ 419-360-9184, jon.zvanovec@metroparkstoledo.com.

EACH BIDDER MUST FURNISH either (1) a bond for the full amount of the bid or (2) a certified check, cashier's check or irrevocable letter of credit in an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the bid with its bid. The successful bidder must furnish a 100 percent (100%) Performance Bond and a 100 percent (100%) Labor and Materials Bond.

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where nearly 100 members and friends attended a luncheon to meet and fellowship with the Sunday speaker, Bethany.

Each year during this special celebration, a woman of the year is announced. The 2012 Woman of the year is Curtis Taylor. She was presented with flowers and a certificate acknowledging her many years as a faithful member.

In 1947, Taylor moved to Toledo from Mississippi and joined

Third Baptist Church under the pastoral leadership of Rev. Elliot J. Mason, D.Min. She was employed in the Toledo Public School system - specifically the Head Start program. Since 1967, Taylor has been an active member in the 20th Century Literary Club. She is the 7th of 13 siblings. Taylor has five children, six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

The two-day celebration began on Saturday



Vanessa Martin extending greetings

tion on Sunday, May 20. The Rev. Ramona Bethany, First Church of God, associate minister, where she serves as the minister of Leadership Development and Worship Arts was the morning speaker.

The sermon, "In the Potter's Hands," was taken from Jeremiah 18:1-6 and Romans 9:17b-21"

Caption: Top (L-R) Reverend Kevin J. Bedford, Senior Pastor, Reverend Glenn L. Jones, Pastor of Worship and Music Middle (L-R) First Lady Lettie Bedford, Kim Davis, Sharon Taylor, Beverly Smith, Deborah Rice

1st (Floor) (L-R) Felicia Gibson; Deletha Green; Alice Courts/ Carolyn Robinson (Women's Council, VP); Rev. Ramona Bethany, associate minister, First Church of God, guest speaker; Margaret Brown, (president/Women's Council) and Ms. Curtis Taylor, 2012 Woman of the Year, honoree

The historic Third Baptist Church observed its 90th annual Women's Day Celebration. The three-point sermon focused on being

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