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## Then Why Do We Do It?

By Lafe Tolliver, Esq  
Guest Column



Dear Reader, let me know if you ever have seen or heard of one of the following exchanges occurring at anytime:

(1) Puerto Ricans approach the Irish to sponsor their "Riches of the Ricans" gala social event.

(2) Chinese Americans solicit financial donations from Norwegians to underwrite their, "Beijing Bash 2012."

(3) Polish Americans seek funding from Haitians to sponsor their "I'm Happy To Be a Pole!" street carnival.

(4) Italian-Americans asking for substantial financial contributions from Nigerians to underwrite their yearly,

"It's An Italian Thing, You Wouldn't Understand" parade.

(5) German-American's seek funding from Japanese businessmen to sponsor their annual, "Back To Berlin!" cultural exposition.

Found none? Didn't think you would but yet, guess what "we" do? We continually and without a modicum of shame, remorse or pride go out and solicit anyone and everyone include The Toledo Blade to sponsor the annual luncheon of The African American Legacy Project.

I recently got my mailer and I involuntarily clenched my jaws when I saw, again, that somehow, we just don't get it. "We" continue to use that recessive DNA begging gene called, 'Please Suh!' and ask for money.

Now, I'm talking about begging for money to do social events that supposedly honor ourselves by ourselves and for ourselves but, yet, we cannot raise the funds from ourselves to "glorify" ourselves?

Please. Do not kid yourself. "We" **have** the organizational wherewithal and ample monies to fund our own recognition luncheons and receptions...if we want to.

The problem is. "We" don't want to. "We" would rather do the soft shoe dance routine and begging cup than go to "we" others and raise up the cash.

"We" have used that recessive begging gene called, 'Please Suh!' so many times that it apparently has become a part of our DNA makeup.

Yes, it is commendable that The Blade will reach into their coffers and underwrite this affair but what is the residual damage?

I mean, how many times can "we" go to "others" and with a straight face, do the 'Please Suh!' song and dance routine and leave with any shred of self-respect?

I mean, how many times can the black community go into robotic mode and always go, hat in hand, to "other" benefactors to underwrite "our" events?

I mean, when does some level of personal pride kick in that says, "hey, if we cannot fund this event ourselves, then we do not need to have it!"

Don't get me wrong. The African American Legacy Project is a splendid idea with a great mission statement and serves as a valuable historical bookend to local black history, but...when will we, as a community, start to take the reins of our own financial assets and fund our own social/historical affairs?

Imagine what would happen if white benefactors and white corporations would stop funding "our" social events and would say to us, "Listen Shauntae or DeMarcus, enough is enough! We have been funding you for years and by now you should be able to pay for your own shindigs."

Why, we would be outraged and would be willing to put on our walking shoes and protest ever so loudly at such perceived disrespect!

Especially if we were to find out that when the donors go home and at their dinner table or private watering holes, they talk about another long day at the office putting up with the embarrassing pleas of Negroes begging for nickels and dimes to fund their good times.

But. If we can not or will not fund "our" own affairs, who is disrespecting whom?

Why cannot we pass the bucket and collect the nickels and dimes and dollar bills and hold modest gala events until we learn the finer points of fund raising from "ourselves?"

There is something inherently of worth and value when "we" stop looking for corporate welfare to fund our chicken and greens dinners and "we" step up to the plate and pay the cost to be the boss.

When you are always on the lookout for a handout you seemingly never come to the place of helping yourself up and out (all sincere apologies to Jessie Jackson for the rhyming of this paragraph).

Come on folks! We can and need to do better. What type of legacy are "we" leaving the next generation if all they see is "we" folks always with a hand out holding a battered tin cup grinning and saying, "Please Suh!"

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## Community Calendar

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

July 21

Canaan Outreach Center 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Benefit Musical: A summer day for children 5 to 14 in classes of math, language arts, music, arts and crafts, health and physical activity; 6 pm: 419-535-0933

Toledo New Order Community Meeting: Kent Branch Library; 10 am to 12:30 pm; Host Pastor Randall Parker III; Guest TPD Captain Ben Tucker: 419-255-4118

Annual City of Toledo District 1 Refuse Drop-Off and Recycling Event: 10 am to 2 p.m.; 100 N. Byrne Road; dispose of yard items, old furniture, bulky items; Electronics recycling truck; No hazardous waste

July 22

Southern MBC Second Pastoral Anniversary: Rev. and First Lady Lemuel Quinn; 4 pm; Guests Rev. Bobby Welborn and Charity MBC

Calvary Baptist Women's Day: 11 am; Rev. April Hearn speaking: 419-242-9173

July 23-27

Pilgrim Church Vacation Bible School: 6 to 8:30 pm nightly; Children ages 4 to 5<sup>th</sup> grade; "Inside Out & Upside Down on Main Street: 419-478-6012

St. Stephens COGIC Vacation Bible School: 6 to 8 pm

Braden United Methodist Church Vacation Bible School: Ages 4- adult; 5 to 8 pm: 419-386-2700

City of Zion, the Mt. Zion Church Bible Boot Camp: 6pm nightly; Age appropriate instruction for youth and adults

July 28

St. Stephens COGIC Community Festival; 11 am to 5 pm; Food, face painting, gospel DJ

July 29

Ebenezer MBC Annual 100 Women in White Service: Guest Min. Sherea Lewis of Detroit; 4 pm; "It's Getting Hot in Here, Are You Saved?" 419-729-1466

August 3

Golf for Scholarships Outing: Bedford Hills Golf Course; sponsored by UT Black Alumni and A Journey Through Healing; Scholarship fund raiser: 419-530-5378 or 419-531-1336

August 4

Friendship Baptist Church Vacation Bible School: 8 am to 4:30 pm

August 11

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Open Recruitment Day: Opportunity for young women and parents to learn about the sorority's youth affiliate program - Rhoer Club; Main Branch Library; 11 am to 1 pm: 419-509-3625

August 20

Aurora Project's 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Cousino Harris DKI Golf Classic: Toledo Country Club; Benefit for Aurora House; Registration at 10 am: 419-244-3200

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# U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown: A Proven and Effective Leader

By Kevin Boyce, Ohio State Representative  
Guest Column



As November inches closer, many other states around the nation are just now waking up to the news that we in Ohio have known for too long – 2012 is a crucial election year and the right-wing special interests have declared they will stop at

nothing to beat Democrats who are working on behalf of the middle-class.

In our state's race for U.S. Senate, the stakes couldn't be higher. On all of the issues that matter most in our communities, U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown is on the right side, standing strong for Ohio's families, which is why I am proud to put my full support behind his candidacy.

Sherrod is a proven and effective leader on matters from college affordability to the health and well-being of our seniors to the number one issue on everyone's mind, jobs, and it is this track record

of fierce advocacy for the middle class that makes him the clear choice this November.

Every year, the cost of a college education increases, putting that dream out of reach for more and more students. Just last month, Senator Brown led the charge on a bill he introduced that would stop the upcoming increase in student loan interest rates. Sherrod understands that education lights the path towards a more prosperous future, and he is doing everything he can to make our education system work for more families in our state.

Senator Brown has never backed down from a fight just because the special interests are against him. On the ballot alongside Sherrod this November will be a measure to repeal the restrictive voter suppression law that is nothing more than a direct attempt to lower voter turnout and intimidate voters. Sherrod held a hearing on the impact of this dangerous law, and he is fighting with us to ensure we repeal it in November.

Last year in Congress, seniors in Ohio and around the country found themselves under attack because of an

extreme right-wing budget proposal. Sherrod didn't blink an eye before standing up to those who were ready to end Medicare as we know it, and his efforts to squash that dangerous budget show his unwavering commitment to keeping the promises we make to our seniors.

Last year, as our families endured an assault on workers' rights, Senator Brown was an outspoken advocate for our teachers, fire fighters, police officers and other public employees. These men and women are not weights pulling us down, they are the foundation of our communi-

ties.

On yet another issue central to middle class families, when hundreds of thousands of Ohio's auto industry jobs were hanging in the balance, Sherrod showed true leadership and fought to pass the auto rescue that helped get our state's economy back on the right track.

When it comes to supporting Ohio jobs, affordable education, seniors, and our voting rights Sherrod Brown takes a backseat to no one. Ohio has a true champion in Senator Brown, and it's time we do our part to stand up for him.

## Rep. Szollosi Receives Legislator of the Year Award from FOP of Ohio Recognized for Leadership in Fight for Workers' Rights

Special to The Truth

The Fraternal Order of Police of Ohio presented State Representative Matthew A. Szollosi (D-Toledo) with the Ohio House of Representatives Legislator of the Year award today. The award was presented to Rep. Szollosi at the 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in Cleveland, Ohio.

"I am proud to stand with our safety forces because they put themselves in harm's way everyday to keep us safe. Decisions to close stations and reduce staffing levels concern me, especially when statistics show crime is on the rise. We should be giving our safety forces the tools they need to do their jobs safely, so they can go home to their families after each and every shift."

Rep. Szollosi was recognized for his leadership statewide last year in the fight against Senate Bill 5 which would have gutted Ohio's collective bargaining law. Rep. Szollosi fought to ensure that Ohio's safety forces maintained their ability to negotiate fairly for proper staffing levels, necessary safety equipment and job security. "Senate Bill 5, had it remained law, would have been terrible for workers," said Szollosi. "The Fraternal Order of Police did a great job educating the public about the true intent of the bill."

Senate Bill 5 was overturned by citizen referendum last November by a 61-35 margin.



## Kudos to Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union

It's exciting to read about the continued growth and success of the Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union.

Blessed with wise and dedicated leadership, I am certain that even bigger and brighter days are ahead for this community-focused financial institution.

As a side bar to your article's history of TUFUCU, I would like to add that TUFUCU was one of the first commercial entities in Toledo to contract with my then newly-formed construction company. TUFUCU's vote of confidence in a small, minority-woman-owned business will always be appreciated.

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## Opal Dunlap's Latest Play Opens This Weekend at the Maumee Indoor Theatre

*Sojourner's Truth Staff*

When Opal Dunlap was 16 years old – she's a ripe old 18 years of age now – and teaching vacation bible school at St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, she was tasked with writing a skit for her class. That proved to be the start of her career as a playwright.

"I took it home, re-read the skit and said 'this is good,'" she recalled recently as she prepared to open her third play in as many years. "I ended up turning it into a full-length play."

That play would be a Christian dramatic play titled *If There Is a Will, There Is a Way*. Her initial offering was produced in April 2011 at the Collingwood Arts Center, by Dunlap herself. Written, produced, directed and starred in by Dunlap herself, in fact.



Shortly thereafter, Dunlap wrote her second play - *Staircase to Heaven: Love, Faith, Prayer* – that was produced in November 2011.

Now comes, in rapid succession, play number three – *God Knows My Needs* – which will be presented this Saturday, July 21, 2012, at the Maumee Indoor Theater.

Her latest is about two sisters who have lost their mother at an early age. The tragedy has forced the older girl to care for her younger sibling. The older – smart, religious, determined – is in college and holding down a job. The younger – stubborn, disrespectful, easily influenced by the wrong elements – is without standards or values. She falls under the influence of the neighborhood drug dealer.

Further complicating the situation is the drug dealer's brother who once dated the older sister, is the opposite of his brother and wants to prevent the younger sister from damaging herself in a destructive relationship.

Dunlap, amongst her playwrighting duties over the past few years, has found the time to graduate from Bowsher, participate in the NAACP ACT-SO competition (local gold medalist), serve as president of the local Top Teens of America chapter, serve as president of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women for Toledo Youth Club locally and do a little two step or three as a debutante in the 2012 Cotillion.

Throw in quite a lot of community service and founding her own theater company – L'apo Theatrical Productions – and you have the makings of a pretty full life during for those first 18 years.

Next fall, Dunlap will enter The University of Toledo (fulfilling a long-time dream) to major in theater, of course. She will earn a minor in theology.

*God Knows My Needs* will be performed this Saturday at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$7 in advance and may be purchased through Dunlap at 419-480-7603 or at the door on Saturday for \$10.

## Academy of Educational Excellence Opens Temple of Learning

*Sojourner's Truth Staff*



Next to the Stranahan Theater on Heatherdowns Blvd. rests the former Masonic Temple. Ann Harris, owner and operator of the Learners for Life Day Care Center, has taken over the building and is in the process of converting it into a temple of learning – a charter school that will serve kindergarten to third graders.

The Academy of Educational Excellence will open in the fall under the guidance of Harris, who retired from Toledo Public Schools after a 32 and a half year teaching career, and Chief Academic Officer Sam Harris, formerly of The University of Toledo and, most recently, Star Academy, where under his leadership the school moved from academic emergency on the State of Ohio report card into the continuous improvement category in one year.

Why was Harris eager to take on such a challenge – entering the competitive educational market and converting such a facility into one filled with classrooms?

"My passion for children," said the former teacher. After retiring from TPS in 2006, Harris started Learners for Life and within two years earned for the day care center a rating of two stars (out of three) from the State of Ohio – a rare accomplishment.

"Parents were so thrilled that they kept asking me, 'can you open up a kindergarten, we don't want to leave you,'" continued Harris.

That wish becomes a reality in a few short months. Harris and Hancock are utilizing "Success for All" as the Academy's chief curriculum. "It has been researched and presented around a number of states as the best program for at-risk students," said Harris.

Promising a heavy focus on literacy and technology, Harris noted that the Academy, which will start through the third grade and then add a grade a year thereafter, will be tuition free, will have state of the art technology for students, will offer a foreign language and will have after school tutoring and extracurricular programs as well as parent programs. The school will also offer free bus transportation to a large part of the city.

Two hundred students are the goal for the Academy of Educational Excellence, said Harris. Informational meetings continue in July and open houses will be held on August 9, from 5 to 8 p.m., and August 11, from 10 a.m. To 2 p.m.

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## Eighth Annual African American Festival: The Biggest Hit Thus Far

Sojourner's Truth Staff



Bigger and better than ever, the annual African American Festival made its eighth appearance this past weekend at The University of Toledo's Scott Park Campus.

Anchored by Harold Melvin's Blue Notes on Saturday and the Rance Allen Trio on Sunday, the entertainment at this year's event brought the audience to their feet time and time again.

The weekend's events began on Friday morning with the kickoff prayer breakfast. This year's breakfast was held at the Serenity Soul Food Restaurant on Nebraska Avenue and pastors such as Bishop Duane Tisdale, Bishop Brehon Hall and Bishop M.C. McGhee led the attendees in praying for the success of the Festival, the community and the Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union, the organizing agency of the annual Festival.

On Saturday morning at 10 a.m. the annual parade started at the corner of Dorr and Smead and headed east towards the finish at Dorr and Collingwood. Elected officials, political candidates and a variety of schools and agencies took the short walk through the neighborhood. The parade had in the past taken place mainly on Nebraska Avenue. The route was altered for the first time this year.

The Festival itself opened at 1:00 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday. Dozens of vendors staked out their places around the stage. Vendors offered food, clothing, insurance, arts and crafts aplenty. There were also a number of schools – public and charter – explaining their programs.

Saturday's entertainment began with students from Imagine Schools followed by the vocal stylings of Dezire.

Jesse Coleman and the Jamm Band then brought their jazz music to the stage.

Athena Johnson & Friends appeared next, then came Bobby G., the bluesman.

Cherrelle, who had several chart toppers in the 1980's, followed Bobby G. and reminded the audience of her glory days in R & B.

The evening's last act – Harold Melvin's Blue Notes – took the audience much further back in time, and the audience loved every minute of it. The crowd, which had by then reached its peak, was on its feet during the entire last act.

On Sunday, the entertainment was gospel – lots of gospel.

The Toledo Youth Choir, Cornerstone Church Choir and the Toledo Interfaith Mass Choir started the ball rolling, before Darius Coleman and his friends took

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**Amelia Taylor**  
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## Eighth Annual African American Festival

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over and lit up the stage. Then the headliners came in.

Vickie Winans and her powerful voice took the Sunday entertainment package to

another level. Roughly 50-50 vocalist and comedienne, Winans sang, preached and elicited laughter with her tales of her own difficulties.

Rance Allen, Toledo's

own, was the act that everyone had been waiting for, however. And Rance Allen never disappoints his fellow Toledoans. Sunday was no exception.

*The African American Festival, organized by the Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union, under the guidance of CEO Suzette Cowell, is sponsored by a hosts of companies and institutions: 13 abc, UT, State Farm Insurance, the Juice, Fifth Third Bank, Owens Community College, The Blade, the Toledo Journal and The Sojourner's Truth.*



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Each title of a book becomes a line in your unique poem and the possibilities are endless! Snap a photograph and submit it to Sylvania Library staff. Your book spine poem could be featured at the Library, on Facebook, Twitter, and on Pinterest.

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## Fair Housing Announces Second Largest Fair Lending Settlement

Special to The Truth



Shanna L. Smith, president and CEO of the National Fair Housing Alliance, issued the following statement after the U.S. Department of Justice announced the second largest fair lending settlement in U.S. history, resolving al-

legations that Wells Fargo engaged in large-scale mortgage lending discrimination against African-Americans and Latino borrowers from 2004 to 2009:

“The National Fair Housing Alliance applauds the De-

partment of Justice for holding Wells Fargo accountable for widespread discriminatory lending practices that we know have damaged communities across the country and undermined our nation’s mortgage market. Borrowers

were charged higher prices and placed in riskier loans not because of their credit histories, but because of the color of their skin. The settle-

ment now battling public safety and health hazards because of unkempt bank-owned properties.

In April 2012, the Na-

“Communities of color have long been the victims of higher cost sub-prime loans and other abusive loan products. Borrowers of color have

**“Communities of color have long been the victims of higher cost sub-prime loans and other abusive loan products.”**

ment with Wells Fargo will provide \$175 million to compensate borrowers and offer direct down payment assistance to residents, but we know much more needs to be done by our nation’s banks to repair the damage to communities of color that have been long-time targets of lending discrimination.

“The actions of many of our nation’s largest lenders have also led to a large inventory of bank-owned properties that are not being properly maintained or marketed in communities of color. As a result, many municipalities are left with a declining tax base and neighborhoods are

ditional Fair Housing Alliance published a report documenting how major banks have engaged in racial discrimination in the maintenance and marketing of bank-owned properties, *The Banks Are Back – Our Neighborhoods Are Not: Discrimination in the Maintenance and Marketing of REO Properties* and filed a Fair Housing Act complaint against Wells Fargo for engaging in this unlawful practice. The report’s recommendations focus on keeping borrowers in their homes and strengthening neighborhoods through continued homeownership rather than investor purchases.

endured the worst of the foreclosure crisis losing billions of dollars in assets and increasing the enormous wealth gap between whites, African-Americans and Latinos.

“We applaud the Department of Justice for requiring the nation’s largest originator of home mortgages to conduct an internal review of its retail mortgage lending practices. Discrimination is not only wrong, but it creates wasteful inefficiencies in our struggling economy. The practice must stop as it is not consistent with our American values of fairness and equality.”

## United Way Investing \$12.9 Million in Northwest Ohio Community

Special to The Truth

Last month, United Way of Greater Toledo announced its 2012-13 investment decisions. Thanks to the generosity of the community, \$12.9 million will be invested in programs, initiatives, and partnerships advancing the common good in Lucas, Wood, and Ottawa counties.

United Way volunteers were able to direct \$8.6 million toward its goal of graduating kids through strategies in education, income, and health, while donors designated the remaining \$4.3 million to programs and organizations of their choice.

“We continue to be grateful to this generous community for their gifts of time, talent, and treasure,” said Jane Moore, United Way of Greater Toledo’s interim president & CEO. “I believe donors continue supporting our vital work because they recognize the collective nature of how United Way is attacking community issues at the root and working to advance the entire community.”

“We truly believe increasing graduation rates is the key to our community’s long-term sustainability and success,” Moore continued. “We

have also identified the barriers to a student’s success usually lie in the areas of education, income – or family financial stability – and health, which is why our strategies are focused on these building blocks.”

According to United Way, you won’t see significant changes to this year’s investments. Volunteers are pleased with the progress and confident investments are on the right track.

“As we continue to focus and coordinate all of our work toward that ultimate goal of helping graduate kids, I couldn’t be more pleased with the outcome of our decisions,” said Cindy Dana, United Way’s Community Impact Cabinet co-chairman. “The level of thought our volunteers have put into making strategic investment decisions that maximum the impact on our community is incredible. Donors can rest assured their gifts are making a measurable difference.”

Below are several highlights of the way strategies and programs in education, income, and health are helping remove barriers to kids graduating from high school.

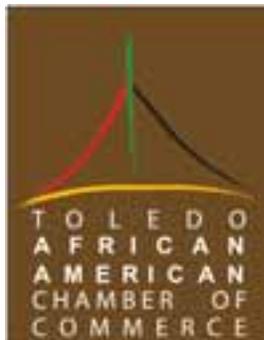
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## Not Employed Yet? Network!

By Tiffany L. Reynolds, Job Coach and Project Coordinator  
The Truth Contributor



I need a job!  
In my experience, this statement is used more often than any other.

My name is Tiffany Reynolds. As the job coach and project coordinator with the Economic Opportunity Planning Association of Greater Toledo, Inc. (EOPA), my awesome duty is to help job seekers learn how to sell themselves to employers or, better said, "become more employable."

Although the economy has been in decline for several years and employment opportunities have been sparse,

believe it or not—jobs are out there. It's similar to finding the right person for you. The key word is the "right" person.

It's often a challenge but it's important to keep trying. I'm an optimist—I believe the "right" job is out there for you—it just may take a little longer to find but it's out there.

One of the best ways to seek for a job is to network and volunteer. Networking is the informal sharing of information among people who have common interests.

One person asked me the question, how often should one network? I replied, daily. Always be prepared and ready to share your 30-second commercial—you never know when opportunity strikes. The 30-second commercial is a script you recite that summarizes who you are, your profession and your closing statement. Before you walk away from your potential employer—be sure to schedule an interview.

It's important to be famil-

iar with your 30-second commercial because you may be approached at any given moment. The name of the game is to be at the ready.

Volunteering is often frowned upon when I recommend this idea to job seekers. The customer doesn't often see the value until I explain it.

Essentially, a volunteer is offering to serve or work without expecting monetary payment. However, there are alternate ways volunteers do receive payment, i.e. internships.

Here are its benefits: Firstly, the opportunity to meet staff and network, of course! Additional benefits include development of new skills, an enhanced resume, new work experience, greater self-esteem and self-confidence, meeting new people, feeling valued and having made a difference in someone's life.

Wow, now that's receiving payment with payback! This may not be the best route for some people. However,

if you're not working the best way to fight discouragement is to keep busy and focused. So volunteer!

My motto to the unemployed: "giving up isn't an option."

If you want more information please visit the job coach at 505 Hamilton, Toledo, Ohio each Tuesday at 2:00 pm to learn more on how the Employment Readiness Training will work for

you.

Tiffany L. Reynolds  
Job Coach & Project  
Coordinator  
[www.eopa.org](http://www.eopa.org)

### United Way

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**Childhood Partnership** between Harbor, Read For Literacy, Inc., and the YWCA of Greater Toledo is entering its second year of implementation. This partnership brings together experts in social and emotional health, early literacy, and child care to ensure we are wrapping children, birth to five, with the resources and supports necessary to enter Kindergarten ready to learn. With a focus on children, teachers, and parents, early results are indicating significant improvements.

The highlight of United Way's income work this year is **Financial Coaches**. Through various partners and collaborations like **Bank On Toledo**, **East Toledo Family Center**, and **United North ONE Village Financial Opportunity Center**, we are providing classes and training, one-on-one coaching, resources, and help in teaching individuals and families to become financially stable. The key to the coaching is assisting individuals in determining their own financial goals. By deciding their own path, families are empowered to reach their own aspirations.

In the health area, a new investment is the **Medical-Legal Partnership for Children with Legal Aid of Western Ohio**. While we invest in many programs directly impacting kids' access to health care services, a child's health is often negatively affected by social and environmental conditions that medical care alone cannot remedy. Through direct legal assistance, institutional and systemic policy change, this project addresses the non-medical issues related to health, including housing conditions, education, and poverty.

Another new health investment is the **School Nutrition Support and Advocacy** program with the **Children's Hunger Alliance**. While lunch is vital to a child's health, breakfast has long been recognized as the most important meal of the day. This investment

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**Book Review**

**An Economist Gets Lunch: New Rules for Everyday Foodies by Tyler Cowen**

c.2012, Dutton

\$26.95 / \$28.50 Canada

293 pages, includes index

By Terri Schlichenmeyer  
The Truth Contributor

The fridge was empty the other day.

No milk, no OJ, no breakfast fixin's. You were out of bread, cereal, snacky stuff, and lunchmeat. There was barely a crumb for supper, either, so it was off to the grocery store for you.

Yes, the fridge was empty the other day. And now your wallet is.

You have to eat, and you'd rather eat well. So how do you do it with economy in mind when the economy stinks? Grab *An Economist Gets Lunch* by Tyler Cowen and get some lessons.

Every now and then, says author Cowen, the world needs a "special kind of revolution" in food. It happened with Upton Sinclair, it occurred with the perfection of frozen food and the invention of the microwave. Today's changes will "happen only gradually" but it's possible to eat better now "for your own good and for everyone else's."

First of all, throw out all the fads: delete "locavore" from your vocabulary and forget about "slow food." Eating locally is not always,

economically speaking, a good idea and it's not always the best choice, environmentally. You can, furthermore, eat fast food cheaply and nutritiously, as long as you're willing to expand your definition of "fast food."

What's important to remember, he says, is that we're eating better than ever before. Yes, obesity is a problem here but we aren't starving. Many world-citizens can't make that claim.

To find "better eating," Cowen says to remember this principle: "Food is a product of economic supply and demand, so try to figure out where the supplies are fresh, the suppliers are creative, and the demanders are informed." This, he says, will help you make every meal count and it will help you understand that the best food doesn't have to empty your wallet.

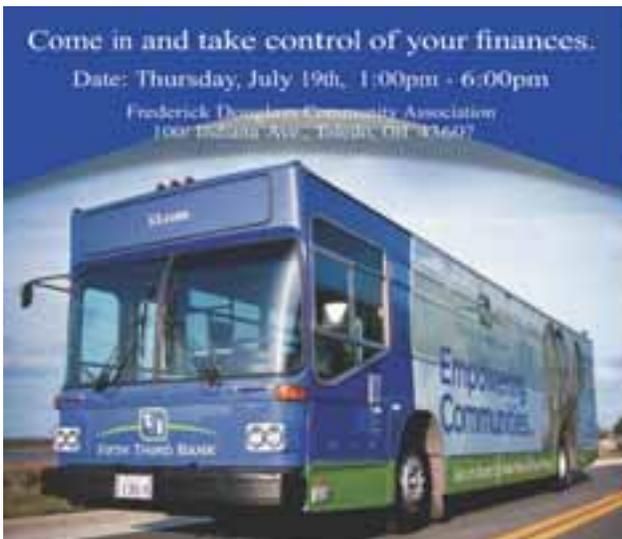
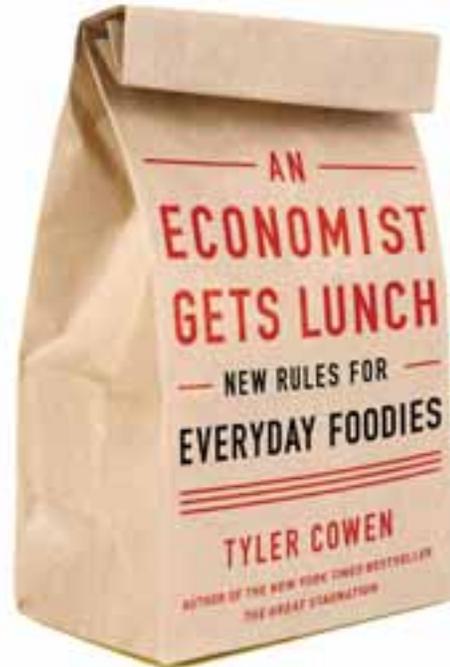
Remember that ambiance and presentation often have nothing to do with the taste of the food. Shop at ethnic markets and don't be intimidated. Keep in mind that politics has a lot to do with the price of what you eat. Be-

come educated about "cross-subsidy" food and learn to spot a trendy restaurant before it becomes trendy. And remember that much of what we produce and you eat has economic and environmental domino-effects on every other country in the world.

No doubt about it, *An Economist Gets Lunch* is a joyful book. Author Tyler Cowen is funny and flippant, and his wry observations are a delight for foodies and everyday consumers alike.

The problem comes if you're expecting a lot about economy here, because there isn't much. Cowen is a professor of economics at George Mason University, but his food critic side-interest consumes the majority of this book. That doesn't make it bad in any way, but it might disappoint readers who expect something more serious and less edible.

Still, I definitely think this is a book that might change the way both kinds of readers perceive that which is on their plates. What's in *An Economist Gets Lunch* will, in fact, give you lots to chew on.



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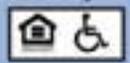
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Alzheimer's Association  
2500 North Reynolds Road  
Facilitator: Bob Hausch  
For more information, call 419.537.1999

**Saturday, August 11, 2012**

1:30 p.m.  
Scrambler Marie's  
570 Dussel Drive  
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**Tuesday, August 21, 2012**

1:30 p.m.  
Alzheimer's Association  
Wheeling Street Adult Day Center  
131 North Wheeling St., Suite 2  
Facilitator: Traci Holland, 419.720.4940

**Wednesday, August 15, 2012**

6 p.m.  
Alzheimer's Association  
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Facilitator: Beth Wong  
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**Thursday, August 16, 2012**

10 a.m.  
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Facilitator: Bob Hausch  
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**Wednesday, August 22, 2012**

Noon  
Alzheimer's Association  
Parkcliffe Community, Building #2  
4226 Parkcliffe Lane  
Facilitator: Jenny Bucher  
For more information, call 419.381.9447

Alzheimer's disease is the **sixth-leading cause of death** in the United States and the only cause of death among the top 10 in the United States that cannot be prevented, cured or even slowed. More than **15 million Americans provide unpaid care** valued at \$210 billion for persons with Alzheimer's and other dementias.

These caregiver groups are free and open to the public. Registration is not required. However, it is suggested that you contact the facilitator of the group you plan to attend for the first time to confirm the time, place and date of the meeting. For more information on caregiver groups or other programs of the Alzheimer's Association, Northwest Ohio Chapter, call 419.537.1999 or 1.800-272.3900.

The Northwest Ohio Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association serves 24 counties: Allen, Ashland, Auglaize, Crawford, Defiance, Erie, Fulton, Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Huron, Knox, Lucas, Mercer, Ottawa, Paulding, Putnam, Richland, Sandusky, Seneca, Van Wert, Williams, Wood and Wyandot.



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Adults that completed full-time programs included:

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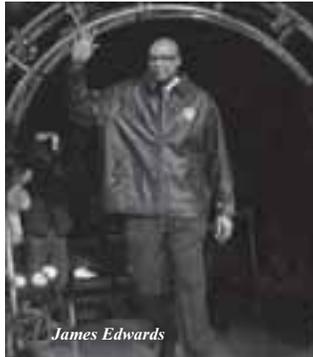
## Music and Golf – Coming This Weekend

Special to The Truth

The award-winning **Brian McKnight** featuring **Michael Franks** scheduled at 8 p.m. on Saturday, **July 21** at the Stranahan Theater, 4645 Heatherdowns Blvd.

The sexy Grammy-nominated McKnight is known in the contemporary R&B genre for his strong falsetto voice and tantalizing lyrics. McKnight is sure to serenade fans with new and familiar hits. Smooth jazz lovers consider Michael Franks a legend with his memorable songs, "When I Give My Love to You" and hit tune "Popsicle Toes." Franks has sung with the best in jazz and his songs have been recorded numerous times by the biggest artists in the business.

In addition to these two music legends visiting Toledo, concert-goers will also experience an unbelievable evening, beginning with a first-ever celebrity Red Carpet entrance into the Stranahan



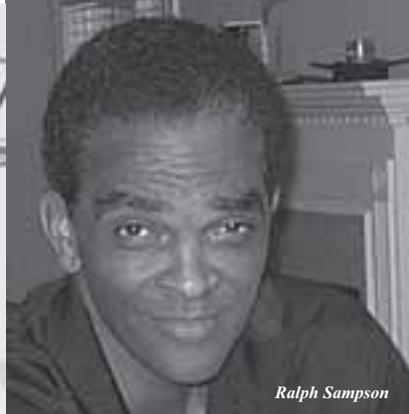
James Edwards



Jim Jackson



Brian McKnight



Ralph Sampson

Theater. Retired NBA players have been invited to Toledo to walk the red carpet, attend the July 21 concert, and participate in the **Brian McKnight Golf Open** scheduled at Maumee Bay State Park in Oregon, OH on Sunday, July 22. Confirmed sports celebs to attend the concert and golf outing include Austin Pettis (former NFL); Toledo native Jim Jackson (former NBA); James "Budha" Edwards (former NBA-3 rings) and Ralph Sampson (former NBA). Time is ticking, so get your concert and golf outing tickets today! You won't want to miss out on this unforgettable adults only weekend of music and play! Concert Tickets are on sale now at the Stranahan Theater Box Office (419.381.8851) or via Ticketmaster (800.745.3000). For package weekend rates, or concert and golf outing details, please call Brothers Entertainment

### United Way

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supports advocacy and technical assistance to increase the number of kids eating a healthy school breakfast and to help end the cycle of childhood hunger with nutritionally sound school meals.

"These examples are only a peek into how United Way is impacting the education, income, and health of our community," said Mary Foote, Dana's fellow volunteer co-chairman of United Way's Community Impact Cabinet. "I wish ev-

eryone in this community had just five minutes to really dig into United Way and find out how much positive influence and impact we're having on the community."

To learn more about United Way's work, sign up for volunteer opportunities, find out how you can advocate for issues you are passionate about, or give, visit [unitedwaytoledo.org](http://unitedwaytoledo.org), "like" United Way of Greater Toledo on Facebook, or follow the organization on Twitter.



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## Album Review

# Lookin For Myself Usher

By Michael Hayes  
Minister of Culture



have stayed relevant even while much of the industry's landscape has changed beyond their ability to adapt.

LaFace Records was a boutique label. Started around the same time as Bad Boy, it was a producer-run company headed by L.A. Reid and Babyface. Just think about all the talent under that roof all at one time: Outkast, T.L.C., Toni Braxton and Usher.

Not just break-out acts, but literally musical game changers who have had some of the most successful careers of our generation. If you follow his story, you

Had a few starts and stops along the way but it all came together by his second album headed by Jermaine Dupri entitled, "My Way".

After having a decade-long run of hit records, multi-platinum sales and dominating your lane in the game... even if someone DID fall off just a little bit, can you really hate?

No sophomore jinx. No uncharacteristically low sales. No inability to chart.

Even his few controversies with women (Chilli from T.L.C., for example) have only been good for the music.

1990s. You're talking about someone with multiple plaques for his own hits, plus multiple plaques for collaborations with everyone from Lil Jon to Puffy and more.

Yea, the song he did with Gucci was awful.

Hell, I didn't even like the "OMG" joint from two years ago with Will.I.Am.

But I still can't front on Usher or his ability to make hits.

Which brings us to summer 2012.

He already killed us with that "Climax" joint and now he's got two Rozay features pulling double duty cross promoting albums from each artist. "Touching You" is sublime, but it's just a warm up compared to "Lemme See." Built for the clubs yet subdued and calm, it has that mood setting vibe we have come to expect from Drizzy.

Even though the lyrics are slightly gimmicky and aimed at radio's need for catchy simplicity, the genius in this song is how it makes use of Usher's superior vocal ability. It's

commercial yet artistic. Since I love that kind of synergy, I was wondering if the entire album could meet the high expectations set by the singles and I'm here to tell everyone reading this that the album completely delivers on all levels.

"Can't Stop, Won't Stop" finds Will.I.Am. proving once again they can do that international Pop N B just as well as Breezy and Rih Rih. It becomes obvious in the first two songs that you should start out listening to this in the car.

It's perfect for road trip music because it's exciting, impressive and somewhat carefree.

But you're going to notice a complete shift once "I Care For You" comes on.

The fourth song is when ish gets real.

As usual, Danja Hands did not come to play. The musical production on this joint is out of this world. It stands apart from anything you have heard this year, trust me.

A few more tracks in you will notice that there is a

theme building, an unspoken agenda.

Through each track, the vocal arrangement is handled by the same person... someone named Natural is working his/her way through this entire album using Usher's voice like paint on a canvas.

Lookin For Myself has the expected Pharrel/Usher collaboration, a song entitled "Twisted" which may take some getting used to.

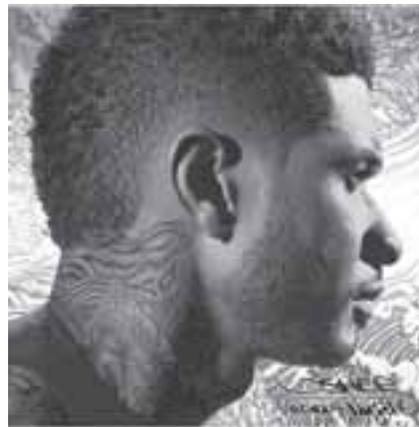
But Usher's song "What Happened To U" with Drake's producer Noah "40" Shebib is where you realize you love this album.

Stop complaining that music isn't as good as it used to be and start supporting the artists who actually are doing their part to give listeners quality.

Over the years we have heard Usher try the live band sound, the club sound, and experiment with bridging genres.

Now he's found a new lane that fits him well and it deserves a listen.

The true grade for Lookin For Myself is B.



Vocally, rank these singers from best to worst:

R. Kelly. Usher. Trey Songz.

That's basically a ranking I posted on facebook a week or so ago.

Multiple comments ranked the homie Usher Raymond IV as the pre-eminent singing talent among those listed. I am inclined to agree that through the years his voice (at least on record) has remained pristine and rich. It actually has seemed to get better with age (not that much age cuz he and I were born the same year. Lol).

Even though he's had a few misses in recent years, his catalog has more hits than a Mayweather round. With over 60 million records sold, Usher is one of the most successful artists in recorded music history. In this day and time he also stands a testament to 90's music icons who

know that young Raymond was in the industry basically right after hitting puberty.

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Proposals shall be submitted no later that 2:00 PM on July 23, 2012 to the Board of Lucas County Commissioners, One Government Center, Suite 800, Toledo, Ohio 43604-2259, Attention: Kelly Roberts, Director of Office of Management and Budget, Lucas County Commissioners. Proposals shall be clearly marked "Lucas County Early Vote Center." Please submit five (5) hard copies of your proposal. Bids will be opened immediately following the submission deadline.

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