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Black On Black Stigma: Do You Hate Black People?

By Michael Hayes
Minister of Culture



There has always been division among us.

White people kept the lighter-skinned black slaves close to or in the big house.

White people made sure to keep the darker-skinned black slaves far out in the field.

Yea, we were all slaves who should've hated our master, but we also hated each other.

Oh, wait, you thought this was all just coincidence?

Look at your family, I bet there's a branch that's well off that barely speaks to another branch that's still low-income. You forgot that this was all engineered to be this way?

We are one people with one struggle yet we have our own class warfare going on.

Chris Rock so eloquently described it by say-

ing:

"There's like a civil war going on with black people right now, and it's two sides.

You got black people. And you got niggaz. And the niggaz have got to go! Everytime black people wanna have a good time, ignant ass niggaz fuck it up!"

The Boondocks went one step further by suggesting that even self-respecting black people can sometimes be provoked into having a "Nigga Moment".

Arguing over high-priced tennis shoes, fist fights over trivial matters... etc.

Think about your own reactions when you see certain things.

Those members of our race who Rock described as "ignant," do you sometimes find yourself turning your nose up in disgust over their latest antics?

Or if not nose turned up, maybe head hung low... shaking.

I'll admit, I've been ashamed of my people.

So often that I had to stop and check myself about it, because really... what is the reason we are so quick to offer judgment?

We have become the last to encourage one another

to greatness, but the *first* to ridicule each other for tackiness.

Does this exist in the white community?

Is White America's progress threatened everytime the slightly less civilized members of their race have their flaws exposed?

Were there any protests to have Al Bundy and The Bundy Family on *Married With Children* taken off the air? What about angry letters to have Roseanne and the Connor family from staying in the primetime TV lineup

Did White America fear that these images were portraying them in a shameful way?

Or did they just laugh and keep it moving?

Every race has under-achievers, low lifes...the uncouth.

But in Black America, we have a constant fear of being defined or even confined by those we can't seem to refine...but have we even tried?

What would it take for black people and niggaz to get along?

What is the standard we are trying to achieve?

Are we going to be forever divided along the lines of those who *were* raised right, *had* home training, *can* read & speak well, *can*

hold a job and other societal marks?

I hope not. Because the truth is, there are members of EVERY race who honestly were not raised right, and did not have anyone to serve as a responsible example.

There are members of every race who play right into the most negative stereotypes of that race.

What are we going to do, keep judging them from greater and greater distances?

When you see that black girl at Walmart with the outfit that's so unflattering it's nearly criminal...

When you overhear that loud ghetto slang coming from the black guy in line in a public place having an inappropriate conversation...

The next time you catch a real life nigga moment unfolding right before your eyes,

are you going to build that wall higher than it already is?

Or are you going to take

time to see your reflection in that brother or sister?

Patience and tolerance, or disgust and shame... which feelings are going to hit you?

You reading this right now, I want you to read this part out loud:

"Do I hate black people?"

Because if you want to dice us into smaller and smaller groups based on how uncomfortable we make you, well that's the same thing we went through on the plantation isn't it?

To quote Common:

"We are the only people to call our women 'hoes', but niggaz be too hard to say 'ho!' at the shows."

We do have our own particular set of problems, that's no secret.

Most other races pass knowledge down from the elders to all those below, but us... the only thing we pass down is good numbers for the pick 3 and a few recipes.

See, I just did it myself. Damn.

Really, we have lost our

sense of community.

We are so easily drawn into critique of one another based on who has his or her priorities in order or who is college-bound or who sleeps all day verses who works all day.

All valid points to address if we are about to uplift one another, but are we offering tough love or just more reasons to really not be around each other?

That family tree can only hold so many branches.

Before we can unite behind any one person or cause, before we can address the violence or the crime, before we can restore our families... we have to be willing to accept and tolerate each other.

Or course I don't mean tolerate crime, violence and reckless behavior.

I don't mean go easy on people who do wrong.

I mean we all have got to start seeing ourselves in one another if we are going to have any community at all.

Peace.

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Community Calendar

August 30-September 2

Latter Rain Conference: The Armory Church: 419-537-9736

September 2

New Covenant Back to School Extravaganza: 2 to 6 pm; Free food, games, music and more

September 8

West Toledo Bereavement Meeting: Bethlehem Baptist Church; 10 to 11:15 am: 567-249-7470

September 14

The Friendly Center Community Talent Show: 6 pm; Youth between ages 6 - 20 - dance, voice and poetry: 419-243-1289

September 16

Mt. Zion church Praise @ Scott Park: 10:30 am to 3 pm; Musical concert, picnic, games, crafts: 419-389-3953

Toledo Bikers for Babies: 11 am; 60 mile ride along the Maumee: 567-298-4819

September 18

Candidates' Forum: Sponsored by the League of Women Voters and the American Association of University Women; Scott Park Campus of UT; 7 to 9 pm: 419-787-8258

September 21

Northside Family Reunion: 5:30 to 11:30 pm; Sullivan Center Gesu Parish: 419-464-2727, 419-205-1735 or 419-535-9567

September 30

Friendship Baptist Church Celebrates the Recovering Community: 419-531-3242

October 2-3

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How To Do Business in Toledo...

By Lafe Tolliver, Esq
Guest Column



What is with this dustup about the development group that wanted an upfront fee of \$50k to do preliminary work so as to see if they could develop the eyesore known as the former Southwyck Mall?

As a business consultant to businesses that are seeking to do business with the City of Toledo, I have been repeatedly asked, for a sizable fee of course, to promulgate a way by which new businesses can break into Toledo without a lot of red tape bureaucracy.

At first, I resisted the siren calls to develop such a business plan because it was just too easy and I had guilt trips about charging excessive fees for such introductions to the city movers and shakers.

I mean, after all, why pay me top dollar (upwards of \$25K but less if your last name ends in ... Bell, for example) to do the needed grunt work to find out what flies with the city fathers.

It took me a while to understand that many business leaders are simply too overwhelmed with their other job duties that they do not want to take on the tedious tasks of going through the hoops of a byzantine city hall process to locate permits and licenses, so I step in.

My company is called, "Inroads Toledo." I have a PO Box in Seattle,

Washington and a fax number in Biloxi, Mississippi and a cell phone based out of Butte, Montana. It is a long story about how this setup came about but trust me on this...it is all legit.

After repeated calls to my cell with pleas from investors, mostly from China, I decided to develop an "o-so-easy" questionnaire that would allow a businessman to get both upfront capital and, for an additional fee, a photo-op with Mayor Bell (more of a fee if you want him seated on his motorcycle sporting a week-old gray beard).

I had my proposed questionnaire properly vetted by high-ranking officials from the economic development team at One Government Center and they were quite impressed at the depth of the questions and they thought that they would, for a fee, adopt it as their official questionnaire.

I humbly but politely refused their very generous offer because I believe that I could franchise this concept and make a bundle selling it on the Net or, at the very least, an e-Bay auction.

When I presented the rough draft of the questionnaire to a focus panel of possible Chinese investors, they were rhapsodic over it and made serious commitments to come and invest in Toledo.

That is why I am nonplussed about what happened recently to the group of investors that had glorious plans for the development of Southwyck.

After all, they used my questionnaire and because they have been turned down, I am in jeopardy of losing substantial clients and not to mention, a substantial fee (most of it has been spent advertising on the Net for more business clients).

Now, when you read this questionnaire, you must understand that these investors were doing only what was told to them and it was approved by the movers and shakers in the Toledo government and they are to be blameless for any "blowback" from their submitted answers.

Again, I must profusely apologize to these businessmen because they took it on good faith that this questionnaire submit-

ted in good faith would produce the entrees that they had so handsomely paid for.

Question One:
Do you have money?

- (1) Yes, lots of it.
- (2) No, seeking loans.
- (3) Why, do you need money to develop a land deal?
- (4) Get back to me on that one.

Question Two:
Do you have a plan in place for development?

- (1) Why...is one needed?
- (2) Yes, but rather not discuss it at this time.
- (3) Depends on what you mean by a plan, please explain.
- (4) Waiting for the money first before I develop a plan.

Question Three:
Are you a person of good moral character?

- (1) It depends on whom you ask.
- (2) Better than good!
- (3) Ask my wife.
- (4) I was... at one time.

Question Four:
If you got development money, would you pay it back?

- (1) Why give it to me if you want me to pay it back?
- (2) Only if you could find me after I get it.
- (3) That is a very personal question, I would rather not answer.
- (4) Would it have to be in money?

Question Five:
Do you have anything negative in your background that we should know about?

- (1) If I do, I ain't saying.
- (2) I have had better days.
- (3) Just how far back

does, "background" go to? (4) If you have sealed records, is that still OK?

As you can tell, the questionnaire is straight and simple and cuts to the chase so that any city official can make a smart and quick decision without tying up a lot of resources trying to vet a seeker of city tax funds for purposes of business development.

All of my clients passed the above questionnaire and were on their way to getting on the city gravy train but some nerd in city government went too far and asked more questions and....POOF!..it is over. But not to worry. I will rework the questionnaire and try again with some New Zealanders who want a piece of this Toledo development action.

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Local Officials Decry Gov. Kasich's Budget Cuts

Sojourner's Truth Staff

State Rep. Michael Ashford (D-Toledo) and other community representatives held a news conference last week to denounce the budget cuts Gov. John Kasich and his Republican allies in the Ohio General Assembly have passed and to highlight how such cuts have negatively affected local economies.

"The governor's new budget cuts have amassed a \$600-700 million in the rainy day fund but has let kids go uneducated," said Ashford opening the news conference.

The budget cuts, noted Ashford, have been passed down to local government entities whose funding from the state has been cut by 16 percent in 2012 resulting in a negative impact on services.

Ashford's stake on the budget cuts was echoed by Lucas County Commissioner Tina Skeldon Wozniak, Toledo Patrolman's Association President Dan Wagner, Toledo Firefighter's Local 92 President Wayne Hartford, Toledo Board of Education member Larry Sykes and



Rhonda Sewell, media relations coordinator for the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library.

"Three fourths of [the county] budget is public safety," said Skeldon Wozniak. "In 2013, we will lose \$3.5 million in funding. When you can't pay for all the services needed, something is not fair."

Wagner noted that the City of Toledo will now be forced "to increase taxes and lay off workers" in order to cope with the cuts to safety forces.

For the education system, said Ashford, the cuts will mean \$60 million less in fund-

ing for fiscal years 2012 and 2013 for the public school districts of Lucas County.

"We have lost a lot of money," said Sykes. "The state brags about a surplus while children suffer. A strong nation is the key to children and the education they receive. A quality education is critically important."

The public library system, around the State of Ohio, said Sewell, is now operating on state funding levels equaling those of 1996 meaning reduced hours of operation, reduced staff and fewer books available for residents.

Owens Community College to Host Community Volunteer Action Fair, Aug. 30

Special to The Truth

Area residents are invited to learn about and explore the many available opportunities to give back to their local communities throughout northwest Ohio as Owens Community College serves as host to a Community Volunteer Action Fair on Thursday, Aug. 30.

Coordinated by the Office of Service Learning, the Community Volunteer Action Fair will take place from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. in the College's Student Health and Activities Center on the Toledo-area Campus. Owens is located on Oregon Road in Perrysburg Township. Admission to the event is free and the public is encouraged to attend.

Throughout the event, individuals can meet with local community outreach representatives and ask them questions about volunteer opportunities available through their organizations.

Area organizations in attendance will include Odyssey Hospice, YWCA Hope Shelter, Cherry Street Mission Ministries, Sunshine of Northwest Ohio, Camp Courageous, Wood County Park District, Metroparks of the Toledo Area, Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities, United Way of Greater Toledo, Food for Thought, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwestern Ohio, Toledo Botanical Garden and Mobil Meals of Toledo, among many others.

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Books 4 Buddies Welcomes USS Ohio

By Artisha S. Lawson
Sojourner's Truth Reporter

In less than a year, Books 4 Buddies has begun operations to collect and distribute books to encourage literacy in Lucas County. Continuing with this mission, the organization collaborates with the Lucas County Sheriff/Deputies and USS Ohio Navy sailors. The August 25 distribution occurred on one LMHA property, on Consaul Street.

Terrell Beebe, an uncle of four kids under the age of 10, feels responsible for showing these youth positive examples. "I wanted them to



see the Navy men, to see that you have to stay in school and don't join gangs. I'm very active with my nieces and nephews like fishing and bike riding."

During the afternoon festivity Navy sailor Paul Schreiner read the student pledge and the children recited with him. The pledge encourages students to read every night, read to different audiences and read in different places. Naval sailors, Junior Chief Nichol Wallace from Illinois, Assistant Engineer Paul Schreiner from Ohio, Petty Officer 3rd Class Jessie Lynch from South Dakota and Electrical Mate 2nd Class Mark Oelke, handed out pre-arranged books that ranged from pre-school to elementary reading levels.

Along with the naval sailors, five smiling Lucas County Deputies engaged the youth on their favorite books and reading subjects. Major John Tharp, one of the volunteers, shared with children that his favorite subject is criminal investigation and spoke with parents about reading. "Children reading to parents, older siblings, guardians, are very important. The sooner they read, the better their future and they are able to give back to their communities."

"The kids have the oppor-

tunity to see the deputies in a different light. Since deputies work in this area, we were excited to partner with them," explained Laneta Goings, of Books 4 Buddies.

LMHA also distributed donated school supply items, which will continue throughout August and September at family sites.

In the coming weeks, Books 4 Buddies will host special guest Dennis Hopson, assistant coach of the Bowling Green State University men's basketball team, on September 8. Those interested in donating books, sorting books or providing financial donations can call 1-866-944-1119.

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Maggie Anderson's Black Year – Her Journey to Support Black Owned Businesses

By Fletcher Word
Sojourner's Truth Editor

It all began some years ago in a five-star restaurant, according to what has since become legend.

Maggie Anderson and her husband John were celebrating their anniversary and reflecting on their blessings. A well-educated, professional couple, living in a nice Chicago suburb, living the good life.

On that particular evening, as the only black folks in the restaurant, their conversation inevitably turned to the fact of "the discouraging status of blacks in America."

On so many occasions, for so many people, such talk usually ends when the waiter brings the check. The Andersons discussed action on this occasion, however. They knew that Black America has a buying power approaching one trillion dollars annually but that not much of those dollars end up in the black community – two percent typically goes to black-

owned businesses.

Finally, several years later, the Andersons were

ready to take action. In 2009, they went black – they made the effort to only

buy black. And what an effort it was.

Black-owned grocery stores were particularly difficult to find, black-owned clothing stores almost as rare. Long drives through the inner city to find businesses that had closed before the Andersons arrived.

The Andersons chronicled their adventures on a web site and then in a book titled *Our Black Year*.

On Wednesday, September 12, 2012, the Toledo African American Chamber of Commerce will feature Maggie Anderson at its membership drive event. The drive will be at Club Evolution, 519 N., Reynolds Road, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Why was Anderson so driven to undertake such a challenge – the "Empowerment Experiment?"

"It was mostly guilt," Anderson recently told The Truth from her home in Chicago. "And secondly, frustration. As a financially blessed black mother, I felt

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Maggie Anderson

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so powerless and frustrated by the asymmetry between all out talents, resources and buying power ... and what was actually represented in and reinvested in our neighborhoods. I hated feeling like the system and some unknown, uncontrollable forces were dictating the future of my kids and my community. The Experiment showed me that I could do something and that everything that hurts us is absolutely reversible. That kind of enlightenment and empowerment is a precious blessing that cannot be expressed in words. The

overwhelming sense of depression is gone now because I support black businesses everyday." What do black-owned business need to do to enhance their presence in the consciousness of potential black consumers? "I get that question a lot because people see struggling black businesses that are not delivering the best possible goods, value or service and use that as an excuse not to seek and support their own," said Anderson. "So those folks want to hear Maggie Anderson blame our businesses

so they can be justified for preventing the recycling of our wealth and feel no responsibility for contributing to the demise of our culture and neighborhoods. "I think that if our people were to look at how hard it is for our businesses and accept responsibility for crippling them, maybe we'd focus more on supporting them and less on stereotyping and criticizing them and talking about what they need to do to earn our business. And then we should be spending just at least as much time talking about what all those

mainstream brands and all those outside groups, that do nothing for our community, need to do to earn our blind support." What are the great challenges for black-owned businesses in their pursuit to grab a piece of the consumers' dollars? "It is obvious that the major problem facing our businesses is lack of access to capital and influencers," said Anderson. "In addition, the spirit of entrepreneurship has faded in our community. Before, it was a survival strategy. Other folks would not hire or sell to us, so we were forced to create for, sell to and hire each other. We did it and got better and better at it. Our businesses, as they were able to depend on a loyal black consumer base, made money and were able to reinvest in their own growth, while gradually being able to control more parts of the supply chain relevant to their industry. They were able to diversify, own multiple firms and had the wherewithal to support each other's businesses,

even if it cost a little more to do so." What are the long-range benefits for the black community as a whole when we become infuse with the spirit to support our own black businesses? "We believe that these challenges can be resolved with heightened and proactive demand from black consumers," said Anderson. "We must focus on supporting top-quality black businesses that do exist. Once we do that, those businesses can grow and locate their plants and retail outlets in underserved black neighborhoods. Not only could they counter unemployment there, they could help attract more investment - black and not - to the struggling areas that are currently underserved. "Another major impact is that black businesses trying to earn more contracts and partnerships with major mainstream corporations can more effectively negotiate and might even be actively recruited if those big firms see the power of a mobilized black consumer

base. We would see a lot more of our products on the shelves of the major retailers, a lot more black franchises and a lot more contracts being given to our entrepreneurs and professionals if Corporate America were to see that black consumers are starting to be more loyal to black businesses." In the time since Maggie Anderson started The Empowerment Experiment Foundation, she has appeared on a variety of television and radio shows explaining the purpose of the Experiment. Anderson earned her BA from Emory University and her law degree and masters of business administration from the University of Chicago. "I cannot, after our journey and living my life as a conscious consumer now, say that black businesses need to do more to appeal to me," said Anderson. "Once I realized how important it was to find them, I was able to support them. It is not as hard as people think"

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Monroe Street Neighborhood Center's Hats Off Tea

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Public Students in middle and high school.

Other programs offered by the YWCA include: The Carrera Program which offers no cost after school program; YWCA Child Care Resource and Referral; ENCOREplus, a breast cancer early detection program;

HEARTplus, a program that targets women who are at risk for heart health disparities; H.O.P.E. Center (Help for People Experiencing Violence) provides 24/7 hotline and 24/7 crisis intervention for survivors of sexual assault and their families and their most recent program,

Permanent Supportive Housing which offers safe and stable permanent housing for women and children.

Epworth Furniture Ministry was born in the fall of 2007 as a result of the congregation's participation in building a Habitat Home.



Carol Hill, Pat Schmleg, Clara Petty, Michele Delaney, Mary Hornyak, Marilyn Lodge

community members, as well as assisting with finding employment and managing finances. The Center also provides services geared to strengthening families and offering children a safe environment outside of the home.

Clara Petty is the Center's executive director.

Saturday's event included a silent auction and a tea time

St. Paul's Sixth Annual Rainbow Tea

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Rev. James Willis, Chairman Mary Liggins, Derrick Roberts



Deborah Gardner and Vontyna Smith

Deborah Gardner and dancing by the "Joyful Praises"

praise dancers. The attendees also enjoyed the Chris-

tian humor of Rev. Allen Smith., with Derrick Roberts, Ed.D., serving as master of ceremony.

After realizing the habitat family had no beds to sleep on, the congregation rallied and were able to supply good used furniture for the new home. Soon, offers of gently-used furniture began to pour in.

Epworth Furniture Ministry has worked with organizations such as FOCUS and the YWCA Battered Women's Shelter to provide the basics for those trying to start a new and safe life for themselves and their families. Furniture is stored and distributed from the ministries "Furniture Mart" located in the Perrysburg area.

The Monroe Street Neighborhood Center was founded in the 1970's when the Monroe Street United Methodist



Board Member Mary Parker and Iris Redman

Church began providing basic needs services to the community. The non-profit organization provides necessary food, clothing and transportation assistance to commu-

for attendees. The Toledo School of the Arts' Urban Jazz Collective provided the entertainment and Rhonda Sewell served as mistress of ceremony.

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FDCA Holds Hall of Fame Luncheon

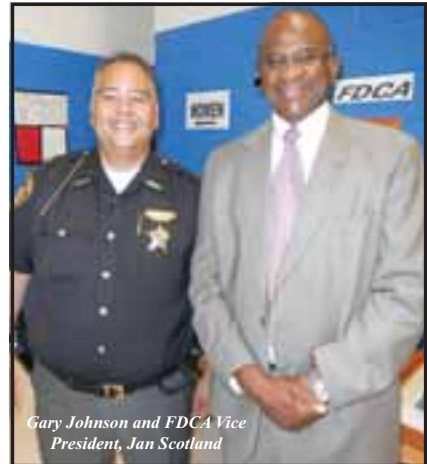


FDCA Board Member, James Snodgrass with Event Coordinator, Natacia Parker and FDCA Board President, Karl Parker

On Saturday, August 18, 2012, the Frederick Douglas Community Association (FDCA) held its First Annual Hall of Fame Luncheon in honor of five outstanding community leaders who passed through the doors of the FDCA. The event signaled the launch of the FDCA Alumni Association and Hall of Fame. Inductees and guests enjoyed lunch and were entertained by FDCA Alum and saxophonist, Jesse Coleman and Ballroom Dancing performed by; Major Smith, III, Lacey Horn, Alexis Smith and Joseph James Smith, youth who attend weekly classes held at the FDCA. Hall of Fame Inductee, Pastor Chester Trail was named President of the Alumni Association.

This year's inductees were: Trail, Judge Myron Duhart, Ronald Jackson,

Olivia Holden and Rose Bonhart Ellis



Gary Johnson and FDCA Vice President, Jan Scotland



Ballroom dancers



Janice Carson with Olivia Holden and Dr. Kaye Patten Wallace



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More Rainbow Tea Photos

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Tanya Files and Tiffany Dent

A Legend at UT



Photos Courtesy of Monique Ward



of voting and signing up to volunteer to register voters. He also made it a point to mention that his father auto factory worker and that he is an Ohio native.



Legend stressed to the students the importance

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FDCA Hall of Fame Luncheon

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John L. Edwards, Sr. with Commissioner Tina Skeldon Wosniak and State Rep. Michael Ashford



L-R State Rep. Michael Ashford, Robert Tate III, Rose Bonhart Ellis, Chip Neilson and Marsha Bonhart Neilson



Jesse Coleman



Major Smith, III with Alexis Smith, Joseph James Smith and Lacey Horn

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To RSVP or if questions, please call the TRACC Office at 419.407.6697



Author Maggie Anderson has appeared on CNN, MSNBC, Fox News, BET News and CBS Morning News, among many other national television and radio shows. She has become the leader of a "conscious consumer" movement that supports quality Black business and maintains companies with sustainable supplier diversity.

The Alphas' Annual Youth Golf Clinic



The local chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity sponsored their annual Youth Golf Clinic on August 16 at the Cottonwood Golf Course in Sylvania OH. This annual golf clinic is advertised to the public as a free event for youth ages nine-18. The concept is to expose youth to the game of golf for life lessons as well as career opportunities all in the name of community service.

Participants were taught lessons in putting, chipping and driving by licensed professional golfer Dan Sutton.

The 18th Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament took place the following day at Bedford Hills Golf Club.



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50 Climate Questions by Peter Christie, illustrated by Ross Kinnaird

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118 pages

By Terri Schlichenmeyer
The Truth Contributor

Every morning your parents check the weather report.

You might wonder why. After all, it's not like anybody can change it or do anything about it. But knowing what it will be like outside today at noon, tonight when everybody gets home, tomorrow or over the weekend might make a difference in how you dress, what you do, even what you eat.

But the weather doesn't just affect your plans. The world's climate has affected nearly everything since Earth's beginning, as you'll see in the new book *50 Climate Questions* by Peter Christie, illustrated by Ross Kinnaird.

For a long time now, you've heard about global warming and climate change. You might know a little bit about the Earth's atmosphere – but what you don't know is that without climate change, you might not even be here!

When the Earth was very young, it was covered with a blanket of carbon dioxide, which kept things awfully warm. But along came bacteria and early plants, which converted the carbon dioxide (a greenhouse gas) to oxygen and cooled things down.

That didn't last, of course: the weather wobbled a lot, from "big chills" to tropical temperatures. Samples drilled from Chinese rocks prove that when the dinosaurs lived, the atmosphere heated the planet so much that if you'd taken a dip in the ocean, it might have felt like a hot tub.

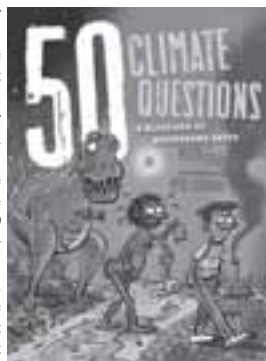
The dinos had to adapt or die when that happened. Some of them stayed in warm places like all other reptiles, while others escaped to the South Pole or Australia. Some grew bigger, while others changed in other ways. But 65 million years ago, the dinosaurs were "wiped out forever," which made way for mammals.

When that happened – watch out! Mammals, which had been tiny up til this time, began to grow to huge sizes: horses, elephants, rhinos – and us.

Climate caused forests to turn into grasslands, which made our ancestors start walking upright, which changed their diet and forced them to migrate to other continents. Civilizations were created and destroyed and history was changed by temperatures. And if you're reading this review by lamplight or computer, you may be creating greenhouse gas!

Chances are, with global warming in the news for the past few years, your child has a few questions about the subject as a whole. Maybe there are things you're wondering, too. For both of you, *50 Climate Questions* has answers.

By melting science and history together, author Peter Christie helps readers make sense of this important world issue and why climate change has actually been a good thing in the past. Christie also includes plenty of trivia, surprising facts, some experiments, and a quiz or



two to get young brains thinking, while illustrations by Ross Kinnaird will keep them laughing.

Meant for kids ages eight to 13, I think that a good number of adults will learn a thing or two from *50 Climate Questions*. If you're sweltering, freezing, or watching the skies this summer, this is going to be a hot book for you.

Children's Book Author/Illustrator Denise Fleming Appearance and Book Launch – September 15

Special to The Truth

The Toledo-Lucas County Public Library has an exciting event planned in September! The Library is very excited to help launch award-winning author/illustrator **Denise Fleming's** latest book *under GROUND* at 10 a.m. on Saturday, **September 15** at Sanger Branch Library, 3030 W. Central Ave.



The Toledo native will read from the book and demonstrate how she makes her unique, brilliantly colored handmade paper pulp illustrations. Fleming will autograph her books following the program. Books will be available for purchase from A Whale of a Tale Books.

This book launch and signing is open to the public. Everyone's invited!

Read more about the popular author/illustrator here on her official Web site:

<http://www.denisefleming.com/pages/Biography.html>

View how Fleming makes her paper pulp illustrations in this YouTube video:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ngA0eEG5mSM>

Publisher's Weekly review of Fleming's book *under GROUND*:

In this evocative ode to nature, Fleming returns to the backyard turf of *In the Tall, Tall Grass* and *In the Small, Small Pond*, but digs deeper—literally—to explore the teeming life found "Low down./Way down./Under ground." In some ways, the book functions as a pared-down summertime companion to Kate Messner and Christopher Silas Neal's *Over and Under the Snow* (2011): Fleming's scenes simultaneously depict what's underneath and just above the ground; created via her trademark "pulp painting" process, the spreads have a marbled texture, and are rendered in bright sky blues, vibrant grassy greens, and the warm brown-reds of soil. Spiders and salamanders scamper on rocks and between blades of grass, pink earthworms and a chubby toad navigate "Squirm-ways and worm-ways" in the dirt, a fox peeks from an underground den, and ants march through tunnels. All the while, a curious boy watches the activity and tends to his plants. Fleming's luminous scenes invite close inspection and creature-spotting, and a key at book's end contains facts on more than 20 featured animals. Ages 3–7

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Stop Sending Calls and Jobs Overseas

By Senator Sherrod Brown (D - Ohio)
Guest Column



If you've had to call a major company for a service repair or to get an answer to a question about your cable bill, chances are you've probably spoken with a worker in a different time zone or on a different continent.

That's because big companies have been shipping U.S. call center jobs overseas for years. But when these companies send call center jobs abroad, they don't just frustrate consumers—they hurt our economy as well.

With so many unem-

ployed citizens right here in the United States, it just doesn't make sense to ship these jobs overseas.

According to an analysis conducted by the Communications Workers of America (CWA), there are at least 167,000 call center jobs in Ohio. We have an obligation to take care of American workers and American industry first. It's commonsense, and it's the best way to move our economy forward and reduce our deficit.

That's why I'm supporting the *United States Call Center Worker and Consumer Protection Act of 2012*. This bill would help both American workers and consumers.

Consumers have the right to know where their call is being handled, just like consumers know the country-of-origin for products. That's why this legislation would require companies to

disclose to callers when their calls are transferred abroad.

This legislation will also stop giving American tax dollars to big businesses that ship call center jobs overseas. Why should we hand over federal grants or loans to companies that hand over American jobs to other countries?

By directing the Department of Labor to provide the public with a list of companies that shutter their doors in America to hang up their "open-for-business" signs overseas, this legislation will allow Americans to decide for themselves which companies will receive their business.

Finally, this legislation would require federal agencies – including the Department of Defense – to give preference to U.S. employees that remain open here at home.

We aren't powerless when it comes to creating

American jobs. And that's what the *United States Call Center Worker and Consumer Protection Act of*

2012 does. It's an important and simple step that we can take to continue turning our economy around.

The stakes are high. We must do everything we can to support American workers.

Black Women and the Head Scarf

All too often we see women and girls in public with their hair still wrapped in their "bedtime" scarf from the night before looking disheveled and harried as though they just rolled out of bed. Considering the regimen we have to go through to style and maintain our "do" I totally get why we use scarves and wraps to preserve them until the occasion arises for us to go out.

But seriously, if a trip to the mall, grocery store or doctor's office isn't occasion enough to comb your hair... what is? Granted there are times when a special event is taking place in the evening and we want to maintain that silky smooth wrap or fresh hair style, but come on ladies, if you take the time to get dressed to leave your house, why not take a little more time and arrange one of these looks?



Head wraps and scarves are a part of our cultural heritage. The question is are you wearing yours like a slave or a queen?

The Arts Commission Announces Launch of The ABC's of Public Art Alphabet Book.

Special to The Truth

The *ABC's of Public Art* is an alphabet book that features the City of Toledo's rich public art collection. This beautifully produced publication has been created as a service of the educational component of the City of Toledo's One Percent for Art Program and is available for free to interested parents, teachers and/or mentors of young children. Anyone who is interested in receiving a copy should contact The Arts Commission for more information. Supplies are limited so requests will be accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis. The publication will be freely distributed through a public art tour of northwest Ohio. Artimus takes photographs of the works and learns new words along the way, working quite literally from A to Z.

"Projects such as *The ABC's of Public Art* are a great, free, and fun way for children and families to learn about our city's remarkable collection of public artwork. A resource like this is a unique way to teach our community's children their ABCs and to promote literacy while engaging in one of our greatest local aesthetic resources. I am proud of this project and the staff and committee members who have worked hard to make it possible," said The Arts Commission's Executive Director, Marc Folk.

The *ABC's of Public Art* follows Artimus the Owl through a public art tour of northwest Ohio. Artimus takes photographs of the works and learns new words along the way, working quite literally from A to Z.

This publication was funded by the City of Toledo's One Percent for Art Program, which is administered by The Arts Commission.

The Ohio Arts Council helped fund this program/organization with state tax dollars to encourage economic growth, educational excel-

lence and cultural enrichment for all Ohioans.

About the Art in Public Places program:

Toledo, Ohio has an impressive collection of public art, with large-scale sculptures, murals, and functional structures by more than 40 noted local, national, and international artists. Many of these pieces were acquired through the pioneering 1977 ordinance that set aside one percent of Toledo's Capital Improvement Budget for the purchase, conservation, and public education of art.

The program is administered by The Arts Commission through its Art in Public Places Program, which acquires, conserves and restores the collection. This administration also includes the education of the community related to the understanding and enjoyment of public art.

Toledo was the first city in Ohio to adopt a One Percent for Art program. The 1977 ordinance served as a model for Ohio's Percent for Art program, administered by the Ohio Arts Council, which began in 1990, and has served as inspiration for other regional programs since.

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Advertisement for 93.1 FM Jam Packed Magazine Radio Show. Features photos of hosts and text: "Broadcasting Live on Location & The Central City Monday - Saturday 6pm - 12 midnight".

In addition, illustrator Merrill Rainey has made a PDF of the book available for free download via his website at www.littlerainey.com/books.html. Students and families are encouraged to visit the site and view the book online, or print off and enjoy.

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for
37th Program Year, July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012

Michael P. Bell
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Director

The City of Toledo is directed by statute to officially notify the general public of the undertakings, activities, and accomplishments completed in and at the close of each Program Year through a Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). The CAPER provides an assessment of the FEDERALLY funded programs monitored by the Department of Neighborhoods (DON); i.e., Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Shelter (now known as SOLUTIONS) Grant (ESG), and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME).

A draft CAPER is distributed for public review, a meeting is held for public information and input, and written comments are welcomed during a set period of time.

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Send resume with salary requirements or apply to:

Human Resources - CTPH
Unison Behavioral Health Group, Inc.
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Toledo, OH 43605
Fax: 419-936-7574
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Don't Blame Toledo . . . Get Inspired!

By Carla Leonard
Society Editor

"Toledo's Silver Lining" was one of the many headlines I read describing Erik Kynard, Jr. after his Olympic silver medal victory. To say that we are "Toledo Proud" of him would be an understatement.

As a city criticized by many as being high in crime and low in opportunities, it is truly refreshing to witness one of our own achieve such

greatness and therefore in my opinion, the title, "Silver Lining" is aptly applied. However, the excitement over Erik Kynard, Jr.'s victory and the sense of pride that inspired joy and camaraderie amongst us could only be rivaled by the outrage and sense of loss we experienced by the shooting death of one-year old Keondra Hooks. Although full of impact to opposite

extremes, each event served to unify us as a community.

But now that the Olympics are over, and Keondra Hooks has been laid to rest, how do we capitalize on the sense of unity that resulted from these two events in order to maintain the momentum that spurred meetings, a parade and a candle light vigil and use it as a catalyst to move forward and make last-

ing changes in our community?

There are no easy answers but I believe one way to accomplish this is by finding that which inspires us as individuals and finding our personal source of motivation in the absence of external, positive factors and in spite of ever present negative ones.

Sure it's easy to complain

about what's not right in our city and what's wrong with our community, however, complaining is only wrong if there's no corresponding action to change that which is being complained about. I leave you with this, in the words of Ralph Marston:

"Inspiration is a powerful fire that burns on the inside. Sometimes there's nothing else to ignite that fire, so you

must do it yourself."

"Don't merely wait or wish or hope for your community to become more positive. The community becomes more positive when *you* become more positive."

Let's be a part of positive change in our community. Let's get inspired to make a difference.

Monroe Street Neighborhood Center's Hats Off Tea



gust 25, 2012 at the Hilton Hotel Ballroom and honored two organizations for their work in the Toledo community. This year's honored organizations were the YWCA of Northwest Ohio and Epworth Furniture Ministry.

The YWCA of Northwest Ohio, a vital social service agency in northwest Ohio for over 119 years, has been a community forerunner of issues affecting girls and women. Their mission is twofold: to empower and enrich the lives of women and girls and to eliminate racism.

The YWCA is a multifaceted organization that focuses on the needs of women and their families. The YWCA offers a variety of

programs that respond to the needs of our shelter for victims of domestic violence and their children. Youth Development efforts provide a

comprehensive teen pregnancy prevention program and after school Teen Outreach Program, for Toledo

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The Monroe Street Neighborhood Center hosted its annual "Hats Off Tea" fundraiser on Saturday, Au-

St. Paul's Sixth Annual Rainbow Tea



St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church held its sixth annual Rainbow Tea, Saturday, August 25, 2012 at the Reynolds Reception Hall. According to Senior Pastor Rev. James H. Willis, Sr. the Rainbow Tea is held every year in order to bring the congregation and community together. He says, "Each color represents the glorifying of God. He continues, "As stated in Ecclesiastes 3:4 '... there's a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance . . .' We enjoyed wonderful dancing and plenty of laughter today."

The program included lunch and a fashion show with entertainment provided by soloist

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Outreach Information Session

Thursday, September 6, 6-8 pm
Toledo Zoo, African Lodge
2 Hippo Way
Toledo, Ohio 43699

Contractors and suppliers, don't miss this great opportunity. Join us for an informational session for construction, subcontracting, material supplies and other construction related services for the Toledo Zoological Society Aquarium Improvements Project.

The Toledo Zoological Society plans to begin work on the project soon, and representatives from the Toledo Zoo and Rudolph Libbe will discuss opportunities for local subcontractors and suppliers during the construction phase of this project. Don't miss out - make your reservation today.

Make your reservation today via email at libbe@toledozoo.org or by phone at 419.725.3888.

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