Dear Black Males Ages 16 to 24

By Michael Hayes
Minister of Culture

If you are reading this and you are not a black male in Toledo between the ages of 16 to 24 then I suggest you go find one and have them read this first.

I am serious about these words going to this particular group of people. Now that I have your attention, let’s chop it up.

Dude, y’all are some of the most emotional-ass men ever!

And I don’t mean emotional as in hurt feelings in your love life.

I mean throwing tantrums and almost throwing blows over the dumberst imaginable. Full-fledged arguments over slices of pizza, facebook/status updates, and overall feeling disrespected or slighted in some way. Which is dumb as hell because you don’t even respect the people you claim are disrespecting you. I see it.

Hell, I was there.

Trust me, I’m not in your parents’ age range. I came up in the 1990s.

I know all about stuff marks on new Jordans leading to fist fights and other pettiness.

My childhood was spent mostly in two neighborhoods: Southside (Lucas & Belmont) and X Bloce (Detroit & Central). So when I say I’ve seen it, best believe I have.

But one big difference between the dudes who did foolish things in the 1990s and y’all cats today is y’all lack the common understanding of when you’ve gone TOO FAR.

If you’re reading this and you’re my intended audience for this article, I’m sure you or someone you roll with has a gun. I’m sure you can get your hands on any kind of pill or drug anyone can name.

You have all kinds of hustles to get money. But even the oldest, wisest REAL hustlers will tell you that surviving that life is all about knowing your limitations and knowing when to chill the hell out.

Real bosses don’t lose their tempers easily. Real hustlers don’t bring attention to themselves.

Real power doesn’t need to be flexed constantly. I’ll never front like crime is only a problem that plagues black youth and black areas. Hell, white people built empires employing generations of criminals on both sides of the law. But we ain’t white. And like we say around The T – THISAIN’T THAT!

None of you dudes would last a day in a real mafia with real organized crime syndicates because not only do you run your mouths too much and show off too much but also even though you live in the streets, do your dirt in the streets, know all that goes on., know all the spots… and claim to rep the streets… you don’t have a damn CLUE about those streets.

You got it completely twisted. The inner city wasn’t a place where ignorant assholes ran amuck terrorizing the very neighbors they live next to.

The inner city was full of people who looked out for one another. The hood was full of people who respected what little knowledge they had and made sure not to steal or destroy what each household was trying to build for themselves… however they built it.

The hood may have been run down, but people still did their dirt in the dark and conducted themselves with respect.

You all got it so backwards. That the cops feel comfortable coming in your hood and busting heads, knowing the neighbors are all divided.

Dude, y’all are some of the most emotional-ass men ever!

The cops to stay OUT of the hood because even the elder hustlers helped police those streets and made sure young idiots didn’t act reckless.

This is history beyond my years and part of my story I don’t even talk about, but it was passed on to me and I needed to repeat in these pages.

Every gun you grab makes you the same as those cops you call pigs. Every gun you grab makes you the same as those slave owners we had to call “Massa.”

Because you hate yourself and you hate our people.

I don’t mean hate as in... “aww, that a** outfit is dope... I’m hatin’.”

I mean y’all doing such a good job of destroying black folks the rest of us may need to soon be freed from bondage all over again.

You’re our oppressor now.

You don’t even have the emotional skill to own that gun. You’re in the bodies of full-grown men but have the nerve to throw tantrums over BS that hours later won’t even matter.

This ain’t one of those “go to school” speeches.

This ain’t one of those “let’s rebuild our community” speeches, either.

This is a STOP DOING DUMB S**T speech.

Period.

Act like you got some damn sense. The next time you get angry, heated, frustrated, feel like you’re about to lose it...

I just want you to picture yourself in that TPD squad car.

But you’re not in the back.

You’re in the driver’s seat.

You’re doing all the harm you claim is being done to you.

You’re no better than whoever got a beef with.

You’re the same as those who oppressed us.

You’re doing their work for them so well they want you to get out even quicker so you can get back to it. Why y’all think some of these heinous crimes are getting such short sentences???? They want you back out here wildin’ out ASAP because every dumb thing you do hurts us with less effort on their part.

And every time you lose your cool, every time you reach for something you shouldn’t be reaching for, every weak minded person you let influence you... you’re helping them destroy us.

Decide to be a different person.

Cut all that dumb s**t out.

Peace.

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Community Calendar

July 14
St. Stephen AME Church Women’s Day: 10 am; “A Woman’s Life: When Jesus Is in It, There Is no Limit;” Guest speaker Dr. Anita Sewell: 419-242-8177

July 15-19
Pilgrim’s Vacation Bible School: “Colossal Coastal World;” 6 to 8:30 pm; Open to children from five to 12 years: 419-478-6012

July 18
Twylite Event Fundraiser: Sponsored by Sisters of Strength, NAOMI and New Concepts; The Pinnacle; 5 to 8 pm: 419-280-2019 or 419-304-2733 or 419-708-2812

July 20
United We Stand – Leadership Workshop: United Church of God; Noon to 4 pm; Guest – Howard K. Hammond of Springfieldale Community Church: 567-343-0990

Big Brothers Big Sisters’ 5th Annual Ride for Kids’ Sake: UAW Local 1435 Hall in Perrysburg; All bikes welcome; Meet, greet, eat and then roll out at 11 am: 419-243-4600

July 27
St. Stephen’s COGIC Community Day: 11 am to 5 pm; Food, fun, activities

July 27-28
Calvary MBC Women’s Day Celebration: Saturday – Prewomen’s Day Luncheon – 11:30 am, Speaker Trishia Ethridge of Greater the Dream Church; Sunday – Women’s Day Service at 10:45 am, Speaker Elder Cynthia Johnson of Agape Love Ministries

Aaron’s House 5 K Walk and Run: 9 am to midnight: 567-277-5552

August 23-24
5th Annual sacred Strings Showcase Concert: Mays Chapel Unity Holy Church; Fri – 5 to 9 pm; Sat – 3 to 8 pm; Celebrating African American steel guitar tradition
Black Pain
By Rev. Donald L. Perryman, D.Min,
The Truth Contributor

The symptoms ... are so ingrained into our daily lives that we accept these feelings as normal. We have in many ways exchanged the shackles of slavery for the invisible shackles of depression.

– Butch Lewis

Depression, like all the other secret legacies in the black community, is something that we don’t want to talk about. Yet the persistent number of young people dying daily from violence or drugs and the massive amount of talent and human assets wasting away in prisons or in gangs loudly heralds the untold story.

Social justice advocate Romal Tune releases his debut book, God’s Graffiti: Inspiring Stories for Teens, just in time for July’s Minority Mental Health Month. God’s Graffiti is the product of the pain of Tune’s own upbringing in a dysfunctional family and environment and provides a timely and unique perspective about the lives of those most of us see only as a statistic or stereotype.

Tune and I talked about the book’s profoundly relevant insights. Perryman: How did the idea for the book originate?

Tune: All I remember is one day sitting in my house a couple years ago and really wanting to see the Bible for an end to the pain of my past and was prayerfully scouring for people of the Bible who could relate to what I went through. I intentionally looked at the lives of men and women as young men and women who were, by definition, as at-risk teenagers and specifically what they were experiencing emotionally. I attempted to look at them as people who have feelings about what they were going through. The book was born out of that.

Perryman: Do you think that today’s youth encounter this emotional part of what they’re going through and are sitting down to specifically think about their emotions?

Tune: No. I think that most young people (and adults) don’t really take how they feel about what they’re going through into consideration. We just look for ways out. But when we recognize that certain situations in life we can evoke anger, sadness, depression or make us feel rejected or isolated, we can then understand how to overcome those feelings that shape how we feel about ourselves and what we believe about ourselves. Too often we suppress the things that have caused us pain in order to just go on, move on and get on with life when the reality is we don’t deal with the things that cause this. We operate out of the pain, and rather than pursuing purpose we have an “I’ll show them” or a “revenge” mentality. We then become people fighting to achieve in a way that’s not healthy but if you’re not whole, inevitably you still lose.

Perryman: So at what point do those of us who work with youth come to the place where we understand that they have internalized their pain and it has created dysfunction in their lives but at some point there’s nothing else we can do until they understand that they have a purpose or that they want to get well?

Tune: Well, I think that it actually starts from a different place. Again, I’ve looked at the forces of emotional disconnect and emotional pain. They typically start in one of two contexts. They start in our families or in our communities. We see that throughout the Bible. You get someone like Moses, who had to overcome abandonment issues and had issues of low self-esteem and anger and doubted himself. It actually stemmed from the brokenness that existed in his family with his mom having to let him go and some of the challenge with the community that he had to work through.

Or you look at Jephthah, a young man in the Book of Judges. His life starts out with the fact that his parents were actually in an affair and the community labeled his mother and rejected him, not because of anything that he did, but because of his parents’ actions. So, he ended up fleeing to another community where there were other broken young people. But, when the community desperately needed someone who could lead them through a challenging time, they went and got this young man and reconciled with him.

The Bible is full of a number of these stories. Esther, whose parents died when she was young, was raised by her uncle and taught to hide her identity. She had to hide her identity in the brokenness of her past before she could lead. So I guess my purpose in pointing these different people out is that’s not so much always that young people need to recognize what they need to do. It’s, in many instances, family and community also taking some responsibility and saying that “we have hurt some of our young people, not through any doing of their own but because we were out there because of our own brokenness and we rejected young people and we’ve basically labeled them and disregarded them because of where they come from, because of the dynamics of their families and we never gave them a fair chance.”

So in many ways, it’s not about getting the young person to come back. It’s about some of us, who have been a part of perpetuating the brokenness, going out and getting them and asking them for their forgiveness for how we pushed them away.

Contact Rev. Donald Perryman, D.Min, at d d l p e r r y m a n @ c e n t e r o f h o p e b a p t i s t . o r g.
African Art Has Arrived!!

Hundreds of wood carvings from Ghana have recently arrived at The Truth Gallery – masks, statues, village scenes! All at unbelievably low prices!

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See more art online at www.thetruthtoledo.com

The Trust Company of Toledo Appoints Trust Executive

Toledo, Ohio, July 9, 2013 – The Board of Directors of the Trust Company of Toledo, N.A., has appointed Diane Ohns Trust Executive. Ohns previously was an executive with Key Bank and has expertise in the administration of nonprofit funds and in managing the needs of multi-generational families.

“Ohns brings knowledge and abilities that enhance The Trust Company and will be of far-reaching benefit to our clients,” said Julie Brotje Higgins, Ph.D., president and CEO.

Ohns of Monclova, Ohio, earned her BA from Bowling Green State University.

About The Trust Company of Toledo

The Trust Company of Toledo, N.A., is a locally owned, managed and operated financial institution that was founded and nationally chartered by the Office of the Comptroller of Currency in 1990 to meet the investment and trust management needs of individuals, businesses, foundations and multi-employer groups. The Trust Company presently manages in excess of $2 billion.

For more information, visit the Trust Company’s website at www.ttсот.com

Rhythm and Rhyme Storytime

The Toledo Lucas County Public Library, in partnership with the Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities, is inviting you to join us for an action-packed storytime program titled Rhythm and Rhyme Storytime. This exciting program, presented by Main’s Children’s Library, features music and movement designed to get everyone moving and shaking!

Rhythm and Rhyme Storytime will be held in the Main Children’s Library Program Room on Fridays from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., July 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2013. Children of all abilities and their families are encouraged to attend. This program and parking for the event is free and open to the public. Registration is required and is now open.

2013 Shoecraft Family Reunion

July 19 – 21, 2013

The Shoecraft Family Reunion will be held Friday, July 19 and Saturday, July 20, 2013 at The Hotel at the University of Toledo Medical Center, 3100 Glendale Avenue, 6:00pm - 9:00pm, in Toledo, Ohio.


The Shoecraft Family is one of the oldest African American families in Toledo with its distant relatives arriving in the Toledo area as part of the Underground Railroad. In 1865, Warren was located on Summit Street and members paraded to their new location on Erie Street. Alice Gray-Shoecraft then nine years old, led that parade.

On Sunday, July 21st all the family members will attend services at Warren AME Church, 915 Collingwood Blvd, Toledo at 11:00 AM. A Family Picnic will follow at Swan Creek Metro Park, 4659 Airport Highway, Toledo.

Warren AME Church is currently led by Rev. Dr. Otis J. Gordon, Jr., Senior Pastor. The reunion celebration was chaired by Carolyn Shoecraft-Mitchell, Karen Palmer and Darlene Sawyer.
African American Families: It’s Time for a Change!

Special to The Truth

There is a change needed in the African American community, with over 70 percent of all black children now born to unwed mothers, it is safe to believe that there is a real concern that if change does not occur, the family will have serious consequences in the future. This statistic can only mean one thing: African-American women are dating and having children, yet they are not getting married. So how do you change such a negative statistic? How do you make a difference in the lives of these men, women and children that will make an impact to change the entire community?

The Toledo Area Ministries’ Keeping It Together Program is working hard to ensure that these women, men and children’s lives can be changed simply by educating couples on how to make relationships work. We use the principle, “When you know better, you can do better”, says Program Director of Keeping It Together, Avis Files. Often times, African Americans who are 200 percent below the poverty guidelines don’t have the necessary resources to pay for counseling sessions. African Americans also are reluctant to talk to someone outside of their family or to seek help for relationships issues.

Many African-American couples are in crisis due to the difficulty of making their relationship work. “Being a change agent in Toledo, Ohio has not been easy,” states Files. Avis Files and her husband, Michael, have been facilitating this curriculum for over five years and strive to make a change in the community one couple at a time. “We do this by facilitating a curriculum called, ‘Basic Training For Couples.’”

Michael Files reassures that “the curriculum is male-friendly.” He continues on to say that, “Most men don’t want to come to class because they think that we will just tell them. But once they give it a try, they see that it is facilitation and...we can positively effect change by implementing a program that is REAL, RELEVANT and RELATIONAL.

The training is used to enable couples to discuss their problems and to work them out within a group setting. The facilitation is heavily dependent on the group dynamics.

Toledo Area Ministries’ Keeping It Together Program believes that we can positively effect change by implementing a program that is REAL, RELEVANT and RELATIONAL. Providing data and evaluation of the program will only prove that there is still hope for Families in the African American Community.

Our next couple’s weekend retreat will be held Friday July 26, 2013 from 6 p.m.-9 p.m. and Saturday July 27, 2013 from 9 a.m.- noon. The retreat will take place at the Robinson Elementary School located at 1075 Horace, Toledo, OH 43606.

Food will be provided for each session, along with childcare and transportation if needed. All couples who complete the program will receive a $25.00 gift card to Wal-Mart.

These retreats are for those who are 200 percent below the poverty level; so if you are interested in participating, or know a couple who would be interested in participating, please feel free to call us at (419)-242-7401 ext. 150 to complete a short intake process and to sign up for the next session!

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How to Help New High School Grads Transition into Adulthood

Special to The Truth

Transferring from high school to the next life stage can be a time of excitement for young people, but it can also be a time filled with uncertainty. Whether one is off to college, entering the workforce, or starting another big adventure, he or she may need extra emotional support at first.

Experts say that parents and caregivers can play a big role in ensuring the transition is a success.

“Whenever your child is going through a major life change, it’s important to consider his or her mental health and general well-being,” says Dr. Thomas K. McCherny, president of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). With that in mind, the AAP is offering the following tips for parents and youth navigating this important time of life:

- If your child is going to college, make sure he or she is familiar with the health and mental health support services on campus.
- If your child has a mental health diagnosis, such as ADHD or depression, be sure to ask the college staff what kind of medical information they will need related to your child and how to set up prescription refills if needed. Talk to the college about special housing and academic accommodations, if necessary.
- Contact your child’s pediatrician, who can be a good source of advice. In addition to ensuring your graduate has had all the vaccines and other preventive health care recommended for this stage of life, your pediatrician can also help you prepare the way for your young adult’s continuing mental and emotional health.
- Once your child is settled into his or her new routine, keep in close contact and try to get frequent updates about how he or she is doing academically and socially. While you can’t stand sentinel outside the dorm room, you can remain supportive from a distance.
- Is your child entering the workforce? Even if he or she is remaining at home for a time, life will still change dramatically. Be sure to give your son or daughter extra space as a young adult, but offer help navigating new responsibilities, such as paying bills and managing health care responsibilities. Once a teen graduates and leaves home, alcohol, drugs and sexual activity may become much more accessible. Making poor choices can have life-changing results. Continue to have conversations about peer pressure, good decisions and consequences.
- As always, stay connected and be attuned to the warning signs of depression and other mental health issues. Look for “red flags,” such as excessive sleeping, excessive moodiness, obsessive body-image concerns and personality shifts.
- When it’s time to “graduate” to an adult doctor, your pediatrician can arrange for the transition to care by an adult health care provider.

More health tips can be found at www.HealthyChildren.org.

Parenthood doesn’t end when your child turns 18. By offering emotional support, you can make the transition from high school to the next life stage a smooth one.

UT College of Business Hosts Third Technology Camp for High School Students

Special to The Truth

Approximately 40 area high school students will immerse themselves into the vast possibilities of modern technology at the third annual Technology Camp presented by The University of Toledo College of Business and Innovation (COBI) on July 16, 17, and 18.

Participating students will have the chance to build their own webpages, create their own apps, learn about modern business applications of technology, and actually build their own computers. Technology Camp will be held 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in COBI’s Savage & Associates Complex for Innovation (COBI) on July 16, 17, and 18.

The 2013 Camp is being enhanced with the help of major partners including ASUS, Intel, Corsair, Verizon Wireless and Eaton Corporation, giving attendees the chance to win a brand new ASUS VivoBook laptop with Windows 8, a Blackberry Z10 from Verizon Wireless, and many other prizes.

“Coupled with the University of Toledo’s gorgeous campus and positive learning atmosphere, our Technology Camp invites curious students into the world of technology where they will be able to explore business technology and how it applies to their daily lives. They will also be able to explore both the power and the fun of information technology (IT). We know that some of the students will become so enthralled by this experience that they will decide to study IT.” said Terribeth Gordon-Moore, Senior Associate Dean for the College of Business.

“The COBI Technology camp changes and expands every year to offer new activities for past and future campers,” said Terribeth Gordon-Moore, Senior Associate Dean for Undergraduate Programs and Administration.

COBI provides the entire camp experience free of charge for the registered participants.
Toledo native Sheila Austin, Ph.D. relocated to Alabama eight years ago after retiring from Toledo Public Schools. During her tenure with the district, Austin had risen over the course of 30-plus years from elementary teacher to chief of staff for the entire school system.

After moving to Alabama, Austin joined the faculty of Auburn University at Montgomery as an adjunct professor teaching leadership classes. Over the course of the last six years, she has once again ascended to a high-ranking position. In June, Austin was named Dean of the AUM School of Education, an appointment which will begin next month.

“I am honored by the opportunity to serve as dean for the School of Education,” said Austin via telephone early this week as she recounted how she climbed the ranks to become the first minority dean of that college’s School of Education. Austin was appointed assistant professor after joining the college and eventually was awarded a full professorship and tenure. She is currently associate dean of Education and head of the AUM Department of Counselor Leadership and Special Education.

As dean of the department, Austin plans to be as active as possible in the local school districts in trying “to change the cultural climate and in working with parents of the local students.”

She was no stranger to higher education campuses when she retired from TPS. Briefly interrupting her duties with the district, Austin spent several years as an assistant professor at UT and co-directed the AmeriCorps program. Austin is one of six children of the late Owen and Clara Moore. She attended Toledo Public Schools and earned all of her higher education degrees from UT – a bachelor’s in elementary education; a master’s in early childhood education and a doctorate in curriculum and instruction.

Austin has become an avid in Alabama higher education circles since her arrival there eight years ago. Widely published in the areas of teacher mentoring and leadership, Austin has been active in advancing programs for students, teachers and higher education staff.

While she has moved on to another location, a second career and a new life, the spark that guides Austin remains the same. Eleven years ago, when she was interviewed by The Truth, Austin said the following: “[God] has given us all gifts and you must decide how to use yours – it is rewarding to see students I had taught at Robinson or Hale who remind me how I always told them they had to do their homework – young people do not only have to be in honors classes to be successful – it is a matter of will and determination.”

Austin certainly follows her own advice – time after time.
Live music, magic and other family entertainment were part of Books 4 Buddies’ second annual collection drive and literacy campaign kick-off from noon to 5 p.m. June 29, 2013 at Westfield Franklin Park, 5001 Monroe Street in Toledo. The program that collected more than 10,000 new and gently used books from the public, with a goal to increase reading among youth, especially boys, will expand its launch this year to include a “Family Fun Day” at the food court in the mall.

“The vision of teenager L. Touré McCord, II to make books available to young people in need is admirable, and we applaud his effort,” said Julie Heigel-Sanderson, Westfield’s District marketing manager prior to the event. “We’re proud to host the Books 4 Buddies collection for the second year. As the collection site for over 2,000 books in 2012, we’re thrilled to participate again, and hope to grow the number collected in 2013 by providing a convenient drop-off location in the Southwest parking lot off Sylvania Avenue, near Dick’s Sporting Goods.”

Books 4 Buddies was an overwhelming success last year, due to donations from individuals, bookstores, and community groups, and with help from partners including WTVG 13, The Blade, Buckeye CableSystem, Cedar Creek Church and Toledo-Lucas County Public Library, all of which have partnered again in 2013.

“Books 4 Buddies organizers are determined to provide access to books for children most in need,” says Clyde Scoles, Library director. “This act alone offers equal access to information – a longstanding belief that the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library takes great pride in.”

David Hart, a sophomore at St. Francis de Sales, is part of the brigade of volunteer ambassadors that have helped make Books 4 Buddies such a success.

“I got involved because it was an opportunity extended to me to help,” said Hart. “Because when I was younger, reading was an incredible part of my life; I would always fill my time with reading. I understand you need to be able to read. If you can’t be literate, how do you succeed in life?”

Nick Rokicki, Laneta Goings, and Joe Kelley

Laneta Goings, Toure McCord, Andrea Goings MD and Eddie Allen

Westfield Marketing Director, Julie Heigel-Sanderson with B4B Ambassadors

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The Toledo-Lucas County Public Library is proud to observe the 50-year anniversary of the historic March on Washington, which took place on August 28, 1963. Where were YOU on this historic day? The Library wants to know! We are attempting to locate individuals who participated in the March on Washington, which culminated in Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s legendary I Have a Dream speech. If you were at the March and participated, Library officials would like to record your oral history. To schedule an interview, call our Local History and Genealogy department at 419.259.5233. Also, we invite you to join us on Saturday, August 24 at Main Library, 325 Michigan St., for a commemorative event of the 50-year anniversary of the March on Washington. This event will feature musical performances reflective of the times and a presentation by Angela Siner, University of Toledo professor of African American History. The program will include a special viewing of a selection from the PBS documentary Eyes on the Prize focusing on the March. Stay logged on to toledolibrary.org for more details.

More than 200,000 Americans gathered in Washington, D.C., for a political rally known formally as the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. Organized by a number of civil rights and religious groups, the event was designed to shed light on the political and social challenges African Americans continued to face across the country. The March, which became a key moment in the growing struggle for civil rights in the United States, combined with Dr. King’s famous speech, became a spirited call for racial justice and equality.
Join NOSF In Raising The Cap For Scholarships

Special to The Truth

The Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund (NOSF) will be hosting Raise The Cap on Thursday, August 15 at Fifth Third Field. Guests can anticipate a fun evening with Toledo’s favorite Mud Hens as they take on Norfolk Tide while meeting NOSF scholarship recipients. The event will be held on The Roost, the 4th floor of the stadium that overlooks the field, and dinner along with a reserved seat will be provided. Ticket price is $50 and is available to the public, for ticket information visit www.nosf.org or call (419) 720-7048.

This first-time event will help NOSF raise its maximum scholarship award which is currently $1,250. Tuition at private schools has continued to rise causing the demand for an increase in the amount of the scholarship NOSF awards students. Forty percent of NOSF students receive the maximum amount of aid. Raise The Cap aims to elevate both the scholarship cap and the affordability of private education for parents in need.

Raise The Cap event chairman, Elaine LaValley Lewandowski, feels that “this event is a great way to enjoy one of Toledo’s treasures, while providing more funding for children to attend their school of choice.” Our Grand Slam Sponsors The Blade, ESD and Morgan Stanley make this event possible in addition to other generous sponsors and donors. Scott Brown of Morgan Stanley said of the program, “NOSF has given over 11,600 children in Northwest Ohio an opportunity to attend a private school and Morgan Stanley is excited to be part of this first-time effort for the fund.” For the last 14 years, NOSF has assisted parents from northwest Ohio in providing private education for their children through need-based scholarships. NOSF Alumni have a 97 percent high school graduation rate. The nonprofit has helped give families a choice in their children’s education, whether that is a private school or homeschool. Because NOSF is the only need-based scholarship program in northwest Ohio for grades K-8, many families seeking alternative forms of education rely on the fund and its generous contributors.

Rep. Ashford Announces State Funds for Ohio Air National Guard

Toledo Airport to allow use of runways for Air National Guard operations

Special to The Truth

State Rep. Michael Ashford (D-Toledo) announced this week that $192,050 in state funding was released to renew a contract with the Toledo Lucas County Port Authority, to provide flight operations and use of runways for the Ohio Air National Guard at the Toledo Express Airport.

“It is imperative that the Ohio Air National Guard be able to continue carrying out their operations at the Toledo Express Airport,” said Rep. Ashford. “The Ohio Air National Guard has worked hard to ensure the security of Ohioans, and it is only right that we allow them to utilize our facilities.”

Flight operations are critical to the overall mission of the Ohio Air National Guard. They have long been established at the Toledo Express Airport, and needless to say the renewing of this contract is of the utmost importance.
The haters are out in full-force tonight.

They’re out, and they’re hating on you because you’re fly, fine, and fabulous. They can’t stand to see you just being you – because they want to be you, too. They want the clothes you’re rockin’, the moves you’re bustin’, and the attitude you’re carrying.

Yep, haters gonna hate. And in the new novel Dirty Rotten Liar by Noire, they’re gonna hate because there’s a big-money oil inheritance at stake.

Selah Dominion mourned the loss of her baby girl every day.

It was 20-some years ago that little Sable Dominion was kidnapped right out of her stroller on the streets of New York. Selah cried every day of those years and secretly blamed her husband, Viceroy, for the tragedy.

Viceroy Dominion, patriarch and CEO of Dominion Oil, thought he had a great marriage. He thought he was some kind of stud, that his wife had gotten over Sable’s loss and everything was cool. He thought all that, anyhow, before he went into a coma.

The truth was, Selah was a little disgusted by her husband and his lack in the sack. She’d found another lover who happened to be Viceroy’s enemy, and if Viceroy ever found out, he’d go into another coma!

As oldest son, Barron Dominion was reluctantly left in charge of the family business after his father’s hospitalization. Barron was perhaps the only one who knew what was up, and it was a load of responsibility. He wanted to do things right. His family depended on it, so that little party he went to – and the very embarrassing photos that resulted from it – yeah, that could be bad.

In the middle of everything, con-mami Mink LaRue sat with her best friend, Bunni, scheming.

At first, it wasn’t hard to convince the Dominions that Mink was Sable, all grown up. Everyone kinda believed Mink, and a share of the family fortune was almost hers. But then Dynasty Jenkins showed up, living up to half her name, claiming to be Sable and shaking her ghetto booty everywhere.

Millions in Dominion money rested on a DNA test. Would a little blackmail make any difference?

For sure, Dirty Rotten Liar is one of the nastiest, freakiest, most four-letter-word-filled, bed-hopping novels I think I’ve ever read. And I loved every page.

Not one character in this book is nice. Only one comes close to being good-hearted, but I enjoyed watching the drama as scams fly, backs are stabbed, and everybody schemes their way to trouble. Author Noire lays the ‘hood on thick here, and her Mink LaRue (the main character) is over-the-top sassy, funny and smart. Mink’s basically a criminal in designer clothing, but I still liked her a lot.

Yes, this is the third book in a three-book series (so far) and while you could read it by itself, you’ll be happier if you at least grab the one previous. So go do that now... because if you love a little nastiness, Dirty Rotten Liar is a book you’ll hate to miss.
Thoughts on Four Random Recent Events

By Michael Hayes
Minister of Culture

Mama Said “Don’t Text So Much”

Sometimes I’ll go over my mom’s house and we’ll just
have one of those long talks about life. On such an
occasion I recently mentioned
her that the last woman I was
in love with ended our
relationship via text message.

That led to a lesson in
communication.

“Everything is far too
impersonal now, texting has
made y’all lazy to the point
of not occurring face to face anymore”
says Jaye M. Hayes, the
woman who gave me life.

Of course I’d heard this
before, and saw the merits of the point. I had
admit she was right. I then
told her I’d even had contract
negotiations with an artist go
to admit she was right. I then
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sour because that artist refused
to meet, choosing instead to

Text messaging is suited for
crucial business.

That’s when mom dug
deep, saying “When people
got to texting those long
messages you feel like you’re
communicating but really
communication is breaking
down. You can’t see each
other’s facial expressions, you
can’t sense each other’s moods
or pain. It makes everything
one sided when
communication is supposed to
be a two way street.”

Now usually, she hits me
with a “Boy, don’t you have
a bachelors in Communication?
Shouldn’t you know this?” But
this post 4th of July talk, she
took it easy on me. So
everyone, from my mother’s
words to this column… pick
up a phone more often. Have
face-to-face conversation
more often.

Text messaging is suited for
quick responses on light
topics.

Don’t let the lure of
convenience create lazy
communication, especially
when the subject demands a
bit more effort from each
party.

SINK HOLE AT BANCRAFT & DETROIT

First, thank God the woman
whose car fell into the hole is
okay.

Second, what the hell is
going on?

Why is there a gaping hole
directly under the roads we
ride on?

In the initial pictures, there
looked to be maybe two feet
of actual pavement and earth
and beneath that was
nothing… just 20 feet of air.

How much do we really
know about what our tax
dollars should be providing us?

What if there was a lawsuit
for every single time the City
of Toledo personally
impacted someone’s
livelihood or property
in a negative way?

A lawsuit for every
Toledo police officer
who “restraints” a
citizen to the point he
or she ends up with
bruises and medical
bills.

A lawsuit for every
pot hole that renders damage
to our vehicles far beyond the
normal wears and tears of
street repair.

A lawsuit for every
homeowner who has had
property damage and
decreased value due to the
city’s failure to provide a
working sewer and drain
system.

Personally, I would like to
know more about the quality
of services our tax dollars are
paying for.

I would like to know more
about the blurred lines
between public utilities and for
profit energy companies when
it comes to electricity, gas and
water.

Expecting local
government to operate
smoothly isn’t even the case.

But it is too much to ask for
government to not endanger
the lives and well being of its citizens?

Chris Tucker WAS
AWFUL Hosting the 2013
BET Awards

Where do I begin?

This is not an indictment of
his comedic talent or star
power.

This is just straight up,
broadcasting 101 and
showmanship.

I counted at least three
times where the show came back
from commercial and Chris
Tucker completely missed his
stage and camera cues. His
impersonations fell flat.

Most of his punch lines got
awkward silence, not even a
courtesy laugh.

That’s right, his jokes were
so horrendous that he rendered
a BET awards show audience
quiet. The show itself was
pretty decent and really picked
up at the halfway point when
Tucker was seen less and less.

A few of the presentations
were odd (Meagan Good’s
outfit was not a good look for
presenting an award in the
gospel category).

But overall, it was well
produced and entertaining
without the benign self-
parody of BET a few years
ago. The network is returning
to quality.

There aren’t any ‘reality shows’ on
BET, they have actually focused back on
scripted original programming
which is a risk that has
paid off well for them.

Especially with Real
Husbands of Hollywood… a
show that spoofs reality TV
with a hilarious cast lead by
Kevin Hart. But yea, hosting
gives… BET needs to think
outside the box next time.

Hell, Billy Crystal might
work… I’m sure he’d do better
than Chris Tucker.

JAY Z RE-INVENTS
THE MUSIC INDUSTRY,
AGAIN

Unless you’ve been living
under… no scratch that.

Unless you’ve been living
ON a rock in a far away solar
system, by now you are well
aware of how Jay Z partnered
with Samsung for an album
release unlike anything the
music or mobile device
industry has ever witnessed.

One million copies of the
album already purchased and
distributed before it even hit
the shelves. A feverish race for
downloads that crashes servers
at Samsung, the number one
mobile phone manufacturer on
planet Earth (nope, not
Apple… do your research).

High-profile commercials
that aired in time slots never
before dedicated to the release
of an album, much less a hip-
hop album. Visuals set in a
black and white motif
capturing Jay Z, Swizz Beats,
Pharrell Williams, Timbaland
and Rick Rubin in the moment
of listening, critiquing and
explaining… heavyweights in
the middle of their work.

The imagery alone is a
moment in black music, not
just hip-hop.

Subject matter ranging
from slavery, fatherhood, and
the “duality” of trying to
maintain success while
holding onto your roots… Jay
Z continues to offer
substantive topics.

You can hate, but
honestly… what sense does it
make to not support an iconic
artist willing to explore issues
like those?

I will be reviewing this
album next week.

But it’s already a classic
and already a success for re-
imagining the way a release is
structured. How does it again.
Bus Trip
To Sweetie Pies St Louis Departs 8-31-2013 & Returns 9-2-2013. Cost of the trip is $195.00 per person based on double occupancy includes Transportation, Hotel, and meals for all 3 days. Call Chris at 419-322-1194 to secure seat. Don’t delay the first trip sold out in 2 weeks.

Bus to Convocation

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Legal Notice
Bid packets will be received by Lucas County Job & Family Services (LCDJFS) until 3:00 p.m., August 14, 2013 for the selection of a Provider to provide Food Assistance Employment & Training Services for eligible participants.

An Electronic Question & Answer (Q&A) process will be from July 10, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. to July 24, 2013 at 12:00 p.m.; the posting of the Q&A will be on July 31, 2013. The RFP as a result of the Q&A, an addendum to the RFP will be posted on the website address (noted above).

This notice is posted, as of July 10, 2013, at http://www.co.lucas.oh.us/bids.aspx

The right is reserved to reject any and all bids.

By order of the Board of County Commissioners, Lucas County, Ohio.

Carol Conrada - President
Tina Skeldon Wozniak - Commissioner
Pete Gerken - Commissioner

Bid: 48-14-RFP-03

PROMOTIONS ASSISTANT (Position for URBAn Radio Broadcasting, LLC)
URBAn Radio Broadcasting in Toledo, Ohio has an immediate opening for an experienced Promotions Assistant. This position requires you to maintain the standard of excellence of our on-air promotions and assist the Programming Department with their implementation. Our 2 dynamic stations, WMX (Mix 95.7) and WJZE (Hot 97.3), are the urban voices in Toledo. To be considered for this position, you must have experience in promotions, be very well organized, extremely motivated and driven to win. This position is now available and the interviewing process will begin immediately. Please send your resume and cover letter to:

Brandi Brown
Program Director
URBAn Radio Broadcasting, LLC
720 Water Street, 4th Floor
Toledo, OH 43604
Or email your resume and cover letter to brandibrown@urbanradio.fm

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PRESIDENT/ CEO Northwest Ohio Development Agency
The President/ CEO is the general operation manager & senior executive for Northwest Ohio Development Agency (NODA). Information about our agency can be found at www.nodatoledo.org

A dynamic non-profit agency, located in Toledo, OH, is seeking a self-motivated CEO who is a strategic visionary that will guide us in our self-sufficiency efforts to deliver innovative solutions to our goals and objectives. Successful candidate will have 10 years experience in: managing and supervising within a financial services office or non-profit organization; and preparation, implementation, and monitoring of budgets. Successful candidate will also have at least 3 years experience, during the previous 6 years, in all aspects of the lending process and be able to obtain an Operation Manager license from the State of Ohio, Division of Financial Institutions.

Fundraising, grant-writing and/or grant management experience desired and direct and effective oral and written communications with the Board, staff and other constituencies beneficial.

Candidate demonstrates experience in establishing and maintaining effective contacts with community partners. Bachelor’s Degree from an accredited college/university and/ or commensurate experience.

A competitive salary and benefits package offered. Qualified candidates should forward a current resume, cover letter, 3 professional references, and salary requirements by sending to: fhc.ceo.search@gmail.com

Incomplete applications will not be reviewed. No telephone calls.

EEO/AA
Recently, I had the pleasure of joining some 30,000 library colleagues from across the nation at the American Library Association’s (ALA) 2013 Annual Conference held in Chicago, IL. The conference featured a variety of vendors and speakers such as novelist Alice Walker, actress Octavia Spencer (of The Help fame), film director Oliver Stone and many others.

I was moved to tears by a speech I attended featuring Congressman John Lewis, who is considered an iconic figure of America’s civil rights movement. During Congressman Lewis’ address, he shared that his late wife was a librarian and how it was an honor to address the scores of ALA attendees who have committed to the democracy of the public library system. Still, it was Congressman Lewis’ story of his commitment to justice and nonviolence that took him from being raised on an Alabama sharecropper’s farm to the halls of Congress that especially moved me and other conference-goers.

His powerful recollections of the ugliness of segregation, the beatings he personally endured, his participation in the historic 1963 March on Washington (join us at Main Library for an observance of the historic March on Saturday, August 24 from 2-4 p.m.), the emotion he felt from witnessing America’s first African-American president and more moved many in the audience to wipe away tears.

Public libraries are often referred to as the most democratic of institutions, so I would argue that many of us who work in the library arena are emotionally involved whenever we hear about the fight for justice and the struggle for freedom and equality. It is something we live and breathe daily as we welcome customers from every walk of life. Our doors are open to all, with no preconceptions or judgments.

This remains a key of the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library’s very own mission: to support and enhance a better quality of life for ALL Lucas County residents.

Many years ago, Congressman Lewis shared that he and other student activists drew inspiration from the 1958 comic book Martin Luther King and the Montgomery Story. Now, his own comics hope to bring those days to life for a new audience, testifying to a movement whose echoes will be heard for generations. March is scheduled to be released to the public on August 13. We will let you know if the Library plans to carry copies. For now, please join us for a day that honors Congressman Lewis’ moving testimony, and to have met him after his address. I hope his graphic novel trilogy inspires the next generation to never forget America’s struggle and to create a new world of inspiration, equality and continued access to information through the public library system and reading.

-Article contributed by text from Top Shelf PRODUCTIONS, a publishing house of contemporary graphic novels and comics.