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# Sheila Austin, PhD, Former TPS Chief of Staff



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## 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'm 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 dumbest sh\*t imaginable.

F u 11 - f1 e d g e d arguments over slices of pizza, facebook/ instagram/twitter posts, and overall feeling disrespected or slighted in someway... 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 scuff marks on new Jordans leading to fist fights and other pettiness.

My childhood was spent mostly in two neighborhoods: Southside (Lucas & Belmont) and X Blocc (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

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-THIS AIN'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 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.

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

The cops used to stay OUT of the hood because even the elder hustlers helped police those streets and made sure idiots voung 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 n\*\*\*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

You are 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 whomever you 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

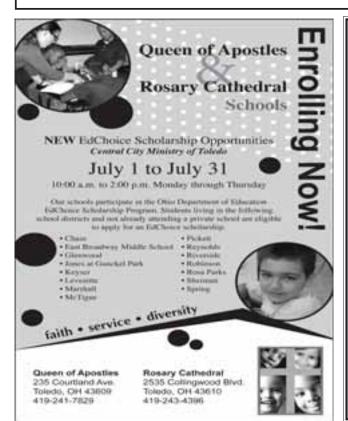
And every time you lose your cool, every time you reach for something you shouldn't be reaching for, every weak minded person you let influence you... you're helping them destroy us.

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 15-1

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 419-708-3167

July 20

United We Stand – Leadership Workshop: United Church of God; Noon to 4 pm; Guest – Howard K. Hammond of Springdale 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 2

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 Cythian Johnson of Agape Love Ministries Aaron's House 5 K Walk and Run: 9 am to midnight: 567-277-5352

August 23-24

 $5^{\text{th}}$  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.

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 scoping for people of the Bible who could relate to what I 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 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.

Tune and I talked about 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 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

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

family with having to let him go and some of the

challenge with the always that young people community that he had to work through.

Rev. Donald L. Perryman, D.Min.

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 community desperately needed someone who could lead through challenging time, they went and got this young man and reconciled with

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.

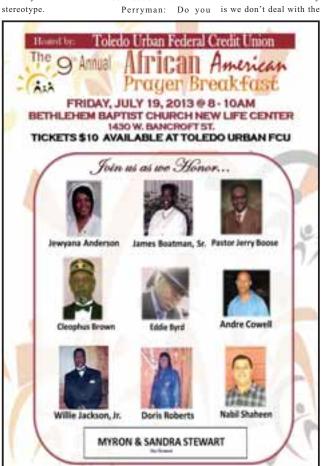
So I guess my purpose

in pointing t h e s e different people out is that it's not

need to recognize what they need to do. It's, in many instances, family and community also taking 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 people 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

Contact Rev. Donald Perryman, D.Min, at drdlperryman@ centerofhopebaptist.org





# 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.

"Ms. Ohns brings knowledge and abilities that enhance The Trust Company and will be of farreaching 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.ttcot.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 evervone 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.

John Daniel and Alice Gray-Shoecraft had five (5) children: John Henry Shoecraft, Esther Shoecraft-Allen, Mabel Shoecraft-Hall, Ernest Shoecraft and (unknown).

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 Art Has Arrived!!**

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

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The Gallery is open Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 4 PM



See more art online at www.thetruthtoledo.com

The Truth Gallery 1811 Adams Street 419-242-7650



# African American Families: It's Time for a Change!

There is a change to make relationships been facilitating this offered to couples who 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 difficulty of making their that they work with their facilitation. Together Program is working hard to ensure be changed simply by educating couples on how

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.

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relationship work.

that these women, men in Toledo, Ohio has not and children's lives can been easy," states Files. Avis Files and her husband, Michael, have

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, Getting Your Messag "Most men don't want to come to class because they think that we will just talk to them. But once they give it a try, they see that it is facilitation and

...we can positively effect change

partner to make changes

communicate more

These sessions are

effectively."

are dating, together, engaged parentin partners, and thos individuals who ar interested in marriage.

The topics of th sessions include, but ar not limited to:

- \* Why Marriage?
- \* Communication
- \* From I to We: Th Sweetness of Surrender
- \* Mine, Yours and Ours: Blended Families. These sessions are hel-

two hours day for fou days, for total of eight hours 0

The training is used to "Being a change agent and to discover their enable couples to discuss styles on how to their problems and to work them out within a group setting. The facilitation is heavily dependent on the group dynamics.

> Toledo 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

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.

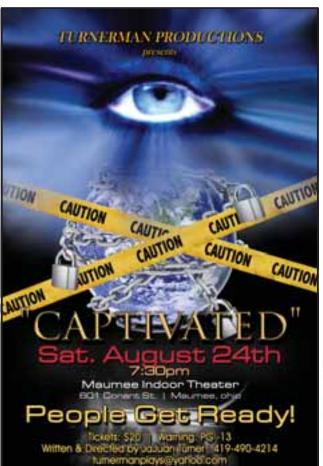
Food will be provided for each session, along with childcare and transportation if needed. All couples who complete the program will receive

These retreats are for those who are 200 percent below the poverty level; United States Department so if you are interested in participating, or know a couple who would be

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

Transitioning 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

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. McInerny, 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 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 of medical kind 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 choices can have life-

- · 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 readings 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 health and mental health 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 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 he found 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

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

Special to The Truth

Approximately 40 area high school students will modern technology at the third annual Technology Camp presented by The University of Toledo College of Business and Innovation (COBI) on July 9, 10, and 11.

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 Business Learning and Engagement on the UT main campus.

The 2013 Camp is being enhanced with the help of major partners

including ASUS, Intel, explore both the power Corsair, Verizon Wireless and the fun of immerse themselves into and Eaton Corporation, information technology the vast possibilities of giving attendees the chance (IT). We know that some to win a brand new ASUS Vivobook laptop with Windows 8, a Blackberry this experience that they Z10 from Verizon Wireless, will decide to study IT." and many other prizes.

> camp changes and expands the perfect location for every year to offer new activities for past and future campers." said Terribeth with high-technology Gordon-Moore, Senior classrooms, lecture Associate Dean for the capture capabilities and College of Business. "Coupled with the housed in an amazing 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 entire camp experience applies to their daily lives. free of charge for the They will also be able to registered participants.

of the students will become so enthralled by

"The Savage & "The COBI Technology Associates Complex is Technology Camp because it is brimming action learning labs, all energy-efficient environment," said Dr. Terribeth Gordon-Moore, COBI Senior Associate Dean for Undergraduate Programs Administration.

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# BOOK RELEASE...

word, Early Will I Seek Thee, by my friend and brother, Pastor T. J. Thomas is the one for which you've been looking. This inter-actional devotional net only allows you the opportunity to meditate on the word but also it includes time and space for you to journal, reflect and navigate where you are in your walk with God. This devotional is a must for those who are willing to go deeper into the wells of wisdom. I highly recommend Early Will Seet Thee for your use as you move through Proverbs, the Book of Wisdo

-Paster Tyrone D. Gord Transferming Life Christian Church Dates, Tesas

Education Section • Education Section • Education Section • Education Section • Education Section **Sheila Austin: Once Again The Educator Rises to the Top** 

Rv Fletcher Word Sojourner's Truth Editor

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 highranking 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.

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.

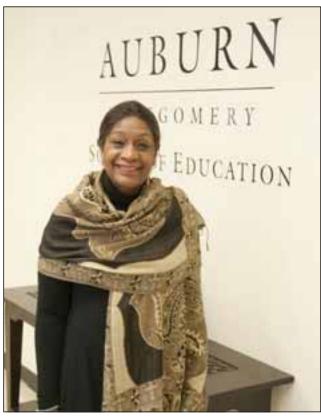
Austin is one of six children of the late Owen and Clara Moore. She attended Toledo Public Schools and earned all of her higher education degrees from UT - a bachelor's in elementary education; a master's in Austin was appointed early childhood education

curriculum and instruction.

Austin has become a force 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



For more information call 419.259.5233



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Special to The Truth

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 е collection site for 2 0 0 0 books in 2012. we're thrilled to participate again, and hope to grow h number collected in 2013

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

providing Gomgs
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?"





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## TPS TUESDAYS!

Register for '13-'14 School Year Now

- Tuesday, July 16 1-3pm Mott Branch Library
- Tuesday, July 16 10am Noon Jobs & Family Services
- Tuesday, July 23 10am Noon Friendly Center
- Tuesday, July 30 1-3pm Reynolds Corner Library

Parents will need to bring birth certificate, photo ID, shot records, 3 proofs of residency (utility bill, lease aggrement) and custody papers if they apply.

CHECK TPS.ORG FOR ADDITIONAL TIMES AND LOCATIONS

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# The March on Washington: Were You There?

By Rhonda B. Sewell, Library Media Relations Officer The Truth Contributor

The Toledo-Lucas join us on Saturday,

officials would like to more details.

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County Public Library August 24 at Main is proud to observe the Library, 325 Michigan 50-year anniversary of St., for a commemorative the historic March on event of the 50-year Washington, which anniversary of the March took place on August on Washington. This 28, 1963. event will feature musical Where were YOU on performances reflective this historic day? The of the times and a Library wants to know! presentation by Angela We are attempting to Siner, University of locate individuals who Toledo professor of participated in the African American March on Washington, History. The program will which culminated in Dr. include a special viewing Martin Luther King, of a selection from the Jr.'s legendary I Have a PBS documentary Eyes Dream speech. If you on the Prize focusing on were at the March and the March. Stay logged on participated, Library to toledolibrary.org for

light on the equality.



record your oral history. More than 200,000 political and social To schedule an Americans gathered in challenges African interview, call our Local Washington, D.C., for a Americans continued to History and Genealogy political rally known face across the country. at formally as the March on The March, which Washington for Jobs became a key moment in Also, we invite you to and Freedom. Organized the growing struggle for by a number of civil rights in the United civil rights and States, combined with Dr. religious groups, King's famous speech the event was became a spirited call for designed to shed racial justice and







# Join NOSF In Raising The Cap For **Scholarships**

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The Northwest Ohio for an increase in the private school and while meeting NOSF parents in need. their children through scholarship recipients. Raise the Cap event need - based \$50 and is available to choice." the public, for ticket Our Grand Slam is a private school or

Scholarship Fund amount of the scholarship Morgan Stanley is (NOSF) will be hosting NOSF awards students. excited to be part of this Raise The Cap on Forty percent of NOSF first-time effort for the Thursday, August 15 at students receive the fund." Fifth Third Field. Guests maximum amount of aid. For the last 14 years, can anticipate a fun Raise The Cap aims to NOSF has assisted evening with Toledo's elevate both the scholarship parents from northwest favorite Mud Hens as cap and the affordability of Ohio in providing they take on Norfolk Tide private education for private education for

The event will be held on chairman, Elaine LaValley scholarships. NOSF The Roost, the 4th floor Lewandowski, feels that Alumni have a 97 of the stadium that "this event is a great way to percent high school overlooks the field, and enjoy one of Toledo's graduation rate. The dinner along with a treasures, while providing nonprofit has helped reserved seat will be more funding for children give families a choice in provided. Ticket price is to attend their school of their children's

information visit Sponsors The Blade, ESD homeschool. Because www.nosf.org or call and Morgan Stanley make NOSF is the only need-(419) 720-7048. this event possible in based scholarship This first-time event addition to other generous program in northwest will help NOSF raise its sponsors and donors. Scott Ohio for grades K-8 maximum scholarship Brown of Morgan Stanley many families seeking award which is currently said of the program, "NOSF alternative forms of \$1,250. Tuition at private has given over 11,600 education rely on the schools has continued to children in Northwest Ohio fund and its generous rise causing the demand an opportunity to attend a contributors.

education, whether that

## **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.

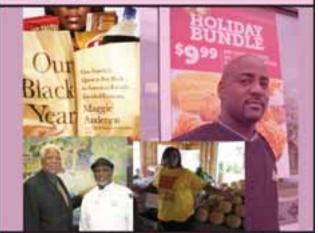
"It is imperative that the Ohio Air National Guard be able to continue carrying out their operations at the Toledo Express Airport," said Rep. Ashford, "The Ohio Air National Guard has worked hard to ensure the security of Ohioans, and it is only right that we allow them to utilize our facilities."



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

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# Dirty Rotten Liar by Noire

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By Terri Schlichenmever The Truth Contributor

full-force tonight.

hating on you because responsibility. He wanted you're fly, fine, and to do things right. His fabulous. They can't stand family depended on it, so to see you just being you because they want to be - and the very you, too. They want the embarrassing photos that clothes you're rockin', the resulted from it - yeah, that moves you're bustin', and could be bad. the attitude you're carrying.

Rotten Liar by Noire, scheming, they're gonna hate because inheritance at stake.

baby girl every day.

Selah cried every day of everywhere. those years and secretly blamed her husband, money rested on a DNA Viceroy, for the tragedy.

patriarch and CEO of difference? Dominion Oil, thought he had a great marriage. He Liar is one of the nastiest, thought he was some kind freakiest, most four-letterof stud, that his wife had word-filled, bed-hopping gotten over Sable's loss novels I think I've ever and everything was cool. He thought all that, page. anyhow, before he went into a coma.

another coma!

Dominion was reluctantly

The haters are out in was perhaps the only one who knew what was up, They're out, and they're and it was a load of that little party he went to

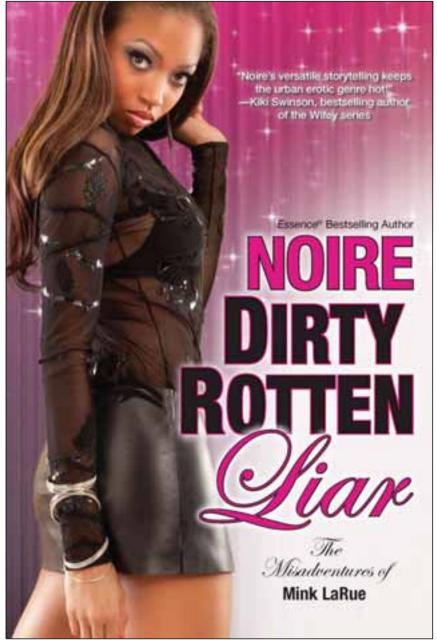
In the middle of everything, con-mami Yep, haters gonna hate. Mink LaRue sat with her And in the new novel Dirty best friend, Bunni,

At first, it wasn't hard to there's a big-money oil convince the Dominions that Mink was Sable, all Selah Dominion grown up. Everyone kinda mourned the loss of her believed Mink, and a share of the family fortune was It was 20-some years almost hers. But then Dyago that little Sable Nasty Jenkins showed up, Dominion was kidnapped living up to half her name, right out of her stroller on claiming to be Sable and the streets of New York. shaking her ghetto booty

Millions in Dominion test. Would a little Viceroy Dominion, blackmail make any

> For sure, Dirty Rotten read. And I loved ever

Not one character in this book is nice. Only one The truth was, Selah comes close to being goodwas a little disgusted by hearted, but I enjoyed her husband and his lack in watching the drama as the sack. She'd found scams fly, backs are another lover who stabbed, and everybody happened to be Viceroy's schemes their way to enemy, and if Viceroy ever trouble. Author Noire lays found out, he'd go into the 'hood on thick here, and her Mink LaRue (the As oldest son, Barron main character) is overthe-top sassy, funny and left in charge of the family smart. Mink's basically business after his father's a criminal in designer hospitalization. Barron clothing, but I still

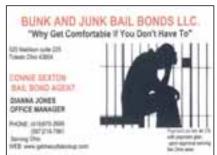


liked her a lot.

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

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# **Thoughts on Four Random Recent Events**

By Michael Haves 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 to 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 serious discussions don't even occur face to face anymore" says Jaye M. Hayes, the woman who gave me life.

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

crucial business

That's when mom dug deep, saying "When people get to texting those long messages vou feel like vou'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 sided when one communication is supposed to he 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 a 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

#### SINK HOLE AT BANCROFT & DETROIT

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

Second, what the hell is going on?

Why is there a gaping hole directly under the roads we

In the initial pictures, there looked to be maybe two feet of actual payement 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

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 "restrains" a citizen to the point he or she ends up with bruises and medical

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

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

Expecting government to operate smoothly isn't even the case.

But is it too much to ask for local 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

This is just straight up,

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.

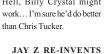
That's right, his jokes were so horrendous that he rendered a BET awards show audience quiet. The show itself was pretty decent and really picked up at the halfway point when Tucker was seen less and less. A few of the presentations were odd (Meagan Good's outfit was not a good look for presenting an award in the gospel category).

But overall, it was well produced and entertaining without the benign selfcaricature 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 wise... BET needs to think outside the box next time. Hell, Billy Crystal might work... I'm sure he'd do better



Unless you've been living under... no scratch that.

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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 hiphop 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 reimagining the way a release is structured. Hov does it again.















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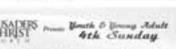
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#### SPECIAL NOTICE REQUEST FOR INORMATION

The Mental Health and Recovery Services Board ("Board") is seeking information regarding proposals from ODMH and/or ODADAS certified agencies for the provision of recovery oriented treatment programs that advance the Board's System-Wide Goals and filt service gaps in Lucas County's behavioral health system. The Board anticipates investing up to \$1.7 million in these services. A complete description of the "Request for Information" and submission requirements, as well as copies of the "2014 System-Wide Goals" and "2014 Caps Analysis" are found under "Quick Links" on the Board's web-site at http://www.co.lucas.ch.usimhrsb.

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No bids will be accepted after  $3:00 \, \text{ p.m.}$  on August  $14, \, 2013$ ; bids that are submitted via any method other than that described in the RFP will not be accepted.

The Request for Proposals will be available on **July 10, 2013**. It will be available for potential bidders to download by going to the site: <a href="http://www.co.lucas.oh.us/bids.aspx">http://www.co.lucas.oh.us/bids.aspx</a>.

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. **PARTICIPATION IS OPTIONAL, BUT IS HIGHLY ENCOURAGED.** Questions for the Q&A must be submitted in writing and received via email, at LUCAS\_CONTRACTS@odjfs.state.oh.us by July 24, 2013 at 12:00 p.m.; the posting of the Q&A will be on July 31, 2013. If any changes are made to 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  $\underline{\text{http://www.co.lucas.oh.us/bids.aspx}}$ 

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## **ALA's 2013 Annual Conference**

By Rhonda B. Sewell

Library Media Relations Officer

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 address, he shared that his late wife was a librarian and how it was an honor to address the scores of ALA 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 on August 24th from 2-4 p.m. for an observance of the historic March), the emotion he felt from witnessing America's 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 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.

Now, to share his remarkable story with new generations, Congressman Lewis presents March, a graphic novel trilogy, in collaboration with co-writer Andrew Avdin and New York Times best-selling artist Nate Powell (winner of the Eisner Award and LA Times Book Prize finalist for Swallow Me Whole).

March is a vivid firsthand trilogy account of Congressman Lewis' lifelong struggle for civil and human rights, meditating in the modern age on the distance traveled since the days of Jim Crow and segregation. Rooted in Congressman Lewis' personal story, it also reflects on the highs and lows of the broader civil rights movement.

Sample copies of Book One (of three) spans the Congressman's youth in rural Alabama, his life-changing meeting with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the birth of the Nashville Student Movement, and their battle to tear down segregation through nonviolent lunch counter sit-ins, building to a stunning climax on the steps

of City Hall.

Many years g 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 generations.

March 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' struggle for equality from 2-4 p.m. on Saturday, August 24 for a commemorative event of the 50-year anniversary of the March on Washington.

heard Congressman Lewis' moving testimony, and to have met him after his address. I hope his graphic novel trilogy inspires the next generation to never

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