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### The Sojourner's Truth

## **Fade To White**

By Rev. Donald L. Perryman, D.Min. The Truth Contributor

We are a country of strangers, and we are having a great deal of difficulty with our differences, because ultimately, we lack the ability to look at specific human beings.

- Anna Deavere Smith

From 1985 through 1989 black safety forces in Toledo reached peak levels as a result of a federal consent decree requiring police and fire personnel to reflect the community's demographics. The decree was vacated approximately five and a half years ago despite the dwindling presence of minority police officers and fire fighters, who continue to retire in droves.

Why should we be concerned about the racial makeup of police and fire forces?

"Just recently in the last five or six years we've had hires of others' family members, but for the most part, African Americans or Hispanics are first generation employees," says Mark McBee, a veteran of the 1984 court-ordered fire class. "So as a result, here we are in what I call a crisis, in that we're headed back to our police and fire service looking like it did in the late 60's," he adds.

When the racial make-up of safety forces is greatly out of sync with the racial composition of the community, police and fire forces lose credibility with the local populations they serve, according to research.

With the looming possibility that the Toledo Fire Department could eventually become all-white, McBee and Tony Hague, a 27-year veteran, have begun to recruit and mentor potential candidates through Glass City Black Brothers United.

Yet institutional bias within the hiring process presents a formidable barrier. One such problem is the test itself, which is job specific rather than a knowledgebased exam.

"Let's say that if you give a test that's job related, and often I use the example if your father, your grandfather, your uncle or your cousin, and your brother all work at an auto mechanic shop, and I get a kid off the streets and say you've got 60 days to study for a test on auto mechanics, who's going to fare better?" McBee asks hypothetically. "The one that has the familial relationship with the job or the kids that only have 60 days to study this manual? So that's what we're talking about. We are not asking to lower the standards; we just want them to be fair. Can you read, can you write, can you add, can you subtract, can you have abstract comprehension of an idea and can you come up with a solution? That's what we need to know. We don't need to know if you know what's the friction loss needed to pump at 110 pounds per square inch of three stories with 150 laid hose and you've got 60 pounds of static pressure...we don't need to know that, but some people already do. When you ask that type of question you give an unfair advantage to other individuals," he points out.

The lengthy two and one half year hiring process is also problematic. Often top minority candidates have accepted other employment by the time the city

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has completed its process. Others have eventually become disqualified as unemployed candidates have had their credit ratings suffer because of the long wait. The solution?

Change to Toledo's structurally-biased system of government will come only from the community and not from protests by black firefighters alone, according to McBee who plans to retire soon, himself. "We make that change through community action, community involvement, community pressure and having members of the religious community coming together and addressing government and asking why this is happening. The bottom line is when safety forces are diversified, everyone benefits," he says.

Researchers agree with McBee. When police close wide racial gaps between their departments and the communities they serve while also practicing community norms, the result is reduced crime and increased trust and cooperation (Kochel, 2012; Sargeant et al., 2013).

In addition, "having someone who looks like me come to my house that I can relate with on a cultural basis," means much, especially to the many minority children who are unaware that black firefighters exist in Toledo.

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### **Community Calendar**

#### July 24-September 12

Free Parenting Classes: Saturdays 11:30 am to 1 pm; Continuous open enrollment; Sponsored by Operation Re-Seed Christian Ministry Parenthood Program: 419-297-3530

#### August 3-7

Eastern Star MBC 55th Church Anniversary: August 3-5 revival services nightly at 7 pm; August 6 - Annual community picnic - 10 am to 4 pm; August 7 - Closing worship service at 4 pm: 419-461-1768

#### August 5

YWCA Health Fair: 10 am to 2 pm; Mammograms, bone density testing, hearing testing, blood pressure - and many more free screenings: 419-241-3235

#### August 6

Ark of Toledo Annual Back 2 School Bash: 11 am to 3 pm; YMCA Fun Bus, snacks, health screening, free backpack ad school supplies giveaway (while supplies last)

A Teenspiration Play - "The Gold Ring:" St. Mark's Baptist Church; 6 pm: 800-851-9908

#### August 7

New Prospect Baptist Church Installation Service: 4 pm; For Rev. Charles W. Ross; Guests Rev. Mayes and Macedonia Baptist

#### August 3-31

Studio Fitness Free Community Fitness Classes: Every Wednesday at 6 pm; One-Hour beginner friendly fitness class - 20 mins of cardio, 20 mins of weight lifting, 10 mins of yoga: 4190870-2318

### August 12-13

8th Annual Sacred Strings Showcase "The Bloodline Continues" Concert 2016: The Ark of Toledo; Fri - 6 to 9 pm; Sat - 3 to 7 pm: 419-243-0564

### August 12-14

Scott Alumni Weekend: Friday - Decade Meet and Greet at various locations; Saturday - free health fair at Scott - 9 am to 1 pm; Sunday - Picnic at GM Hydromatic Park: 419-806-7296 or 567-322-9007



## **Is Donald Trump an Anti-Christ?**

By Lafe Tolliver, Esq

**Guest** Column

Focusing exclusively on the pompous and smug proclamations from Donald Trump that he is a, "very good Christian" but yet during recent interviews he has been embarrassingly unable to define who Jesus Christ is or who Jesus Christ is to him, I thought it noteworthy, that if such a person makes such a faux pas by saying, Two Corinthians instead of Second Corinthians (a book in the Bible)... Houston, we have a problem!

For a presidential candidate to denigrate the act of communion as practiced in the mainline Protestant churches and for the presumptive Republican nominee to practically boast that he has, as a Presbyterian, no need of forgiveness from God, America, we have a problem!

For a person who denigrates the handicap and wickedly and repeatedly has gushed out terrible tirades against women, Mexicans, Muslims, the disabled and made "owning" a black man by saying, "That's my African-American!" a laugh line at a political rally, we are not talking about anyone who remotely knows Jesus Christ.

Donald Trump can not have it both ways. He cannot denigrate people made in the image of God and trample on the clearly-stated principles of Biblical conduct regarding personal morality and how you are to relate to others; but yet claim some virtue by merely mouthing Christian bromides so as to win over portions of the evangelicals who have sold their birthright for a mess of political pottage simply for the chance to stand in Trump's political shadow.

Those religious empty shells who have forsaken their first love and have gone a'whoring after anything Trumpian, are a shame and an embarrassment to the teachings of Christ, but yet they have no shame in their crass grab for political power or at least to be near power.

And for what benefit? Seemingly, other than being able to brag to their audience that they have an "in" with Trump, those who have sat at the table of Trump for a crust of his political pie will still leave hungry because what Trump is feeding them has no caloric, spiritual or nutritional value.

Oh sure, he has formed an evangelical roundtable on which he has populated it with dozens of "big names" in the evangelical world so as to give off a whiff of Trump being in their good graces and that he will actually take advice from them about what?

If those weak kneed and clueless evangelicals think that Trump is going to reward them with direct access to him so they can expound upon important social and political issues, they are more clueless than I originally thought.

Especially so since Trump has admitted that his number one counselor and advisor is Donald Trump! These shameless men and women are only there for window dressing and to prop up a false christ, ananti christ ("anti" meaning taking the place of....Christ) who will use them as cover for his efforts to win the coveted political slice known as evangelicals.

Note: For the uninitiated about the, "anti-christ", see: I John 2:18-23.

In his deportment, character, language and political posturing, Trump has not even remotely modeled the Christ of the Bible and apparently such a lack of true Bible conviction is of no concern to these Trump smitten evangelicals who rushed to gush and fawn over Trump. And why? Because, to them, he exudes strength!

Strength! The exact opposite of the character quality that Jesus Christ modeled while on Earth with his disciples. What happened to humility and gentleness and meekness and longsuffering and self control (some of the fruit of the Spirit as found in the Book of Galatians) that a person like Trump should have been exhibiting some of those traits after living 70 years on this Earth as (in his words) a "very good Christian?"

But apparently many evangelicals do not want to be bogged down with such Bible distractions because they see the world as a place wherein they are to exercise dominion and for them Trump is their roller coaster ride to dominionism.

It seems that too many have crossed over from the promised land of Jordan and have willingly re-entered the camp of the Philistines to fight a cultural fight that they believe is being lost and only Donald

Trump can save them from the dizzyingly speed by which American society is being changed and that to save the white Protestant religious culture, its salvation must come from strength.

And for them, Donald Trump oozes strength. These evangelicals do not want their political pals to be meek and lowly of heart and to turn the other cheek and to humble themselves. No, they want power, power and more power and Trump has said, "Trust me. It will be amazing!"

They want a political John Wayne with guns a'blazing at the enemy and for those ornery Chi-



Lafe Tolliver

nese to give back those American jobs that they have taken in the past 20 years (note: Donald Trump has clothing factories in China and other places overseas. Why doesn't he set the example and first bring those jobs back?).

The pompous hubris and vainglorious sayings of Donald Trump is music to the ears of the sold out evangelicals whom, when asked by a Caesar who do they want released to them, either the murderer Barabbas or this man called Jesus, these evangelicals shout out, in practiced unity, "Release Barabbas!"

Barabbas is the epitome of power and strength and Jesus is the picture of a silent and suffering lamb who is not willing to take up the sword and establish a earthly kingdom.

So, when I state that Donald Trump is an anti-christ (not THE Anti-Christ, there is a difference!), it is said with political overtures and how for many evangelicals, he is taking the place of the Christ in their warped worldview as to what is important and he causes them

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\*\* #BlackLivesMatter organizers, including Alicia Garza, are available for interviews on the new statement and pledge. To schedule, please contact Lacy Crawford Jr at lacy@MegaphoneStrategies.com. \*\*

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forcement officers in Baton Rouge and Dallas, The Movement for caused their deaths." Black Lives, Black Lives Matter Network, Project South, Organization for Black Struggle, Million Hoodies for Justice, Black Youth Project 100, St. Louis Action Table, Blackout Collective, Black Alliance for Just Immigration, Black Immigration Network have released an official statement, which reads in part:

"This movement has never called for the execution of law enforcement officers. Never. Still, many want to place the blame at our feet. As those who stand with, or are ourselves, the victims of police violence, we know all too well the deep sense of loss that a community feels when they lose a loved one.

"And yet, we see great hypocrisy in the attempts to blame this movement for violence against the police. When police are killed, there is public and national mourning, attempts to strengthen laws

As the nation churns this week over the executions of law en- to ensure their lives. There are convictions of the people who

The Movement for Black Lives statement is part of a larger manifesto on the moment as protests across the country escalate -- with occupations of police union offices -- and more than 200,000 Americans have taken the pledge to join the fight to end state-sponsored violence against black people.

See the full statement on escalating protests, continued violence against black Americans, and the recent murders of police officers here: https://medium.com/@movement4blacklives/freedomnoweyes-on-the-prize-96e8b9185f6c#.1iuyr7k5i

pledge, which can be seen here: http://action.movementforblacklives.org/



MoveOn, ColorofChange.org have all mobilized members for the

## "1500 Properties in 1500 Days"

Unprecedented Neighborhood Investment Plan unveiled by the Lucas County Land Bank

It's a goal for the record books, but the Lucas County Land Bank is ready to set its sights high. At a news conference today in Toledo, Lucas County Land Bank Chairman Wade Kapszukiewicz announced the Land Bank's plan to renovate or demolish 1,500 properties over the next 1,500 days.

"Every day for the next four years, a property will be fixed up or torn down by the Land Bank. Every single day," said Kapszukiewicz, who is also the Lucas County Treasurer. Kapszukiewicz added that the effort has the potential to remove most of the most blighted properties throughout Toledo by the year 2020.

Joining Kapszukiewicz today were Senator Sherrod Brown and Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur, whose efforts were instrumental in providing the federal dollars being utilized by the Land Bank for this work, along with Eileen Granata, chief operating officer for the City of Toledo, who represented Mayor Paula Hicks-Hudson who was out of town, and David Mann, president of the Land Bank.

The gathering was held in front of two houses owned by the Land Bank on the 3900 block of Hoiles Avenue in West Toledo: one that must be demolished due to mold damage, and the other that has been renovated by a Land Bank partner and will soon be re-occupied.

"More than 400 properties have been renovated through the Land Bank since 2011. That's important because demolition and renovation are not an either/or. Our neighborhoods need both to be successful," said Kapszukiewicz.

The Land Bank's announcement follows the recent Hardest Hit Funds award of \$13.8 million to the Land Bank, which was a higher award per capita than any other county in Ohio. Lucas County received such a high award in part because it has the lowest demolition costs statewide, paying nearly 25% less than any other county and stretching limited dollars even further for Toledo's neighborhoods.



"The Lucas County Land Bank is doing phenomenal work for our neighborhoods, and leaders across Ohio, including myself, know success when we see it," said Senator Sherrod Brown.

The Lucas County Land Bank is a community organization dedicated to strengthening neighborhoods and preserving property values by returning vacant, abandoned, and tax-delinquent properties to productive use. Since its inception in 2010, the Land Bank has returned almost 2,000 vacant lots, residential homes, and commercial properties to productive use and demolished over 1,500 properties that were nuisances to the community.

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to swoon and fall for a earthly leader who is playing them for spiritual dunces.

What is critical to note is that many evangelicals have sold their birthright to be associated and protected by "Caesar!" aka: Donald Trump. They are decrying the loss of white Protestantism in America and they pine for the good ol' days where everyone looked like them; and those who came to their cloistered suburban churches dressed and talked like them.

White American Protestants are not happy campers with a changing America. They are fearful of change and they want a reset to a different time (1950's?) where they enjoyed being the top religious rooster in the pack and their "values" were followed and obeyed.

With all of this societal change along with same sex marriages and LGBQT issues running amok, white Protestants see in Donald Trump a hired gun who will come into the White House and shoot 'em up and give white Protestants a chance to root for the guy in the white hat again...not a president who has a wacky name like Barack Hussein Obama!

Even if Donald Trump mocks and denigrates orthodox Christianity and trifles with the church sacraments, they are still willing to stick burning pokers in their eyes and put wax in their ears because Donald Trump, deep down, speaks to their churning fears and for that...he gets a pass.

When Donald Trump says, "I will make America great again!" or "Vote for me and I will make the world happy again..." that is their dog whistle for a return to the genteel past of musical bandstands in the city square, fussy lemonade socials at their churches and the end of BET, MTV and Instagram among other irritants.

For many white evangelicals, forget Jesus...Donald is da' Man! For them, he has taken the place of Jesus as their hope and strength and who will make things right...again!

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The Soulcial Scene

## Ziynne (Kid of Pop)

### "Making His Mark in Entertainment"

By Stephen Ward

### Special to The Truth

Ziynne is an accomplished entertainer who started dancing at son. His ability to the tender age of two. The turning point for Ziynne was when he captivate audiencwatched the Michael Jackson documentary, "This Is It."

On that day Ziynne started to dance, dance, dance... and the 'Kid of Pop' was born!

Born in Toledo, the Kid of Pop will put on a show anywhere at anytime! He can be found dancing wherever there is music. When gracing the stage, Ziynne brings energy and enthusiasm!

Since his early days of performing in school talent shows, Ziynne has performed at a plethora of events, concerts, and festivals across the United States.

He has been in several media publications. ENSTARS Global News Entertainment states, "He knows how to move himself around in a way that says a lot for a kid."

Ziynne is sought after in the United States and abroad, having performance requests from as far as Eindhoven, Netherlands.

From rock and roll, to blues, R&B, and pop...Ziynne has performed in the same concert lineup as some industry greats including: The #1 Eagles Tribute Band - Hotel California, Marzette Griffith, Jazz from Dru Hill, Blues legend Sam Cockrell, Ludacris, Boyz II Men and many more!

Ziynne has even performed with one of the most famous families in entertainment, the Jackson's! He performed with Jackie, Tito and Marlon Jackson, members of the legendary group the Jackson 5 and brothers of the iconic Michael Jackson!

When speaking about Ziynne the legendary brothers were impressed stating, "Ziynne is like watching our little brother Michael all over again. Ziynne is our little brother."

He is truly the Kid of Pop!

Ziynne's artistic influences are James Brown and Michael Jack-



son. His ability to captivate audiences with his electrifying dance moves has garnered him national recognition and success. Ziynne has received numerous awards, too many to list them all.

However a few of his most notable achievements are: performing with the legendary Jackson's, receiving the Jabir Herbert Muhammad Lifetime Achievement Award presented to him by the Dinahlynn Biggs Show and promoter, producer, and music mogul Joe Ali of the Grammy Award



Ziynne - Kid of Pop

winning group Kool and the Gang, and winning 1st place at the legendary Apollo Theater in New York City for their Amateur Night!

Ziynne was also selected to take part in a motion picture documentary produced by White Horse Pictures and directed by Oscar Award Nominee Lee Daniels. Ziynne also made cameo appearances in Episodes 1 and 4 of America's Got Talent - Season 11 on NBC.

Ziynne was invited to join the New York Knicks Youth Dance Team for the 2016-2017 NBA season, to perform at their home games at Madison Square Garden in New York City.

The Kid of Pop has been on the TV Show, 'Remember This?' which airs on FIOS and Time Warner Cable in the New York City Market, along with numerous interviews on both TV and radio.

Ziynne truly has a gift to dance and perform. While he has never taken any formal dance classes, he has remarkable stage presence and charisma.

It is with this gift that doors have opened for Ziynne to not only perform, but to take his place in the entertainment industry as both entertainer and choreographer.

Ziynne is multitalented and believes in pursuing his dreams.

For more information visit his website at: www. Ziynne.com



## Fros, Fashions and Finds: 10 Ways to Maintain Natural Hair in the Summer

By Megan Davis

Soulcial Scene Contributor

Summer is the time of year for vacations, weddings, festivals, family reunions and swimming. We want our hair to look nice and our styles to be "on fleek," while keeping hair healthy at the same time. There was a time when we would avoid the sun and the water to prevent our hair from becoming too dry or damaged. Today, black hair care has evolved and now many can enjoy the elements without worrying about damaging their hair.



Megan Davis

Here are 10 tips to maintain healthy tresses this summer:

1. **Beat The Heat.** Summertime is warmer and the sun is shining brighter and longer. While some sunlight is necessary, due to its wealth of Vitamin D, too much sun can lead to fading color, dryness, brittle ends and over processing any chemical applications such as color or texturizers. You may apply grapeseed oil, which protects against natural heat. Minimize the use of heat tools by opting to air dry, stretch the hair or simply rock your natural texture.

2. Summer Surfer. While water is essential for healthy hair, skin and nails, certain types of water can be damaging to them. Salt water may cause hair to be coarse while chlorinated water may cause breakage. Protect the hair before jumping in by dampening the hair with water then coating it with coconut oil or some conditioner. This will help repel water and minimize swelling and frizz. After water-play, use a swimmer's shampoo to remove chlorine, then follow-up with your normal shampoo to restore the pH balance.

3. Cover Up. These aren't just for swimsuits anymore. If you'll be out in the sun for prolonged hours, try covering the hair with a breathable scarf or headband to minimize sweating and the frizzing of the hair which may lead to shrinkage. A wide-brimmed sun hat will also protect your face and shoulders from direct sunlight. Covering up also protects the hair from harmful UV rays and helps retain moisture.

4. **Style For A While.** Avoid over manipulating your hair by wearing protective styles or a chic, short haircut. Individual two-strand twists or braids, without extensions, can be fashioned into many different styles such as buns, French twists and curls. These styles can be worn for several days to two weeks at a time without damaging the hair. Protective styles can be classy by day, sassy by night and elegant for a weekend soiree.

5. **Oil Strike**. Oil is like liquid gold. Get rich, shiny hair by applying a light oil. Don't forget the scalp because it is even more important than the ends. Oils can help tame frizz, add sheen, create softness, repel water and assist with detangling when applied before shampooing the hair.

6. **Clip The Tips.** If you notice that your ends are split, frayed uneven, or brittle, it may be time for a trim. Be careful to only trim what is necessary and avoid giving yourself a complete haircut. A trim can restore the shape of your style, rejuvenate curls and give the hair life.

7. **Don't Drown Your Crown.** Healthy hair isn't weighed down with products like curling custards, creams, lotions and potions. A little goes a long way and heavy products aren't always needed in the summer. Keep your hair and scalp free from product buildup and your styles will last longer and retain their texture better.

8. **The Aloe Hero.** Aloe Vera is excellent for moisture. You can add it to a spray bottle with a little water and use it as a detangler, curl refresher or to soothe sore and itchy scalp. Aloe can alleviate the discomfort of sun-

burn and take the sting out of scalp abrasions. Keep some on hand for regular use.

9. An Apple A Day. The use of apple cider vinegar (ACV) can help strip hair of dirt, lint and debris that coats the hair strands. Combine it with a little baking soda and lemon juice and you have a wonderful detox that also



works great on locs. Apple cider vinegar not only removes buildup, but it leaves the hair soft and shiny. ACV can fight off infections, remove dandruff, and it can even be used to cure indigestion or to lose weight!

10. **Be Curly And Free.** Curls have a mind and life all their own. They will behave differently based on a variety of factors such as the temperature, humidity levels and whether or not you are feeling well. Embrace your curls the way they are and you will experience a new freedom! Be prepared with a small bag in your glove compartment that has a few essentials like a spray bottle with water and aloe, a thin black headband for puffs, an accessory such as a flower clip or head wrap, some cute earrings and a lip gloss or go-to color. If you can embrace the journey, you will be a happy traveler.

Summertime is made for fun; Enjoy long days out in the sun! Rock those twists, coils, braids and buns; embrace your natural beauty and experience self-love.

(Poem by Megan Davis)



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### The Soulcial Scene

## Mzz Mary Staff Surprise Co-Worker with Birthday Party

### By Tricia Hall

#### Sojourner's Truth reporter

Loud laughter, live music, family activities, and refreshments describe the surprise birthday party and anniversary celebration for Julia Miller on Friday, July 15, 2016. Miller first joined Mzz Mary's House, Mary Williams founder, over a decade ago. The center's staff organized a family fun fest that was actually the surprise party.

The 800 block of Belmont Ave was transformed into a block party. Festivities included gift presentations to Miller, bounce houses and face painting for the children, BBQ and buffet for the family members.

Miller was surprised from the beginning and grateful for the appreciation. "I thought today was about family fun. I appreciate the surprise party and have enjoyed these 10 years.

Mzz Mary's House is located at 811 Belmont Ave.







80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration Dr. Maggie L. Culp Sunday, July 31, 2016

> First Church Of God 3016 Collingwood Blvd. Toledo, OH 43610

Reception Immediately Following 10:00 am Worship Service

Dr. Robert A. Culp, Bishop







## LPGA's Marathon Classic Brings Young African-American Golfers to Toledo

William and Laneta Goings hosted Ginger Howard/pro golfer and Robbi Howard (sister) caddy in their south Toledo home during the LPGA's 31st Marathon Classic The Marathon Classic was presented by Owens-Corning and O-I at the prestigious Highland Meadows Golf Club.

During the week-long visit, the Goings interacted with the young, gifted professional women. On and off the golf course they are focused, humble, dedicated and resilient. Ginger Howard was one of three African-American golfers who competed



African-American golfers who competed this year at the Marathon Classic

During a meet and greet they were bombarded with a number of ques-

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## **Ashford's Annual Backyard Picnic Brings** out Friends and **Supporters**

State Rep. Michael Ashford hosts an annual cookout at his home on Collingwood Avenue for friends and supporters during the summer. On Saturday, July 16 more than 70 guests joined the Ashford and his wife Ruth for a feast of grilled burgers, hot dogs and baked beans flavored with just a few minutes of political chatter by Ashford and Lucas County Commissioner Pete Gerken.



Ashford. LC Commissioners Tina Skeldon Wozniak and Pete Gerken, Toledo Borad of Education Member Polly Gerken



Cheryl and John Folsom

## John Moore's 80th **Birthday Celebration**

More than 40 family members and close friend gathered in Toledo on the weekend of July 8-10 to help John Moore celebrate his 80th birthday. The final event of the weekend celebration was a breakfast at Moore's home - not just any breakfast, but a traditional Arkansas breakfast of scrambled eggs, sausage, rice and fried apple pie among other delicacies.

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Gerken and Ashford addressing the party guests



Mark Robinson and Harold Mosely



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For the weekend celebration, Moore's family - children grandchildren and great grandchildren - came from such far-flung destinations as Florida, Georgia, California, Maryland, Minnesota and Washington State.



### 7th Annual "Dads and Kids Kamp Out"



Hey dads grab a tent & the kids and lets go camping!

Friday night September 9, 2016 5:00 <u>PM until Sunday September 11, 2016</u> <u>11:00 AM</u>. Check-in & registration be-gins at 5:00 PM

Registration fee is \$50.00 per family (dad & 1 kid or dad & 6 kids). Includes all meals, snacks, and tons of fun.

Limited amount of scholarships available!



Location: Camp Miakonda, 5600 W. Sylvania Avenue, Sylvania, Ohio 43623

Contact person: Mark Robinson 419-377-1488

For Registration & Information log on to: <u>www.restorefathers.org</u> or e-mail: restorefathers@aol.com





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tions. When asked how the community could rally and support them the response is: Golf is an outstanding, challenging, yet expensive game. Therefore, a 'go-fund me' account has been created to help raise money for the many travel expenses.

A small group of well-wishers welcomed the young women during the meet and greet including Chris and Melbia Jackson; Jennifer Bembry; Judge and Mrs. C. Allen McConnell; Pat Hogue, PhD; Adrienne Green; Deborah Barnett; Rev. Ruby Radford; Beverly Baker; Gina and Ron Thompson; Phyllis Crockrell; U.S. Magistrate Verne Armstrong and Ardenia Jones-Terry



Ginger and Robbi



Ginger Howard, Robbi Howard, Brandon Jackson, Jasmine Carswell



Robbi and Ginger caddy and pro



ing Fathers Back to the Head of the Family



### Highlights

- All meals included
- Family movie night
- Prizes
- Marshmallow roast
- · Worship
- Recreation, games & fun
- Lifetime memories



### Through the Gospel of Jesus Christ"



### The Sojourner's Truth

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Carter thanked the following sponsors: The Sojourner's Truth; Toledo Fat Fish Blue Comedy Club; Everlasting DeZigns - printing company; Tracy Roberts OMG Production; Travis Grant, graphic designer; photographer Marius Bingue and vendors Sparkling Eyewear and Purs-O- Nality and Accessories – both of Detroit, MI.



Danielle Schoenegge, Donnetta Carter, Monica Maratines



James Caldwell and Donnetta Carter







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Test) during the summer session in order to complete a key requirement for graduation.

She will continue with S.T.R.I.V.E. after retirement.

After 22 years on the Toledo Police Department, **Madison** retired on the same day as her good friend. And, as is the case with Wormely, Madison, whose main focus over her years with TPD has been community involvement, will be continuing that interaction.

Madison, who has been a school resource officer, then a community services officer (CSO), eventually joined the Internal Affairs Division. In 2012, **Madison** received the assignment that has brought her the greatest degree of professional satisfaction when she was assigned to the Toledo Community Initiative to Reduce Violence (T-CIRV) unit. "The effort to reduce violence among gang members is the most important part of it," says Madison. "And the community aspect is not a different piece – we are getting the community to help reduce violence in their own neighborhood."

Madison will continue to be involved in the community aspects of T-CIRV after retirement.





Pam and Phillip Cockrell





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## <sup>The</sup>Soulcial Scene

## **The 12th Annual African American Parade**

On Saturday, July 12, the Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union once again hosted the annual African American Parade which started as usual at Dorr and Detroit Streets. Those marching in the parade - businesses, schools, politicians, large horses, small cars proceeded east on Dorr Street entertaining the crowds with dance, song and, as always, the tossed candy for the kids.









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## Under the Stars by Dan White

c. 2015

Henry Holt \$28.00 / \$39.00 Canada

402 pages

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

The Truth Contributor

Away from any lights, the stars seem to triple in number.

They are closer to the earth, too, and shinier. When you're outdoors, you also hear things you don't hear at home, and once you've read *Under the Stars* by Dan

White, you'll wonder why you don't go camping more often.

Although, certainly, people took to the wilderness even before Henry David Thoreau wrote *Walden*, that iconic book is where Dan White starts his story.

In college, White found a copy of *Walden* in an abandoned house, read it, and was inspired. Thoreau had famously eschewed civilization in favor of living a "simple life" in the woods; after reading the book, White went camping himself and got lost.

After Thoreau's time, Victorians took up camping as a "fad." The wealthiest of them paid camping "guides" (basically, a woodland waiter) to show them the wilderness and get them around without fuss; White learned that you can still hire those kinds of guides, if roughing it without a cup of tea isn't your cup of tea.

Native Americans, he says, were "the United States' original campers," but over decades, other groups have been notable outdoors-lovers (or not). In the late 1800s, women were discouraged from partaking in and enjoying the wilderness, but they did it anyhow – often clad in long dresses, button-shoes and whalebone corsets. While historians point out the "essential" need for it in the past, African Americans supposedly "don't camp," although White found an organization that takes inner-city youth on camping trips to introduce them to camping activities and nature.

A loincloth-wearing hoaxer inspired White to try "naked survival" camping (which went "very well until I sat on a yellow jacket nest."). He went "car camping" like the Jazz-Age Babies, and was accosted by marmots. He tried "Leave No Trace" camping, in which he had to carry out everything he carried in (yes, even *that*). He went glamping and RVing, and in the end, memories of his father explained for him his obsession.

Nope, nope, nope.

That was my first impression of *Under the Stars*. I was expecting a history of camping but that was lacking in the first couple dozen pages of this book. It was more a biography of outdoorsmen, and humorous bits about wilderness shenanigans.

But I persevered because, well, that's my job. And I was glad I did, once I realized that author Dan White was actually teaching me things while he was making me snort. His bumbling, therapist-discouraging, selfconscious forays into the outdoor life were pretty funny and hey, *there* was the history of camping I wanted, all tucked into crevasses, under logs, and beneath the rocks of White's narrative. This book turned out to be fun, and more addicting than a pile of s'mores.

And so, if you're looking for a cultural history of camping, it's in *Under the Stars* but not as overtly as you may want. If you're looking for a good few stories on why we pay mortgage and go sleep outside anyhow, though, this book gets four stars.





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# CLASSIFIEDS

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EFNEP (Nutrition Education) is looking for individuals to fill two Program Assistant positions at OSU Extension, Lucas County. For complete position descriptions, qualifications and online application instructions please go to www.jobsatosu.com. Click Search Postings, and enter Job Opening (40 hours) 418946 and/or for (30 hours) 418945. To assure consideration, applications must be received online by July 31, 2016. The Ohio State University is an equal opportunity employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation or identity, national origin, disability status, or protected veteran status.

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### MENTAL HEALTH & RECOVERY SERVICES BOARD OF LUCAS COUNTY MANAGER OF SUPPORT SERVICES

Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Lucas County is accepting applications until the position is filled for the position of Manager of Support Services. Additional information regarding the duties is available on the Lucas County web site (www.co.lucas.oh.us). Click on "Apply for a Job" and then select Manager of Support Services from the list to read more or apply.

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### PUBLIC MEETING – ENDING HOMELESSNESS

Toledo Lucas County Homelessness Board will hold an open Continuum of Care forum for agencies and individuals interested in preventing and reducing the incidents and duration of homelessness in Lucas County. Following presentations on recent data and trends regarding the state of homelessness in Lucas County, participants will be invited to provide input into the next steps in achieving the goal of effectively ending homelessness in Lucas County. The open meeting will be held on Friday, July 29th from 8:30 am to noon at the United Way, 424 Jackson Ave, Toledo OH. More details at www.tichb.org. Contact Elizabeth Links, Grants Administrator, at elinks@tlchb.org, to register.

### NHA Seeks a Few Good People

The Neighborhood Health Association is hoping to acknowledge the contributions of past board members and volunteers. If you were a board member or volunteer in the past with NHA, the Cordelia Martin Clinic or the Mexican-Americans United for Health, give us a call. 419-720-7883, ext 216.

### **CREDIT UNION POSITIONS**

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### SPECIAL NOTICE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

In continuing efforts to foster activities that promote positive mental health and prevent substance abuse, The Mental Health and Recovery Services Board (MHRSB) of Lucas County is pleased to announce an opportunity for funding. The Board is seeking to provide up to \$5,000 in funding to grass roots organizations that are providing programming that offer skills, strengths, resources, supports, or coping strategies for the population that the MHRSB serves. A complete description of the Request for Proposal can be found at www.lcmhrsb.oh.gov. Interested parties should submit electronic proposals to: netmail@ lcmhrsb.oh.gov

Proposals must be received no later than 4:30 PM on Monday, August 15, 2016



## Adventurous Travels Hosts Sixth Annual River Cruise

On Saturday July 16 on a nice, cool, breezy evening while sailing on the Detroit River, Adventurous Travels' owner, Donnetta Carter, presented a check from this year's annual cruise fundraiser for \$1000.00 to James Caldwell, executive director of the "Toledo Northwestern Ohio Food Bank, Inc.

This event with over 225 in attendance, featured a sumptuous buffet and live entertainment by Detroit's own Motown group, The Prolifics. The guests danced to the Motown sounds of the 60" s and 70's.

Some history of this year's awardee: one-in-six adults and one-infour children face hunger in our community. Every \$1 donation provides four meals through their network of more than 280 food pantries across eight counties.

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Chantel Boyd and Deana Glover

Cheryl Catlin and Annette Wright

## Wormely and Madison Turn in Their Badges After Stellar Careers with TPD

This summer, on July 1, two long-time members of the Toledo Police Department, **Officer Floella Wormely** and **Sergeant Anita Madison**, brought together their families, friends and co-workers and had a joint celebration of their retirement from TPD.

**Wormely** is retiring after 32 years on the job. A member of the Police Prevention Team since the early 1990's, Wormely has a long history of community service on the job and although she will no longer be an officer after July 1, her service to the community will continue uninterrupted.

Among Wormely's many accomplishments is the founding of S.T.R.I.V.E . in 1997. S.T.R.I.V.E., a summer educational program, offers students not only the opportunity to study for state-mandated tests but also the chance to actually take the OGT (Ohio Graduation

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