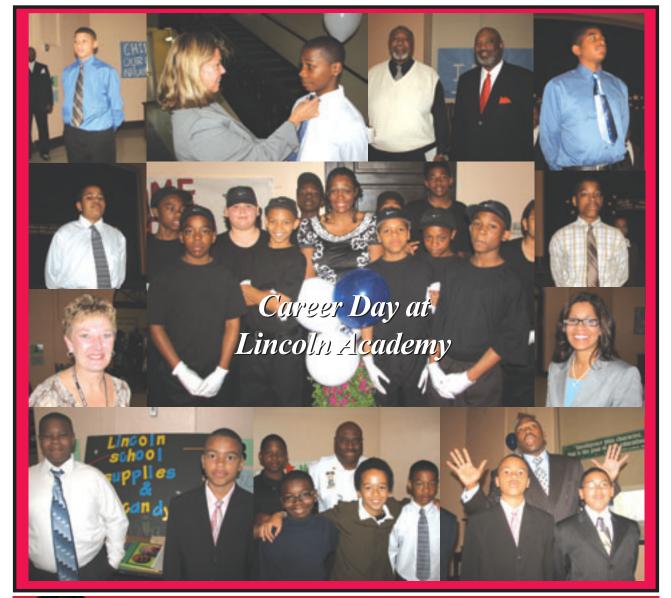


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This Strikes Us ...

A Sojourner's Truth Editorial

If there is one thing we have learned from this year's presidential campaign, it is that we have learned very little about what is going to happen as we move forward in this process. Last week, Senator Hillary Clinton did the previously unthinkable. She extolled her strength amongst "white Americans." Not just any white Americans, mind you, but "hard working white Americans."

Somewhere in this statement was an inference, as so many have pointed out subsequently, that only white Americans are hard working. But let's slow down, folks. We have known Hillary Clinton for long enough to know that she meant no such thing. It was, as Rep. Charles Rangel of New York–one of Hillary's biggest supporters in the African-American community – simply a really stupid thing to say.

Several months ago, a lifetime ago it seems, former President Bill Clinton also made a stupid reference to race – again giving him the benefit of the doubt – when he congratulated Senator Barack Obama on his victory in South Carolina. Obama had won South Carolina, said Bill Clinton, just as Jesse Jackson had in 1984 and 1988. Oddly enough, Clinton apparently forgot that he himself had won the South Carolina primary as recently as 1992. Why the comparison with Jackson rather than himself?

But the stupid statements do invite the question of who is going to vote for Obama and whether his race is going to prevent him from gathering votes from traditional Democratic bloc voters – such as the "hard-working white Americans."

Have the Clinton attacks caused irreparable damage among such groups? Clearly other such potentially disaffected groups, such as older white women, another core Clinton constituency, can be brought into the Obama camp if he can convince them that his lack of experience will not deterhim from being a good president. The support for Clinton among older white women is undoubtedly more a matter of pride than prejudice.

But here's the stark truth. Obama's critics and opponents have credited him with having an advantage in this race because he is black and has earned the support of about 90 percent of black voters thus far in the primaries and caucuses. His critics and opponents have refused to acknowledge that the fact that he is black will mean that numbers of white voters, large numbers, will never vote for him because he is indeed black.

"White people look out for white people, black people look out for black people," one Pittsburgh union organizer told an Obama worker during the run up to the primary in Pennsylvania.

There was lots of racial hostility displayed in Indiana, by "hard-working white Americans," during the campaign in that state, a state that Obama only lost by two percentage points.

Let's not kid ourselves. The Obama candidacy will be uniquely under scrutiny from all sides because of the race component, a component that we are going to discover has never really mattered to any great extent before in presidential politics.

There are voters, white voters, in key swing states such as Ohio, Pennsylvania and Michigan who won't vote for Obama under any circumstances. Can he make up the difference in such places with the overwhelming black vote, the youth vote, the new voters vote and the votes of affluent whites?

Obama's missteps certainly haven't helped his cause. The Rev. Jeremiah Wright connection and the "bitter" comment about small town residents who cling to guns and religion will not win him a single vote anywhere ... they are sure to cost.

But such incidents only highlight just how far an African-American has to travel in order to claim victory in 2008. Stupid comments by Wright and Obama – who among us does not make stupid comments from time – tend to become important enough that they can dominate a debate.

Similarly stupid comments by McCain's supporters (the renowned John Hagee has called the Roman Catholic Church the "great whore," Rod Parsley has called Islam a "false religion" that America has been called for to destroy) have been brushed off as insignificant. Comments by Wright have never been applied in any sort of context and it appears his successor at Trinity United Church of Christ will be similarly pilloried by Obama critics for the most ridiculous of reasons.

So now the question for Obama is – can he overcome the defection of large number of disaffected voters who "cling" to the comfort that one of their own race provides or will he be unable to put together, in sufficient blocs, a coalition that will carry him to victory.

We anticipate that Obama's critics will resort to the race card at every opportunity they get. But we also don't believe that such overt displays of racism cannot be overcome.

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Scott HS Alumni Association: Community engagement session re: Scott's future; Jones Middle School; 6 pm: 419-902-6526

May 16

Crusaders Youth Auxiliary/Gospel Skate: Detroit Roller Wheels; 10:30 am to 1:30 pm: 419-376-2331

May 16-18

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Women's Day: Third Baptist Church; 11 am; Elder Brenda McWhorter, assoc. pastor of First Church of God

Women's Day: First Missionary Baptist Church; 11 am; Speaker is Sister Mary Louise Oakes; Theme "A Virtuous Woman"

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Women's Day: All Saints' Episcopal Church; 10 am service; Features "Women of the Bible: "419-866-1528

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My View

By Jack Ford The Truth's Political Columnist



The Marc Dann controversy continues as statewide Democrats try to make him go away quietly. But Attorney General Dann is not going softly into that good night even with the steady drumbeat against him from every corner of Ohio.

The business of the state continues amidst the Dann scandal. Something far worse in my mind is the dismantling of the tobacco control board budget. The legislature has stripped this agency of its capital so it can be spent in a "jobs" program of new streets, new buildings and research grants to Ohio colleges and universities.

The tobacco control board was set up under Governor Bob Taft when Ohio received \$9 billion plus from the tobacco settlement. The tobacco control board was designed to help curb the appetite for tobacco, particularly among our young people in Ohio. These smoking cessation programs appear to be working in that Ohio has seen a noticeable drop in smoking, especially among the young.

Now, all of this progress will be thrown out the window for a one-time boost to the construction industry and to university budgets. I think it is a shame that universities and college have to be pitted against health programs which focus on slowing down the number of youthful smokers.

By the way, who wins in this new development? The tobacco industry, once again. There now will be no countervailing voice to the siren call of big tobacco luring youthful smokers into their den. I have many a mixed feeling over the loss of Sidney Ribeau, Ph.D., who is resigning the presidency of Bowling Green State University to take on the leadership of Howard University in our nation's capital. Howard's gain will be our loss.

Ribeau has been magnificent in his presidential duties. I can think of five major advances at BGSU since he took the helm there 13 years ago. Ribeau has increased the number of minority students attending BGSU in a dramatic fashion. In fact, the net student increase at BGSU has been in the growth of minority enrollment.

He has changed the student culture with his innovative BG Experience program. Student peer leaders have been fostored campuswide to help new students on value clarification in classes across the curriculum.

Ribeau returned BGSU to a model in the age of enlightenment where teachers and students live together in dorms and exchange ideas



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The President's Leadership Academy is a real success and has resulted in scores of young leaders for the future. And Ribeau has helped raise \$120 million to put BGSU on a sound fiscal footing for the near future. Everyone loves him at BGSU and he will be deeply missed for years to come. But our loss, as I said, is

the nation's gain. Howard University is not just another college. Howard is

special for many reasons in the history of the United States. As an historically black university, Howard has been the "Harvard" of black colleges. It was at Howard that Law Dean Charles Hamilton Houston fashioned the strategy used by Thurgood Marshall and Spotswood Robinson to dismantle public school segregation.

Howard's communications school is nationally known and Howard's location in the nation's capital places it in the forefront of congressional focus. Ribeau now steps into the national spotlight where his fundraising abilities, his academic foresight and his commitment to minority excellence will be put to good use for the nation as a whole.

We wish Sidney Ribeau and his wife Paula, who has a doctorate degree herself, great success in their new home at Howard.

Rev. Wright Is The Wrong Reverend

To all those 'ecstatic people' you wrote about in The Truth, I have some good news and some bad news. The Good News concerns the true Lion of Judah, which is The Christ who has not yet returned, (thank God 'cause I see we're still not ready) but He IS coming soon! The bad news is that we as a people are so ready, willing, and anxious to accept half truths that sound good.

In my opinion the good Rev. Wright has moved from the hall of fame to the hall of infamy. Ego has gotten in the way and his views have become distorted. He has become no better than the infamous assassins who have robbed us of some of the greatest men who ever lived; you know the ones – Martin Luther King, John F. Kennedy, Malcolm X, Abraham Lincoln, etc., you get the idea. He has literally assassinated the character of Barack Obama for no other reason than pride and ego.

I really don't understand when intelligent people want to pass the 'wrong' Rev. Wrightas 'telling it like it is when all he is really doing is ego-tripping. The Lion of Judah? I don't think so! The True Lion of Judah would have a compassionate understanding of how things really are. Not character assassination but uplifting and being supportive of the young brother whose has made just as many sacrifices as any great person in our history has ever done.

Don't know about the rest you and the rest of your "peeps' but I as a person of color find this type of article shortsighted and offensive. We should be better than this. The little snippets and platitudes are dated and fall short of what the real problem is – pride, ego, and good ole fashion player hatin'.

We as a people need to recognize and move on. It's not about you, Rev. Wright!!

Sapphire Shane



National Politics: What Exactly Does Hillary Clinton Want?

By Fletcher Word Sojourner's Truth Editor

Her win in West Virginia, or even in Kentucky next week, won't help Senator Hillary Clinton in her quest for the Democratic Party nomination it appears. The numbers, as every pundit now recognizes are just too daunting.

Clinton trails Senator Barack Obama by a margin in elected delegates that she cannot hope to overcome and her appeals to super delegates are falling on deaf ears. Each day, Obama gains strength among super delegates. He overtook her lead at the beginning of this week and, quite probably, a slow but steady stream of super delegate converts will make their way over to the Obama camp day after day.

So, given the odds, what exactly does Clinton want?

Many are speculating that she is determined to do her best to make sure that Obama is so weakened by the lengthy process that he does not stand a chance against Senator John McCain in November. But so far, there have been no



indications that she intends to go after Obama with guns blazing. In West Virginia over the past week, Clinton has not gone on the offensive

Perhaps Clinton is angling for the vice presidency. Many observers feel that too much damage has been done by Clinton in her statements on the campaign trail to ever allow Obama to feel comfortable with her, and former President Bill

Clinton, looking over his shoulder.

However, past nominees have managed to put such hardball campaigning behind them and recognize the value that a popular runner up brings to the ticket. In 1980, there was no love lost between Ronald Reagan and George Bush, who had attacked Reagan's supplyside economic theories as "voodoo economics." Bush had value. Bush was added to the ticket

Surely Clinton brings great value to the "dream ticket." And undoubtedly, Obama has to give such a selection serious consideration. Moreover, party elders might take it upon themselves to force the issue.

of voters. Such signs of unlikely that they are overly strength would make it im-

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One can envision a group of leaders, many of whom would be super delegates themselves, convening a meeting with Obama and his strategists and laying down the law about the good of the Party.

Or, maybe, Clinton simply wishes to exit with dignity. Perhaps she wants to be able to neither burn her bridges behind her by employing scorched earth tactics nor fade away without showing substantial strength among a multitude

possible for a party nominee or a Democratic president to ignore the senator from New York

She would establish herself as a possible cabinet appointee or the next Sen-

ate majority leader. And given that she would be only 68 in 2016, another run for the highest office in the land is not out of question. McCain, after all, will be 72 when the next president is sworn in next January.

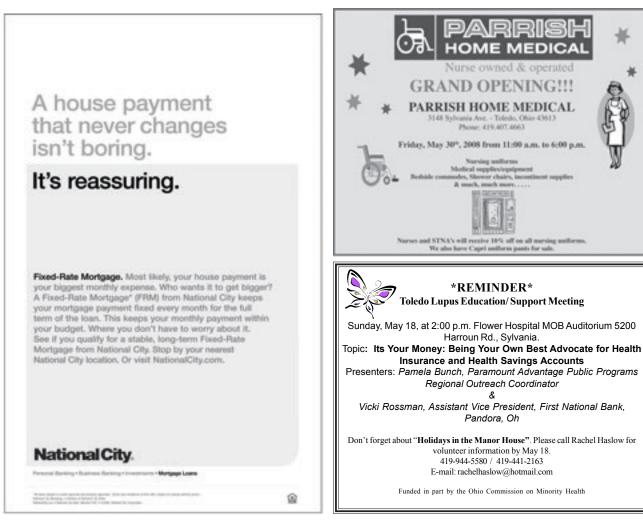
Some are speculating that the Clintons would like for Obama to help retire their rather sizeable campaign debt, which, as of now, is in excess of \$20 million. However, they just dispatched Chelsea to Puerto Rico to work that territory so it is concerned about money matters at the moment.

So what does Hillary Clinton really want?

Let's not presume that she knows at this time. There are lots of voices in the inner circle of a major presidential campaign and, the chances are, not one of those influential voices is telling Hillary Clinton that she needs to abandon her life's dream. Many are probably, earnestly, in denial and are encouraging her to stay the course. Those who are more realistic are either fearful of hurting her feelings or fearful or her, and Bill's, wrath.

The primaries wrap up in early June with Puerto Rico, the largest of the remaining prizes. Clinton will have the advantage there, as she will in Kentucky. Obama is favored in Oregon, Montana and South Dakota.

Somewhere shortly after that Puerto Rico primary. Clinton will have to let her intentions be known, if not publicly, then certainly to Obama.



14th Annual Impact Newsmaker Awards

By Fletcher Word Sojourner's Truth Editor

Had Sojourner's Truth Reporter Geneva Chapman received the assignment to cover the Northwest Ohio Black Media Association's (NOBMA) 14th Annual Impact Newsmaker Awards on Thursday, May 8 at the Toledo Club, she might have written as a opening: "Grecian elegance draped the windows, rich brown wood framed the walls and the ceiling whale ambient lighting enveloped Toledo's sophisticates in a warm glow as they sat chatting over dinner.

Regrettably for her many devoted readers, Chapman did not undertake the assignment because she was one of this year's recipients of the NOBMA's Media Achievement Award.

She did, however, say enough during her acceptance speech to let those in the packed room know how she *might* have opened such an article had she the opportunity to do so.

Chapman, who has been reporting for The Truth since the paper's inception more than six years ago, has been plying her journalistic skills in Toledo for over 20 years. She recently launched an online column – "Chit-Chat" which has brought a whole new following to the veteran journal-

In addition, Chapman, whose first love is the theatre, has written and performed in a multitude of productions, especially musical theatre productions, in the Toledo area over the years. She once sang with a women's music group— SPRECTRUM-andis amember of Da Coloured Gurlz Collective, a drama group founded by Pajil Wiggins-Hancock.

As in years past, NOBMA recognized four individuals and two groups as Impact Newsmakers, along with an individual for the Lifetime Achievement Award.

This year's Impact Newsmakers are Juanita Greene, Dr. Alvin Jackson, Lisa McDuffie, David Young, AS-SETS Toledo and Advocates





for Basic Legal Equality (ABLE).

Greene, who was known in the community as a bank executive for many years, joined the Toledo Board of Community Relations in 2001 as executive director. She was recognized for her legendary work ethic in trying to unite citizens of all cultures and to foster the healing process when relations have become strained.

"The goals and objectives of [NOBMA] are consistent with those of my organization," said Greene in her acceptance speech. Dr. Jackson, the first Afri-

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can-American to serve as director of the Ohio Department of Health, has spent most of his life blazing new trails for African-Americans and other minorities.

"Iknow that when recognition comes to an individual, it is not for that individual *in toto*," said Dr. Jackson. "It is for all those who have touched that individual."

McDuffie has been the executive director of the YWCA of Greater Toledo since 2001 and is responsible for the agency's \$6 million annual budget and has been a role model for a number of other

agencies.

"A long time ago I knew I was destined to be in a certain place," said McDuffie. "I answered the call, but I did not get there alone."

Young has been the interim director of The University of Toledo's Office of Excellence and Toledo EXCEL for the past two and a half years. He has spent most of his adulthood at UT, first as a student and, since then, on staff. He oversees the operations of the four programs of the office: Toledo EXCEL. GEAR-UP-Prep/Tech, Student Support Services and Upward Bound. He is also an ordained elder and serves on the ministerial staff of New Life Church of God in Christ.

"Everything I receive is due to the blessings He gave me," said Young. "Toledo EXCEL is the real winner of this award."

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A Very Special Day for the Community

By Leola Green-Haynes Special to The Truth



A few months ago, I ran into Albertus Brown and ... one of my favorite heroines, Irene Hill, who, to my knowledge, is one of the first African-American educators in the Toledo community.

I looked to my left and there was Wayman Palmer looking back at me with that stealth glint and wry smile signaling everything was fine. I looked to my right and there was Francis "Lady B" and Richard Belcher smiling at me from across the room.

I am so excited about finding this link to my past and – in realty – a link to every African-American citizen's past in this community. I found the African American Legacy Project!

For more than five years the African American Legacy Project has quietly built a superior and growing collection of photographs and memorabilia and an archive to hold the history of Toledo's African-American community.

Oh, the rush of memories of my childhood and early experiences as a young woman beginning a career in education. All those images provoke thoughts of past and links to our future.

Dr. Franklyn Duffy– a retired 90-year old dentist – recently visited the Legacy Project and was quite taken with what this group has accomplished. My sentiments echo those of Dr. Duffy; my thoughts mirror his when he said, "Inever thought I would live to see the day when our history would be presented all in one place!"

Yes, Dr. Duffy, I agree. I never thought I would live to see the day when our history would be taken seriously, or when there would a place where our story wouldbe told, revered and held as sacrosanct.

Like Dr. Duffy, I decided to share my story and ... share some of my time with The African American Legacy Project. It is, after all, a very special place. I decided that I would volunteer to coordinate the very first public reception for the community. We are inviting you [the community] to come by and see Ella P. Stuart standing, so regally, with Mary McCloud Bethune. I want you to see Captain Roy Shelton, one of the first African-Americans in administration with the Toledo Police Department. I would love for you to meet our forbearers, those who gave much to keep us whole.

Inside The African American Legacy Project, on every wall, in each file, on every audio and video tape there is a small piece of African-American history that represents each of us.

I applaud The African American Legacy Project for understanding the importance of painting a accurate picture of who we are as a people. In my estimation, what The Legacy Project is undertaking is a full reminder of the wisdoms of Carter G Woodson [founder of "Black History Month"] and his often quoted expression, "If a race has no history, if it has no worthwhile tradition, it becomes a negligible factor in the thought of the world, and it stands in danger of being exterminated."

As an educator and someone who continues to work with children-even after my retirement - I think deeply about how little our children, or any child from this community, know about the compelling history and contributions of African-Americans. The Legacy Project is the place to begin to challenge our children, to challenge ourselves, to begin to build a better community. The Legacy Project should be a vital part of the education of our children and the re-education of our community.

Of course, much of our history has been lost, but The African American Legacy Project - in just a few short vears-has given voice to the African-American experience. We know their efforts are working. If you look around the community you will see a higher level of community interest in our history. If we are wise and if we understand what is being built here, we, as a community, will reach into our hearts and find ways to support this effort. I must say, I was thrilled, no ... I was humbled by the fact that there is a place where the history of African-Americans is proudly exercised.

The Legacy Project is just beginning to develop the story of the African-American church. I personally shared the story of Central BaptistChurch and of course, my home church the Indiana Avenue Missionary Baptist Church. There is also a picture on the wall of the first Calvary Baptist Church. It is so amazing to see Reverend J. A. Dotson [Calvary's first pastor] and his congregation

posing for a picture in front of their first home, an antiquated converted wood, two story home. It is one picture that truly says ... this is our beginning! I am told that one of the first Kroger stores use to sit akimbo to the church

Other churches are beginning to share their histories. The Legacy Project even has a few pictures of the old St. Benedicts parish that closed in 1965. In one of those pictures there stands Emerson Ross and a few other community notables posing as adolescent athletes who played basketball for the now defunct parish. My, what a rich history we have!

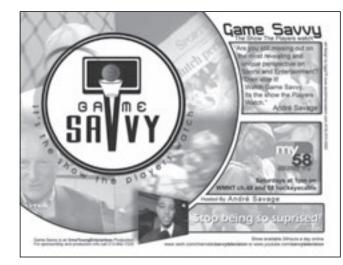
Often, I hear the comments of young people who assert they find no value in knowing about their past. That statement alone is sure evidence that we, as a community, have much work to do. The work has begun. Our his tory is being collected and assembled by The African American Legacy Project with the hope and clear expectation that one day these young people will begin to seek answers, and they will know that there is a place where they can go to celebrate themselves and their past, to discover who they are and to use our past experiences to reach new heights!

That place [The African American Legacy Project] will host a Spring Open House for community organizations and individuals. If you or your organization has not shared its history with The Legacy Project, Saturday, May 31,2008 would be a great day to do so. We know Saturday, May 31 between 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. is a great day for you and your organization to appreciate the gifts from our past.

If you would like to participate in the Spring Open House, please call me or The African American Legacy Project's office at 419-720-4369 and let them know you are interested in participating. The African American Legacy Project is located 2321 Upton Avenue, Toledo, and Ohio.

I look forward to welcoming you and sharing one extraordinary community treasure.







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Lincoln Academy Career Day Brings Community and Student Together

Sojourner's Truth Staff

Typically, Career Day at Lincoln Academy for Boys brings to the school a number of men in the community to speak with the students about what they do and what sort of preparation the boys have to undertake in order to have successful career.

This year's Career Day – the fourth annual such event – was just a bit different.

During the first half of the program, the fifth and sixth graders – who have been participating in the Young CEO Program directed by Jonathan Edison, a Detroit-based motivational speaker who created the program and instructs the Lincoln students – presented their products, spoke about their hopes and dreams and thrilled the audience with a sign language dance skit.

"I choose not to be a common man; it is my right to be uncommon if I wish," chanted the students.

"We cannot always mother them," said Edison of the approach he has taken to ensure that the boys take charge of their activities. "We have to let them think."

To that end, the boys who have been participating in the Young CEO Program have made the deci-



sions about how their companies will proceed in marketing their products.

Such programs have had an impressive impact on the students said Principal Theresa Quinn. And she asked her guests to provide even more.

"The future is now," said Quinn. "We need your assistance with tutoring and with mentoring. We need to know that you are coming once a month. There is a sense of urgency and I don't want to see another child lost to the streets."

One of those who already has devoted huge chunks of his time to the school is Derrick Gant, a financial advisor and the point man for the volunteer effort of the Alpha Phi Boule at Lincoln.

"Derrick Gant has been our rock here at Lincoln," said Quinn. "We could not do it without him. He meets with us monthly for help with recruitment and retention."

For his part, Gant noted the great improvement that had been made at the school over the last year. "If you were here last year ... this is a 1,000 times better," said Gant. "Our boys have come so far in that year."

Next year, said Gant, the school is striving to institute a shirt and tie dress policy.

Also present for the event was Board of Education member Lisa Sobecki. "These boys want to be our next leaders," said Sobecki. "They are our future and we need to invest in our investment."

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Robinson Middle School Student Receives Big Surprise

Sojourner's Truth Staff

"I thought I was in trouble," answered Daryl Long, eighth grader at Robinson Middle School to a question about what he felt when told he had been summoned to the school's office.

But Monday afternoon was definitely not a day of trouble for the student who was the recipient of King's Kids Acadmendous turnaround from the seventh to the eighth grades," said his counselor Patty Stephens. "He has changed toward the positive in his grades, in his behavior, in his attitude. His maturity has come out and he has received the support of his peers, his teachers and, of course, his mother." messing up with friends who got me in trouble."

A change of friends hashelped but Daryl also observed that he had started to focus positively on his studies. "This year I've been doing my homework," he added just before he got into the limousine that would take him on his \$500 shopping spree.

According to his



emy first Big Give-a \$500 shopping trip and limousine ride.

Daryl, a Robinson Student of the Month for March and a Math Student of the Month in January, was selected for the honor by the school's administration. "He has a made a tremother, Ann Kelley, a mother-son conversation at the end of Daryl's seventh grade school year was instrumental in helping him to decide that he needed to change directions. Daryl agreed.

"I've picked different friends than I had last year," said Daryl. "Last year I was

The award was presented by King's Kids Academy in partnership with the Greater Toledo Urban League Young Professionals in an effort to motivate students to excel in education and avoid negative influences.



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(Continued from Page 7) of the morning's activities, the invited guests went into the classrooms and addressed the students.

Ed Scrutchins, Toledo Public Schools athletic director and commissioner of the City League, for example, visited a sixth grade class room where he impressed the boys first with his knowledge of sports and sports heroes. But he also admonished the boys that they needed to prepare themselves for something other than sports no matter how athletically talented they might feel themselves to be.

"All the young men I have worked with ... Nate Washington, Jimmy Jackson needed to have an education to fall back on,' said Scrutchins.

He also spoke to the boys about creating strong first impression upon people as a matter of course. "When you leave Lin-

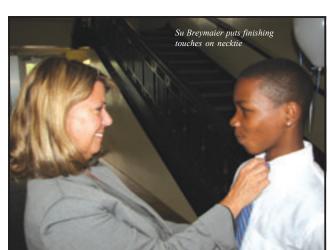
coln, you will not have the level of support you have at Lincoln Academy," he told the sixth graders. "The most important thing you must remember, that they

are trying to impress upon you here is you must be a leader - not necessarily verbally but you must demonstrate leadership by your behavior ... other will act as you do." Among the guests for



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the annual Career Day event were: Earl Barry, Brian Byrd, Sue Culver, Derrick Diggs, Supt. John Foley, Joseph High, Diane Irving, Truman Irving, Robert Kendrick, Sue Koester, Scott Michalak, Michelle Pratt, Zetha Rodgers, Larry Sykes, Arlene Tucker and Fletcher Word.



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Toledo's Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Chapter Awards \$7,500 in Scholarships

By Artisha S. Lawson Sojourner's Truth Reporter

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Alpha Xi Lambda Chapter and scholarship recipients.

The men of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., Alpha Xi Lambda Chapter of Toledo awarded\$7,500 in scholarship funds to three local high school seniors, on Saturday, May 10, 2008 at Maumee's Brandywine Country Club.

Each applicant completed an application and interview with committee members: Joe Conley, Richard Earley, Willie Green, Sam Hannibal, Martino Harmon, Mike Stubblefield, Jay Young and Craig Teamer. "I enjoyed the applicants, especially their interviews. A paper can only tell you so much, interviews show personality," said Teamer, chapter's scholarship chairman.

First to receive a scholarship was Bowsher High School senior Andrew Jon Dee Phommalee, in the amountof\$1,000.Heplansto attend Columbia College in Chicago, was active in his church and maintained a 4.0 GPA. "Thank you men of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity

for the scholarship. Thanks, mom, I am speechless," said Phommalee.

Rogers High School senior Christopher Greenwade, was the second recipient. He was awarded a \$1,500 scholarship towards his education at The University of Toledo this fall. While at Rogers, Greenwade maintained a 3.6 GPA, played tennis and wants to become an electrical engineer. "Thank you for the scholarship. I've never made a speech before, but thanks for the scholarship. Thank you mom for getting me to apply," said Greenwade.

The largest scholarship in the amount of \$5,000 was awarded to Scott High School senior Brandon Sanders, who will attend either the University of Maryland or The Ohio State University this fall. During his career at Scott he maintained a 4.2 GPA, is the 2008 valedictorian, played tennis and worked as a youth public speaker. "Like Mr. Teamer said, my name is Brandon Sanders, yes I do speeches but often times I'm still nervous. When I got the call saying 'yo Brandon you're awinner,'Ialmost did a back-flip. You're money won't go to waste. Thank you," said Sanders.

"We are glad to award over \$7,000 in scholarships. The purpose of this event allowed us to honor the scholarship portion of the fraternity's aim," said Teamer.

Alpha Xi Lambda worked with member William Green and Owen Corning Foundation to obtain the chapter's largest available scholarship amount and to ensure the chapter's pledge to community service.

"We provide service at Alpha Towers, which is a senior center in Toledo. Also locally through Project Alpha where we mentor young men, also participate in the March of Dimes and provide scholarships," said committee member Harmon. Alpha Phi Alpha was founded in 1906 at Cornell University in New York, by seven collegiate men and is recognized as the first intercollegiate African-American fraternity.

Locally, the men of Alpha Xi Lambda Chapter of Toledo were founded on November 3, 1928 and nearly 80 years later have over 100 members in the Toledo area.



etsana Phommalee; recipient Christopher Greenwade and other Crystal Taylor; and recipient Brandon Sanders and entor Willie Green.

Former Toledo Resident Names Seat for Mother

Sojourner's Truth Staff



Mothers' Day gifts come in all shapes and forms.

Toledo resident Brunetta O'Neal received an unusually touching commemoration from her daughter, Daphne O'Neal, an actor, model, writer who resides in San Francisco. Daphne O'Neal, a graduate of Ottawa Hills High School and Harvard College, named a seat in honor of her mother, and grandmother Mattie Davis Montgomery, at Zellerbach Hall on the campus of the University of California at Berkeley.

Zellerbach Hall is a major San Francisco Bay area performing arts venue, routinely hosting such world-class artists as Yo-Yo Ma, Joshua Bell, Sarah Chang and Wynton Marsalis. Such companies as the American Ballet Theatre, Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre, Kirov Ballet and Bolshoi Ballet, as

well as chamber music, world music and theatrical artists and ensembles from every continent.

The seat was named as part of the Centennial Campaign for Zellerbach Hall. Daphne made the gesture to express her gratitude, respect and love for her mother and

grandmother whose commitment to work, family, community and God have made an indelible impression, profoundly influencing her conduct, attitude and choices.

Daphne was recently chosen as an actor/model for a massive national ad campaign on behalf of foster children in Chicago and the rest of Illinois tilted Making Foster Care Better.







Owens Community College Board of Trustees Awards 2008 Academic Excellence Scholarships

Special to The Truth

Area high school seniors recently were honored by Owens Community College's Board of Trustees for their outstanding achievements, receiving thousands of dollars in new scholarships through the Trustees' Academic Excellence Scholarship Program.

"Owens Community College is pleased to reward these incoming students for their superior academic efforts and exemplary contributions within their high schools and communities," said John C. Moore, chairman of the Owens Board of Trustees. "Each recipient's outstanding leadership qualities and intellectual skills will be a strong asset to Owens, and we look forward to welcoming them during the new academic year.

The Academic Excellence Scholarship Program was created in 1998 by Owens' Board of Trustees to recognize the outstanding achievements of graduating high school seniors. Each recipient will receive a \$2,000 two-year scholarship.

The scholarship is available for four consecutive semesters

with applicants being enrolled full-time and pursuing an associate's degree at the College, as well as maintaining a 3.0 grade point average each semester.

Students receiving a Trustees' Academic Excellence Scholarship and their intended course of study at Owens include:

Stephanie Butts of Whitehouse, an Anthony Wayne High School graduate (dietetic technician)

Morgan Heacock of Forest, an Arlington High School graduate (dental hygiene)

Jared Meyer of Temperance, Mich., a Bedford High School graduate (automotive technology)

Jessica Eberly of Bowling Green, a Bowling Green High School graduate (pre-nursing)

Katelyn Harman of Toledo, a Cardinal Stritch High School graduate (early childhood education)

Adam Hill-Schmitz of Carey, a Carey High School graduate (landscape and turfgrass/management) Katherine Nelson of Oregon, a Clay High School graduate (dental hygiene)

Jordan Turner of Defiance, a Defiance High School graduate (pre-physical therapist assistant)

Kathryn Roberts of Pemberville, an Eastwood High School graduate (radiography)

Megan Morgart of Wayne, an Elmwood High School graduate (business management)

Melissa Stevens of Toledo, an Emmanuel Christian School graduate (registered nursing)

Logan Opperman of Findlay, a Findlay High School graduate (chemistry)

Kylie Jackson of Delta, a Four County Career Center graduate (business management)

Jessica Herrmann of Martin, a Genoa High School graduate (physical therapist assistant)

Timothy Fritz of Gibsonburg, a Gibsonburg High School graduate (fire science technology) Alycia McCall of Toledo, a Horizon Science Academy Toledo graduate (dietetic technician) Sophie Aldrich of

Walbridge, a Lake High School graduate (undecided) Kelsey Harmon of

Findlay, a Liberty-Benton High School graduate (social work) Audrey Ruhm of Maumee, a Maumee High

School graduate (registered nursing) Emily Dillon of McComb, a McComb High School graduate (registered

nursing) Findlay, a Millstream Career and Technology Center graduate (early childhood education)

Liberty Center, a Monclova Christian Academy graduate (commercial art technology) Jennifer Kaltenbach

ate (undecided) Marissa Matchinski

management) Nadia Haddad of Northwood, a Northwood High School graduate (commercial

art technology) Anna Buchan of Northwood, a Notre Dame Academy graduate (physical therapist assistant)

Matthew Dunn of Graytown, an Oak Harbor High School graduate (pre-business administration)

Chelsea Maas of Columbus Grove, an Ottawa-Glandorf High School graduate (registered nursing)

Rachel Asmus of Bowling Green, an Otsego High School graduate

(early childhood education) Christy Henneman of Walbridge, a Penta Career Center graduate (small business

management) Alyssa Dunlap of Perrysburg, a Perrysburg High School graduate (pre-radiography)

Amanda Barbee of Toledo, a Rogers High School graduate (dental hygiene)

Jordan Sujkowski of Perrysburg, a Rossford High

School graduate (registered nursing)

Brianna Harthorne of Toledo, a Scott High School graduate (massage therapy)

Carissa Lee of Holland, a Springfield High School graduate (undecided)

Rachel Kosmyna of Perrysburg, a Toledo Christian School graduate (diagnostic medical sonography)

Dominick Gray of Toledo, a Toledo School for the Arts graduate (liberal arts) Chelsea Bennett of

Upper Sandusky, an Upper Sandusky High School

graduate (criminal justice technology) Alexia Cunningham

of Van Buren, a Van Buren High School graduate (international business)

Kathy Mathers of Toledo, a Waite High School graduate (pre-radiography)

Amanda Ollila of Toledo, a Whitmer High School graduate (pre-radiography)

Darlasia Hudspeth of Toledo, a Woodward High School graduate (pre-nursing)

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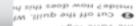
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Juvenile Court Judges Honor CASA and Citizens Review Board Volunteers at Wards Banquet Held at Court

Special to The Truth

On Wednesday evening May 14, 2008 over 150 people gathered at a special dinner held in the lobby of the Lucas County Juvenile Court to honor the citizen volunteers of CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) and CRB (Citizens Review Board) who last year donated 20,000 volunteer hours to the abused and neglected children served by the Juvenile Court.

Juvenile Court Judges Denise Navarre Cubbon and Connie Zemmelman, Court Adminstrator Dan Pompa, Chief Magistrate, Donna Mitchell, Magistrates Pam Manning, Brian Goodell, Brenda Rutledge, Linda Sorah, and Laura Restivo and Juvenile Court staff from many departments volunteered their evening, donned aprons and served the volunteers. Before dinner, nearly 50 volunteers and guests took tours of the Lucas County Juvenile Detention Center (JDC). Teens in detention

assisted detention staff tour guides to give the visitors a first hand, inside look at the JDC.

The night's theme was "Service Is A Class Act." CASA and CRB Director Carol Martin remarked that she could not imagine a tag line more a propos to the Lucas County CASA and CRB volunteers noting that CASA and CRB volunteers choose to leave their busy lives to enter a child victim's world of chaos. She added, "If they come for 'thank yous' or pats on the back, it doesn't take long until they discover the 'System' is not the place to find those. Still, they stay; they spend hours investigating, hours writing court reports, and hours advocating and monitoring to be sure the best interests of their CASA kids are served."

The evening honored the 180 CASA volunteers and 30 CRB volunteers and ended with a special awards ceremony. Mary Dudley of Toledo received the CASA Power of One Award for her selfless dedication and tireless devotion as a CASA advocate for Lucas County's abused and neglected children. The Power of One Award is presented annually for outstanding volunteer work with the Lucas County

Juvenile Court. LeeAnne Henry of Toledo was the volunteer recipient of the Citizen Review Board Award of Excellence for outstanding service and dedication to the mission and operation of the Citizen Review Board. Attorney Karen Bower was the volunteer re $cipient of the {\it Closure Board}$ Award of Excellence for her careful and intensive review of cases in which an abused or neglected child is scheduled to be returned home. CeCe Norwood and Den-

cece Norwood and Dennis Brengartner, both of Toledo, received CASA Rising Star Awards for their remarkable enthusiasm for and dedication to the CASA program. This annual award is made to a novice CASA volunteer during his or her first two years of service.

The CASA/CRB Advisory Board's Service Appreciation Award was awarded to Cathy Netter of Monroe, MI and Angie Rush of Toledo. The award recognized Ms. Netter and Ms. Rush for their exemplary service and outstanding contributions to the CASA Department above and beyond their work as CASA volunteers.

The CASA/CRB Advisory Board's Award of Tribute was given to The Alliance of Construction Professionals (Bill Brennan, president) for its generous financial support of the CASA, CRB and Closure Board volunteers including underwriting of this year's volunteer recognition dinner. A new award, the Attor-

ney/GAL Award of Excellence, was created this year to honor an attorney who demonstrates excellence in his or her work as a guardian ad litem for abused and neglected children. The first recipient of this award is Julie Hoffman, J.D. of Sylvania who since 2005 has served as the guardian ad litem (GAL) in 22 cases, over half of which she took as a CASA volunteer, without pay. There continues to be a

There continues to be a great need for additional volunteers. For volunteer information on becoming a CASA volunteer or a volunteer member of the Citizen Review Board, call the CASA office located in downtown Toledo at the Juvenile Justice Center, 1801 Spielbusch Ave., at 419-213-6753 or visit the CASA/CRB website at www.casakids.net.



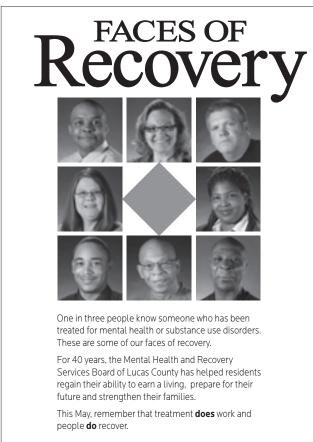




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Commentary Nothing to Fear...But Fear, Itself? Lima's Newest Tragedy

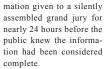
By Vickie Shurelds Sojourner's Truth Reporter

What is the perfect combination of events that could lead to chaos? A stagnant economy, financial degradation, racial tension, depression, aggravation, deprivation are all present. But the greatest of them all is FEAR.

As residents of the Lima community are faced with hit after hit of an infrastructure that doesn't support their original beliefs of safety, an underlying sense of panic began to seep into the hallows of street corners, back alleys and other unguarded places.

Then the shooting of Tarika Wilson and her oneyear old son Sincere brought questions about the procedures being used to execute search warrants. Marches, meetings, prayers, a search for justice, national leaders, national attention, then, local rhetoric.

To calm the voices that spoke of injustice, double



A whirlwind arraignment, bail posting, judge change and agreement to waive speedy trial rights at a pace that demonstrated how things work, if the



right people are in place behind the scenes.

Was it a mistake to place so much trust in the state's top law enforcement officer? Perhaps. The current



standards and the distrust felt by members of the community for law enforcement, the attorney general himself was brought in with his top aides to oversee the investigation. He promised full disclosure; a transparent reporting process that would allow the community to be privy to every step of the process. He invited them to hold him accountable.

But, in the end, the investigation came and went and was passed on to the hands of an appointed special prosecutor without public knowledge - infor-

state of affairs could indicate the office was a bit preoccupied during the time focus was to have been centered on this case.

As the NAACP began offering help to residents who felt their civil rights may have been violated by law enforcement officials. tensions continued to rise. The city administration drew a line in the sand standing squarely behind the officer and clearly stated no other possibilities were to be accepted. If the community wanted drugs out of the city, this is the only recourse. If you do not agree - you, obvi-

An older man and his the same. No one should wife lose their life savings die because of drugs; the to law enforcement officshooter should be brought ers locally, then the state to justice. Victim's color doesn't matter. Shooter's

walks in and takes the money. After years of working, saving, and being regular citizens, they

now find themselves vic-

tims of a system that has

rules that fluctuate; only

they that make the rules

understand how they work.

worry. Letters begin to ap-

tinue their mission.

parent link to drugs.

More tension, more

ously want drugs in your

neighborhood - therefore

the problem is with you -

not the city!

matter. You pull the trigger, you should go to jail. Now the call to arms. The concealed carry laws have gained new supporters. People determined to protect themselves and

Police Chief Garlock, cit-

ing differences of opinion

in the Tarika Wilson case

But the statements remain

color or motives doesn't

their families. More officers on patrol. The highest law enforcement agency in the state begins to crumble from its very core. Who do you trust? Who do you believe? Who is your friend? Where are your enemies? As the community wrings

its hands and looks suspiciously left to right, the panic that was once a seeping dampness has become a rippling bed of lies, deceit and misguided sentiment. Even as they begin to stand on the street corners with Jesse Lowe, their Drugs Bring Death signs are held a little lower a little closer to the chest.

"People keep trying to give me money, or they're using this [rally] to make money! It's unbelievable." Lowe recounts a story of walking into the Lima Mall and seeing the "DRUGS BRING DEATH" statement on T-shirts! "I asked the guy - you're selling these??? Are you using the money to help people? What are you doing, man? Who are you helping with this?" The only response was, "I wish you had said something, I just shipped a bunch of these to my cousin down South - he's already selling them down there."

"I talk to people and they're scared. The mayor has shared some statistics with me, letting me know it's a lot worse than I thought." Jesse Lowe was standing in the middle of Lima's Townsquare surrounded by supporters and like minds as far as drugs

are concerned. "Where do we go from here? That's what people keep asking me. I stood on the corner that day because I was doing what the Lord told me to do. I don't know what's next. There's so much hurt. so much pain, so much fear... I'm just waiting for God to guide me. When he tells me what's next: the community will be the next to know."

It's true. Drugs Bring Death. Death can come through a variety of sources. Best friends, recent acquaintances, significant others, law enforcement officers. Be Afraid. Be very afraid. Where does it strike next? Who will it touch? Fear. It's a driving force greater than all others, because it attacks from within. There is no stepping away or looking away; it's very, very personal. The effect is disturbing. Fear. There is only one person that can change its course. You.



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Ethnicity:

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Occupation

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G.E.D.

Muslim

Agnostic

Age/age-range

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Highest Level of Education

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Christian- non - denominational

Christian - specific denomination

Did not finish High School

High School Diploma

Graduate College Degree

Religious Affiliation:

Tha Hook Up: For All Those Who Are "Single and Ready To Mingle"

By Michael Hayes Minister of Culture



Okay, I've alluded to this a few times but I think the whole speed dating thing has passed.

Hell, depending on your intentions... the idea of dating may be outdated anyway.

Since my section here at The Sojourner's Truth already deals with what's going on in the lives of young black (or 'urban') people, so why not deal with the whole "I can't find no man"/"I can't find no woman" problem so many complain about.

It's getting nice outside, everybody's trying to look nice and see who else looks nice.

So, it might be cool to have a little hook up section appearing in my article every so often just so everyone can see someone they might like.

But even if it seems superficial, the truth is... finding someone to chill with is really starting to become harder and harder.

I have mentioned this before too, but it still blows my mind so I'll mention it again.

E-Harmony is supposed to be the end-all be-all when it comes to finding meaningful matches based on criteria tailor-made to each specific user, yet I know of four (and counting) people who have been told in one way or another that they are just too

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damn picky to get any help from this "fool-proof" system.

As it stands, I have three male friends and one female friend who have all signed up and PAID for the

E- Harmony service and came up with nada in the match department.

One person even got a letter (not an email, like an actual letter) saying that E-Harmony hasn't had much luck trying to fit their particular traits and specifications for a mate.

I was like "damn." I've taken the little free test, but I'd be heated if I paid for that mess and then it told me to kick rocks because I'm too picky.

I have friends who are deeply involved in church, I say "hey, go find you someone in the church."

I have friends who are clinging to fragments of failed relationships just because the picture is looking so bleak on the single scene in their opinion.

I have ...acquaintances who umm ... well, let's just say they've switched teams because they are fed up with trying to make the whole 'hetero' thing work

(YIKES!! – but it's true, fam, some peeps are just saying 'eff it').

I'm no expert in love and relationships (even though if you log all the hours on the phone giving out advice, someone could say I "think" I'm an expert – but I assure you... I think I understand less and less as the rules of the game change).

But whether the trade-off me and my closest friends

have with counseling each other works or not, I still want to offer some-

thing in my capacity as "Min-

Holland Svlva

Flaire Dr.

ister of... (whatever Fletcher said I'm the minister of). So, I offer THA HOOK

UP. A free, but definitely public way for men and women to put themselves on blast. THIS IS NOT A DAT-

ING SERVICE. All I'm willing to do is

provide a format for people to present a profile of themselves.

If your profile is picked, it will be right here alongside my article.

If someone likes what they see, they will contact you via email.

After you submit that profile, everything else is completely left up to you and your good judgment.

One reason I think this is important is ... not only can people get the hook up but I have an agenda I'm seeking out of this too.

Is it really true that Toledo is one of the worst places to be single?

I know educated females, who claim they date thugz/ losers because that's all they have access to.

I've heard horror stories that suggest most of the dating pool for us Gen Y (20 or so -30 or so) is mostly filled with married Gen X peeps (34 or so, up to about 45).

Can it really be that there are a bunch of husbands/

wives stepping up in the club but leaving that wedding band in the car (in the ashtrav for some folks accord-

ing to a few stories). Awww, man, yeah.

I can see it now. Look.

DO NOT EVEN SUB-MIT A PROFILE if you are married, engaged, or even in a serious relationship that people who know you can verify!

Just like when I've seen people trying to get their myspace creep on, and they ... never mind.

PEOPLE.

Why cheat?

Some folks just do what they do, have relationships with no strings attached, homey-lover-friend situations and hey-you're grown,



do you. But if you are with someone, just break it off if you feel the urge to get with someone different.

Like I said, yo, it's a lot about love I still have yet to figure out...however, it just seems like a little knowledge of self and respect for other people's feelings could cure a lot of the drama. I mean look at the state of

our relationships. Shawty Putt & Lil Jon

have a song called: "Dat Baby Don't Look Like Me!" That is the state of love

right now. For young and mostly black & brown peeps in the urban ... we have made it so that we trust Maury

but don't trust who we lay down with. I know I know , 'the flesh

is weak'... Well, sometimes the okie doke gets the best and you

may get blindsided. But if it all starts with

picking the right person for reasons that are mutually understood, then I will try to do my

part and at least put some good folks out there for ev-

eryone to choose from. So, Tha Hook Up. RULES[.]

MUST be 18 to 35. MUST submit picture (respectful, nothing that makes

you look ridiculous or too suggestive) MUST agree to terms that the only service being provided is profiling you in this

article, And all responsibility for contacting or being contacted by potential daters is completely on you. So yeah, either email me or mail the above information to to The Truth c/o "Tha Hook Up" And we'll see how this goes.

It's gonna be a hot summer y'all, might as well get booed up early! (congrats to a certain member of the U.G.E. family celebrating a recent engagement!)

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S.T.R.I.V.E. Summer Tutorial Program: The Challenge to Succeed

Are you a parent concerned about your child's education? Do you have a high school student who is faced with passing the required Ohio Graduation Test? Would you be interested in your child having the opportunity to pass up to two O.G.T. tests this summer?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, then you are interested in the S.T.R.I.V.E. (Success Through Review Incentive Vision Effort) Program. The Greater Toledo Urban League and the African American Police League will sponsor the program for high school students currently in grades 10 through 12.

The student has had to have attempted the O.G.T. test at least once through the school system. This is a free program for students.

High school students can receive instruction in up to two Ohio Graduation Tests. Caring Toledo Public School teachers will instruct the classes at Scott high School.

The classes will begin on Monday, June 9, 2008 through Monday June 23, 2008 and will run from 8:00 a.m. to Noon - Monday through Friday.

The O.G.T. review/test dates will be announced by the teachers. (The review is mandatory). Directly after the review, testing will start at 10:30 a.m.

The classes offered for the O.G.T. will be math, science and citizenship and students are able to take two of the three courses. This will give students an extra opportunity to take the test and if passed it will count towards graduation. The program is not equipped to handle special needs students.

Last summer 200 high school students were administered 300 O.G.T. tests.

It you are interested in your child/children attending this program, please contact Officer Floella Wormely or Diana Vasquez at (419) 245-1162 or (419) 245-1367. Due to limited class sizes, children must be registered by May 30, 2008. Parents must complete a registration form and a release of information.

Please call (419) 245-1162 or appear at Scott High School on Monday June 9, 2008 if you do not receive a call or letter by June 6, 2008 with your child's schedule.

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Accepting Applications

John H. McKissick Senior Apartments are accepting applications for 1 bedroom waiting list for elderly housing, 62 years or older. Rents will be subsidized by HUD under the Section 202 Program. Applications will be taken on a FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS on Friday, May 9, 2007, 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at Lott Industries, 3350 Hill Avenue, Conference Room A & B, Toledo, Ohio. The Fair

Housing Act makes it illegal to discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status and national origin. For further information, call (419) 389-0361, M-F 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.



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Program Manager, Children and Family Services

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Unison Behavioral Health Group is seeking a Program Manager to develop and manage therapy programs and services focused on children and families. Services are provided primarily in community settings. Selected individual will participate as a member of the management team, oversee daily program operations, provide clinical supervision to staff, participate in program development and evalu-ation, serve as liaison to external partners and assist in marketing services provided.

Qualified candidates must have current clinical licensure from Ohio as a LPCC or LISW, previous experience working with children and families and at least five years experience as a clinician in a mental health setting. Previous supervisory experience is preferred. Send resume and salary requirements to:



Human Resources - PM/CFS 1425 Starr Avenue Toledo, OH 43605 Fax 419.936.7574 Email: HR@UNISONBHG.ORG EOE

Emergency Management Agency Director

The Lucas County Emergency Management Agency has an opening for the above-referenced position. For information about duties, minimum qualifications, and application procedures, please see "Job Listings" at www.co.lucas.us/hr. Applications accepted until May 23, 2008.

Childcare Provider

Part-time position - 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm Mon-Fri \$7.00 hr, HS diploma required South Toledo Fax resumes to 419-385-6478

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Awards

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women and other minorities. Olivia Holden, executive director of the program, accepted the award for her organization.

"ASSETS is a place a lot like the Statue of Liberty," said Holden as she described the open arms attitude of the group. "It is economic development at its highest and we help our students realize their dreams."

ABLE, anon-profitlaw firm serving 32 counties in western Ohio, has a mission to improve the lives of low-income people be helping them maintain the basic necessities of life – housing, safety, health care and food ABLE and its partner law firm, Legal Aidof Western Ohio (LAWO) accomplish this by working to resolve a wide range of legal issues, including domestic violence, immigration, civil rights, employment, consumer and family matters, as well as housing and public benefits issues.

Joe Tafelski, executive director of the legal aid firm since 1980, accepted the award. "Our opportunity comes because of the staff-the passion our lawyers have to serve the poor," said Tafelski who has been in charge of the agency since 1980. "We are the first and last resort for justice for so many in our community."

In the Media Achievement category, URBan Radio, which owns WIMX-FM and WJZE-FM, was honored along with Chapman. Kevin Wagner, the founder of the 24-station broadcast group which is headquartered in Florida, was in town to receive the award along with his local staff.

Tommy Kaye, a disc jockey with WJUC-FM, the Juice, re-

ceived the Lifetime Achieve-



ment Award. Kaye, has a radio career that has spanned more than 30 years. He has been on WKLR-AM back in the day and with Charlie Chuck (Charles Welch) as recently as 10 years ago when WJUC-FM became the first African-American-owned radio station in Toledo.

Kaye's company Ebony World Production operates a full-service entertainment assistance business for singers, models, rappersas well as hosting events to showcase their talents.

During his speech, Kaye



lavished praise on Welch for bringing him into the music business.

The NOBMA Impact Newsmaker Awards banquet held its debut at the Toledo Club this year bringing together more than 150 in the audience to celebrate the accomplishments of newsmakers and local media and also to raise scholarship funds for college journalism students. Three area students will receive awards this spring named for William A. Brower, the retired associate editor of The Blade and Pulitzer Prize finalist in 1951; Art J. Edgerton, the late public and community at fairs director and talk show host for Clear Channel Communications in Toledo and AI Smith, an award-winning television journalist and a founding member of NOBMA.

