



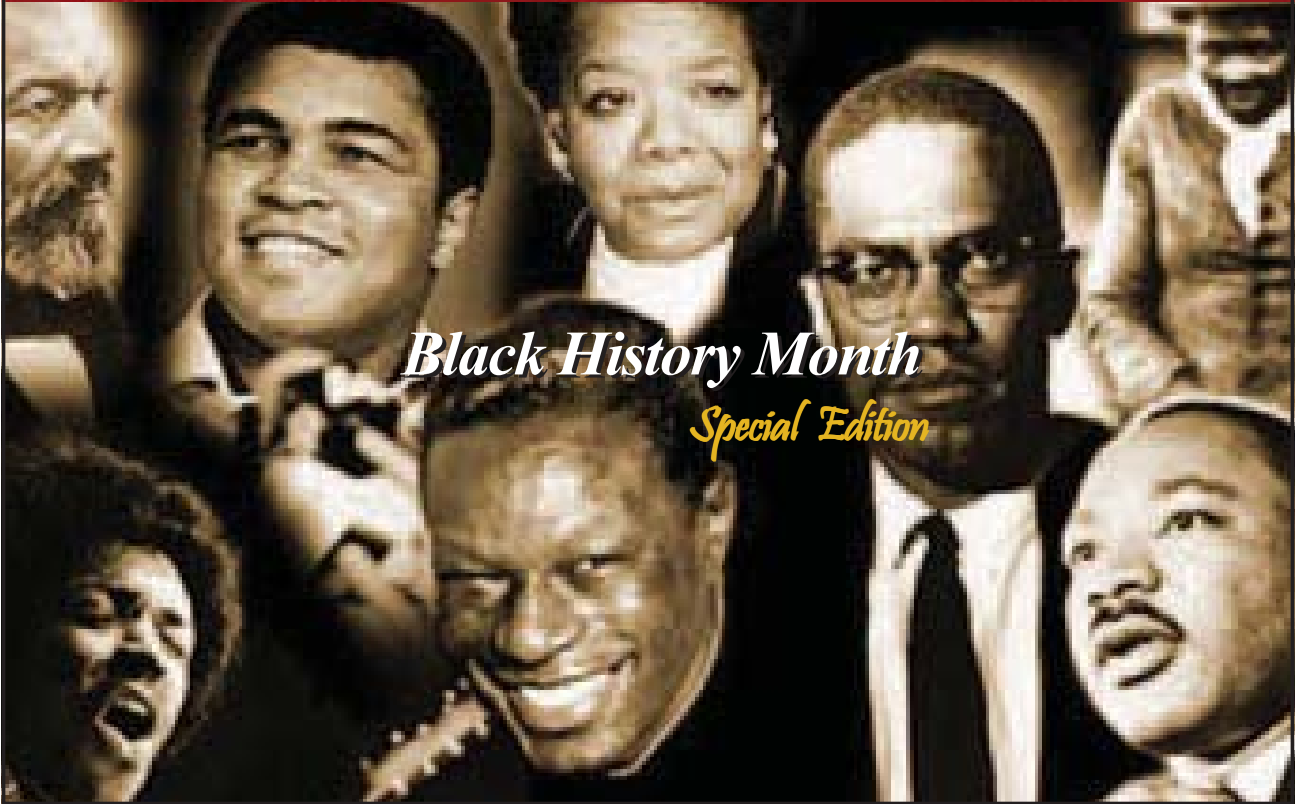
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This Strikes Us ...

A Sojourner's Truth Editorial

Now that the U.S. Congress is on the verge of passing an economic stimulus package at a price tag somewhere north of three quarters of a trillion dollars, it's clear that after months of discussion, there is absolutely no consensus or middle ground on the impact of such a move.

Democrats, for the most part, believe that we can spend our way back to prosperity. Republicans, again for the most part, feel that what is needed are massive tax cuts so that tax payers can spend their own way out of economic distress.

And for those conclusions, we go back into history to make comparisons that are generally not appropriate – or we misinterpret history altogether. Wise men have said in the past that if we are not aware of history, we are doomed to repeat the mistakes of the past. Wiser men have taken issue with that rather over simplistic view of human nature.

What happens all too often is not that we are unaware of history, we just haven't paid enough attention to the details.

In theory, tax cuts and increased spending should both get us to the same place: money being moved into businesses ... which will increase employment, which will increase the tax revenue base, which will alleviate the strain on the deficit caused by either the tax cuts or the increased government spending in the first place.

We saw, during the Ronald Reagan years, the theory of tax cuts being applied to end a recession. The trickle down theory worked to a certain extent but, unfortunately, tax revenues did not increase to wipe out either the deficit or the debt caused by the tax cuts in spite of the economic boom that would follow. We experienced during the 1980's a huge increase, in fact, to our national debt.

The problem with tax cuts, in this current situation, is that advocates of such policies ignore at least one of the issues Americans have had over the last few decades in managing our money – the piling up of individual debt. We have no guarantee that tax cuts will be used to spur spending rather than being used to pay down such debt, thereby producing no solid gains for the economy.

We saw, during the 1930's, here in this country, and during the Japanese 10-year stagflation of the 1990's the impact of increased government spending. Conservatives would have us believe that neither program worked but, again, sometimes it is a matter of knowing the details.

In Japan, massive public spending between 1992 and 1995 saw funds being poured into infrastructure and companies. The problem for Japan was that they did not need such infrastructure spending. The infrastructure, unlike that of the United States in 2009, was solid. The companies selected were often companies that had no chance of survival. The fact is, the Japanese government spent in all the wrong places.

In the America of the 1930's, critics opine that the New Deal was a failure because after all the money spent by Roosevelt's government, and by the time World War II arrived, unemployment was still in the mid to high teens compared to 25 to 33 percent when Roosevelt took office in 1933. Only WWII pulled the nation out of the Great Depression, say the nay sayers.

Again, the details matter.

The first detail - the New Deal had made gains when, in 1937, Roosevelt got nervous about deficits. He cut spending and raised taxes, obliterating the gains made during his first term.

The second detail – what exactly was WWII for the economy if not the most massive spending program ever undertaken by any government?

The lesson gleaned from the 1930's should be that the government did not spend enough and in the right places until WWII came along, not that spending did not solve the problem. The right spending, in the right amount, did solve the problem. Apparently, from 1933 until December 7, 1941, we did not spend enough.

If we are to apply the lessons of either Japan in the 1990's or America in the 1930's, we would take care to note as we look at the current economic stimulus package that we can spend too little and we can put the spending into segments of the economy that will not give us enough bang for the buck.

The details, after all, do matter.

Community Calendar

January 20-February 10

"Breathe Free: The Plan to Stop Smoking;" Collingwood Center; Smoking cessation program with sessions on January 20, 22, 26, 29, 30, February 3, 10; 5:30 pm each day; Facilitated by healthcare practitioners and a support team: 419-474-6639 or 419-345-6452

February 15

22nd Annual Black History Musical: Third Baptist Church of Holland; 4 pm

February 17

Drill team try out: Waite High School; Ages 15 and up; 6:30 pm: 419-290-4507

February 18

Black History Month at UT: "Whites in Black History: A Choice of Legacy;" Discussion led by Marshall Rose of BGSU's Office of Equity and Diversity; Noon; Health Education Bldg Rm 103; Health Science Campus; \$19-383-3438

Lourdes College Black History Month Event: The Color of Justice; 1 am and 12:15 pm; Franciscan Theatre: 419-824-3999

Lourdes College Black History Month Celebration: John Jones of Urban League, Clarence Smith Community Chorus, Lourdes College Chorus, Scott HS Gospel Choir; 5:30 to 7:30 pm; Franciscan Theatre: 419-824-3825

February 19

Artist Willis "Bing" Davis: Two interactive sessions; 9:30 to 10:30 am at The Learning Center at The Source; 1 to 3 pm at Owens CC Center for Fine and Performing Arts (Oregon Rd - I-75 exit 198): 419-283-7300

February 20

"Mission Possible" Youth Service: Crusaders for Christ Church; 7:45 pm; Singing, dance, spoken word and more

February 22

St. Martin de Porres Black History Month Event: An Evening with the Toledo Symphony; 5 pm

Historic Third Baptist: Inkster High School Performing Arts Academy; 11 am service; 4 pm concert: 419-248-4623

Old Ship of Zion: Ebenezer Baptist Church; Mass Choir; 5 pm

Men's Day Celebration: St. Paul AME Zion; "Men of God being steadfast in perilous times;" 4 pm: 419-243-1065

February 23

UT Annual MLK Scholarship Benefit Dinner: "A Progression of Change;" Speaker Ohio State Senator Ray Miller; 7 pm; Student Union Auditorium: 419-530-8520 or 419-530-2508

February 26

Black History Month at UT: Dr. Lancelot C.A. Thompson Achievement Program; 7 pm; Student Union Auditorium; Recognizing African-American students with 3.0 GPA or better

National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice (NABCIJ): Meet and greet; Tabernacle of Faith Worship Center; 6 to 8 pm: 419-514-9367 or rjohnso19@yahoo.com

Nirvana Now! Evening of Rest and Rejuvenation for women incest and child sexual abuse survivors; Elizabeth House; 6 to 9 pm: 419-729-0245

February 27

Lourdes College BHM Event: Trip to National Underground Railroad Freedom Center: 419-824-3837

February 28

Sistas Movin' On Discussion Circle: For women incest and child sexual abuse survivors; Elizabeth House; 6 to 8 pm: 419-729-0245 or www.wymnirvananow.org

MBE Electrical Contractors' Summit: Kent Branch Library; Conducted by Parker Enterprises; Exploring market trends, bid opportunities, collaboration, certifications, branding, etc.; 10:30 am to 12:30 pm: 419-508-5981 or www.parkerenterprisesllc.com



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My View

By Jack Ford
The Truth's Political Columnist



Ohio Secretary of State Jennifer Brunner is making plans to run for the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by Republican George Voinovich. Brunner will have to duke it out for the Democratic nomination with Lt. Gov. Lee Fisher who is the pick of Gov. Ted Strickland. So, the Dems are getting ready to do what they do best – fight each other. Fisher has been the darling of big labor in Ohio for a long time so I do not see them jumping ship in this race. On the other hand, Brunner was the only female Democrat to run statewide and win in 2006. You may remember that the 2010 election is when we

decide who controls the Apportionment Board which dictates the legislative lines. This in turn decides whether the Dems or the Republicans control the Ohio House during the next decade. So, Strickland has a big interest in who the candidates are for Auditor, Secretary of State and govern-

million. But even with three budget directors in hand, the city keeps getting the numbers wrong. How can that be the case? Unless this trio is telling Carty just how red the deficit is and he just dribbles it out a little bit at a time. Normally, Carty would have ex-

ploded by now. What's up? Maybe the hole is so big that we don't know the correct figure. Usually all you need is to have accurate monthly projections along with labor and business sector statistics from OBES and you can pretty much predict the numbers for the next month or quarter. That is, unless the numbers are so low that it will be too scary to report the real truth. As you know, we have repeatedly said that the numbers are not accurate. Last week, The Univer-

sity of Toledo held its 25th Annual EXCEL program. The actor Hill Harper was the guest speaker and did a great job with the kids. The EXCEL program was started a generation ago by Helen Cooks, Ph.D. She can take the credit for launching the academic career for over 1,000 students. Is there anyone who has made more of an impact on our future than Helen Cooks?

Someone should erect a monument to her someday. Think of Toledo and Ohio if we reduced "her children" from the rolls of successful graduates of UT.

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nor. Whoever takes two out of three contests will control the board. Here locally the budget woes continue. Mayor Carty Finkbeiner has three present or former budget directors – Clarence Coleman, John Babish and Sherbourne. Sherbourne was the finance guy during Bill Haroskey's regime 20 years ago. I remember him getting canned once because he overshot the budget by three million dollars. The city now undershoots every week by a hell of a lot more than three

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Conspicuous Absences

By Rev. Donald L. Perryman, D.Min.



Whether you accept the explanation of departing WNWO 24 TV news anchor Shenikwa Stratford at face value, a matter of public relations engineered by the station or just a refusal to burn bridges, her layoff and those of other African-American on-air personalities in Toledo, even in tough economic times, provides a strong dose of reality concerning racism in a supposed "post-racial" Toledo, Ohio.

Because statements, claims and comments concerning the inferiority of blacks and actions of outright bigotry have declined, disappeared or gone underground, the fact is that there are multitudes of minorities without work, trapped in low-wage, dead end jobs or missing from involvement in opportunities of real influence or impact that are routinely enjoyed by others. Often it is the "myth of meritocracy" that is used to prop up the status quo or to exclude minorities from the programs that help to gain skills or acceptable credentials.

Although the derogatory name calling and system of Jim Crow has disappeared, a structure of racism manifested by glaring absences and contradictions of contemporary racial inequities is kept in place by denial, rationalization, and justifications.

The African-American population in Toledo is nearly 24 percent of the city's total yet, in spite of the fact that we are supposedly "beyond race," minorities here continue to face profound discrimination in the workplace, to lack opportunities to participate in the economic process and to be kept from positions of real authority.

There is, in the African-American community a death of a fair share of the advantages or benefits experienced by others. The working class and poor are still trying to navigate the mainstream while confronted by the contrary winds of unconscionable educational inequities and criminal justice system practices that often appear to have anti-black intent at worst and negative racial effects at best.

I will not discuss other racial ills such as homelessness, medical racism, disparities in unemployment rates or layoff criteria and other disenfranchisements, however, as mayoral and other electoral candidates continue to announce their intentions for the next election and media, marketers and businesses compete for local customers, it is crucial to understand that we still have serious racial challenges in post-civil rights Toledo.

What is different is that this contemporary racism is defined by gaps of inequality in income, wealth, health and influence as well as the absence and lack of representation of African-Americans in positions of real authority and areas of opportunity.

We can no longer tackle this problem with the old civil rights era definitions of racism in which we fight against the beliefs, statements and actions of overt bigotry but must attack racism in new and innovative institutional policies and practices that promote and guarantee inclusion and representation of people of color.

There are rumblings of local grassroots activism even now, buoyed by the election of the nation's first African-American president, which are demanding equality and social justice for the collective interest and well-being of our city. A line has been drawn in the sand which says "NO MORE!"

Those leaders who are worthy of loyalty and support are those who enact visible, measurable and concrete measures to challenge racial and general social inequality.

Contact Donald Perryman, D.Min. at drdperryman@centerofhopebaptist.org

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Connecting Point: One Stop Shop Service Agency Closes Its Doors

By Fletcher Word
Sojourner's Truth Editor

After months of uncertainty during which Connecting Point's leadership scrambled to stop the agency's financial hemorrhaging and submit a workable plan to retain the support of its chief lending institution, the board of directors finally decided last week that there was simply no point in continuing its futile struggle.

On Friday, February 13,

The Beginning of the End

According to Chatman, board members were first told that their financial situation was less than solid when the agency was in the midst of exploring a merger with another social service agency almost three years ago.

"We were totally unaware that there were major financial issues until we were planning a merger," recalled

trying to get a handle on its internal control procedures. Warnings about the dire situation came from other sources such as United Way of Greater Toledo, which provided part of Connecting Point's funding.

"We identified issues at Connecting Point years ago and spent two years reaching out to their board," said United Way President Bill Kitson last November in a conversation with this paper. "Our volunteers asked the right questions and did the right thing. Ultimately the board heard us and started to make corrections—it was frustrating for us that we couldn't see changes faster."

Those changes included moving out of the agency's financial officers and, eventually, last fall, the executive director, Jeff Deckabach, who had led Connecting Point for eight years and had been with the agency for 18 years.

By the time Deckabach left, however, it was already too late, apparently. The agency was mired in debt.

Connecting Point had been dipping into reserves in order to continue operating, had not only tapped its line of credit from Fifth Third Bank but had also, unbeknownst to board members, extended the amount of the credit line. The agency had been using funds raised for a capital campaign to meet its payroll and the board had been told by its executive director — Deckabach — that he did not

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after 35 years of providing mental health and substance abuse services, school-based education programs, community outreach and residential treatment services to Toledo-area children and families, Connecting Point will cease operations.

The agency, which had employed as many as 187 employees just a few short years ago and 147 just recently, had an annual budget in excess of \$9 million and offered services to thousands of area youth.

"We are the only game in town — Toledo or northwest Ohio — for families to get everything they need in one stop," said Board Chairman Diana Chatman just a few months ago of the comprehensive range of services the agency offered.

Now, former clients will be scattered across a broad range of agencies that will try to pick up the slack created by the absence of Connecting Point.

This week, The Truth sat down with several board members in an effort to find out what went awry with the non-profit organization. And while the current economic climate threatens service agencies of all types these days, it seems that Connecting Point's problems pre-date the nation's present recession.

Chatman. "Issues came up during the due diligence."

That was in mid 2006 and, at that time, the board was informed, due to the scrutiny of the financial officers from the other agency, that Connecting Point had some fiscal issues, not the least of which was the impending loss of \$700,000 in anticipated revenues from Medicaid. Those funds were lost, ultimately written off, because they had not been billed properly. The agency merger ultimately fell apart.

Over the next two years, board grappled with its deteriorating financial situation,

Forum for Connecting Point Parents and Guardians

Special to The Truth

The Mental Health and Recovery Services Board (MHRSB) of Lucas County announces there will be an informational forum for parents and guardians of Connecting Point clients on Friday, February 13, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., in the main bay of the Erie Street Market, 237 South Erie Street, Toledo, Ohio.

There will be exhibits and representatives from all youth-serving certified Lucas County public mental health and substance use service agencies. The purpose of the forum is to allow service providers to present treatment options, answer questions and, if appropriate, schedule appointments with the client's choice of provider.

The MHRSB was notified Thursday, February 5, that Connecting Point, a MHRSB-funded agency, was immediately ceasing operations.

MHRSB Executive Director Jacqueline Martin, said, "The health of Lucas County children is foremost in MHRSB planning and the closing of this agency does not affect the stability of the county's continuum of care. The Board has set up a system of oversight of the Agency's transfer of services process which includes this informational forum."

Each of the youth-serving Service Provider Agencies is certified by either or both the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services or the Ohio Department of Mental Health and employs staff



members who are highly qualified to work with youth and families.

"The MHRSB extends its thanks to Board of Trustees and staff of Connecting Point for faithfully serving Lucas County families for more than 30 years," added Ms. Martin.

Invitations to attend the informational forum along with a chart of available provider agencies and their services have been sent to parents and/or guardians of

Connecting Point clients. Also, each parent or guardian was notified that in the event a child experiences a behavioral health crisis, to immediately contact Rescue Mental Health Services at 419-255-9585.

For more information about the forum or the transition of services, please contact the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Lucas County at 419-213-4600.

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University of Toledo Students Gather to Discuss Race Relations

By Artisha S. Lawson
Sojourner's Truth Reporter

Twenty students from the Africana Studies program at The University of Toledo gathered on Friday, February 6, 2009 to discuss relevant issues after watching John Singleton's Higher Learning.

This movie was chosen because it examined personal, political and racial issues faced by a group of college freshmen as they began their first semester in college. As these students from different family situations, races and social backgrounds integrate on the campus of Columbus University, each student deals with finances, harassment, personal safety, self doubt, racial pride and discrimination.

"Today is a critical review and discussion about the main issues around race, gender and politics. The movie is so complex because it's centered around a group of freshmen who all go through rites of passage. You can say that racial themes are profound,

but I think there are strong themes around gender and women issues," said Angela Flourory, visiting assistant professor of Africana Stud-

ies. The women's gender issue that Flourory spoke of is centered on Kristy Swanson's character Kristen who is date raped after a night of drunken partying and joins a campus feminist group to cope with the painful experience.

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"I think one reason I like the movie is because it takes place on a college campus. So I do find young people who are really drawn to it," Flourory.

themes are still relevant to today's college campus. "You can relate to some of what's going on, but UT is not as grouped up like the movie is. It's not like that here; you might find a group of black people with white people. It's not as segregated as the movie," said Latoya McDaniel, a UT freshman.

Another student, freshman La'Tesha Willis, felt the 14-year-old movie based on Singleton's college experience isn't important for



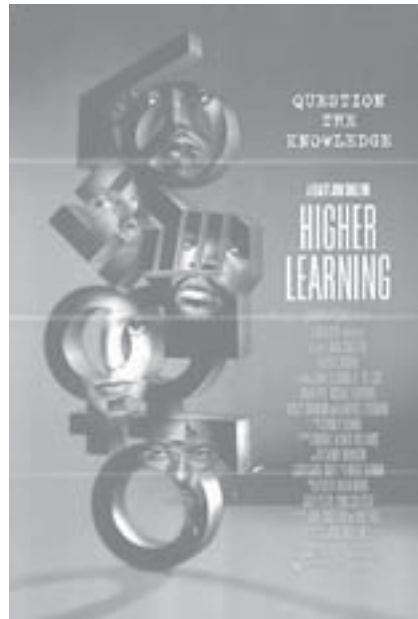
today's college student because times are better. "I don't think the movie is relevant because times have changed since that movie. I don't think it's as much hate against each other anymore, but you can always gain knowledge from the movie even though it's not relevant."

The Africana Committee plans to continue their discussion of movies with a critical review on Friday, February 14 of Crash, the film which follows eight different cultures during a 36-hour period in Los Angeles, during which stereotypes are brought out

and racial tolerance questioned. Crash features Sandra Bullock, Don Cheadle, Matt Dillon, Jennifer Esposito, William Fichtner, Terrance Howard, Chris "Ludacris" Bridges, Ryan Phillippe and Lorenzo Tate.

Then on February 24, from 3:00pm-5:00pm, the committee will host a critical discussion with James Garrett, PhD. During the Civil Rights Movement, Garrett participated in sit-ins, the freedom rights marches and the massive demonstrations organized by the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) in Mississippi. He was also present during the Watts Riots in 1965.

"These are movies that don't just speak to African-Americans; there are issues that are relevant to all of us. These events are part of the vision of Carter G. Woodson, PhD. See back in the 1920s he thought it was important that we as Americans start lifting the veils and silence on some of the history that is socially constructed. His vision started with Negro History Week, for diversity these events carry on his legacy," said Flourory.



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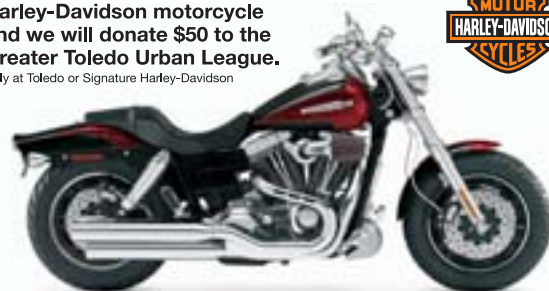


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Milestones in African American Education

1837

Institute for Colored Youth founded by Richard Humphreys; later became Cheyney University.

1854

Ashmun Institute, the first school of higher learning for young black men, founded by John Miller Dickey and his wife, Sarah Emlen Cresson; later (1866) renamed Lincoln University (Pa.) after President Abraham Lincoln.

1856

Wilberforce University, the first black school of higher learning owned and operated by African Americans, founded by the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Its president, Daniel A. Payne, became the first African American University president in the country.



1869

Howard University's law school becomes the country's first black law school.

1876

Meharry Medical College, the first black medical school in the U.S., founded by the Freedman's Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

1881

Spelman College, the first college for black women in the U.S., founded by Sophia B. Packard and Harriet E. Giles.

1881

Booker T. Washington founds the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute in Alabama. The school became one of the leading schools of higher learning for African Americans, and stressed the practical application of knowledge. In 1896, George Washington Carver began teaching there as director of the department of agricultural research, gaining an international reputation for his agricultural advances.



Little Rock Nine

1922

William Leo Hansberry teaches the first course in African civilization at an American university, at Howard University.

1944

Frederick Douglass Patterson establishes the United Negro College Fund to help support black colleges and black students.

1954

In the landmark case *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, Kans.*, the Supreme Court rules unanimously that segregation in public schools is unconstitutional.

1957

President Dwight D. Eisenhower sends federal troops to ensure integration of the all-white Central High School in Little Rock, Ark. The Little Rock Nine were the first black students to attend the school.



James Meredith

1960

Black and white students form the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), dedicated to working against segregation and discrimination.

1962

James Meredith is the first black student to enroll at the University of Mississippi; on the day he enters the university, he is escorted by U.S. marshals.

1963

Despite Governor George Wallace physically blocking their way, Vivian Malone and James Hood register for classes at the University of Alabama.

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Edward Alexander Bouchet physicist, chemist

Born in New Haven, Connecticut in 1852, Bouchet was the first African-American to graduate (1874) from Yale College. In 1876, upon receiving his Ph.D. in physics from Yale, he became the first African-American to earn a doctorate. Bouchet spent his career teaching college chemistry and physics. Illness finally forced him to retire in 1916 and he moved back to New Haven. He died there, in his childhood home, at age 66.



Alain Locke writer, educator

In addition to his long list of academic honors, Locke is credited with helping to initiate and propel the Harlem Renaissance. Locke, born in Philadelphia, PA, in 1886, graduated from Harvard University in 1907 and became the first black Rhodes scholar. He studied at Oxford from 1907 to 1910 and the University of Berlin from 1910 to 1911, then went on to receive a Ph.D. in philosophy from Harvard in 1918.

Locke developed a strong interest in African culture and began encouraging black artists and musicians in America to explore their African roots through their work. Through his efforts, the Harlem Renaissance movement gained national attention. He edited and wrote numerous magazines, anthologies, and books about black life and culture. Locke taught at Howard University in Washington, D.C., for nearly 40 years.



Bethune, Mary McLeod

Bethune, Mary McLeod, American educator, born in Mayesville, S.C., in 1875; graduated from Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, 1895.

The 17th child of former slaves, she taught (1895-1903) in a series of southern mission schools before settling in Florida to found (1904) the Daytona Normal and Industrial Institute for Negro Girls. From 1904 to 1942 and again from 1946 to 1947, she served as president of the institute, which, after merging with Cookman Institute (1923), became Bethune-Cookman College.

A leader in the American black community, she founded the National Council of Negro Women (1935) and was director (1936-44) of Negro Affairs of



the National Youth Administration. In addition, she served as special adviser on minority affairs to President Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

At the 1945 conference that organized the United Nations, she was a consultant on interracial understanding.

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tertainment highlight was provided by Sweeny-Newbern herself as she and three friends took the stage to regale the audience with their version of Gretchen Wilson's country classic "Redneck Woman."

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Bernard "Pete" Culp, member of the Toledo-Lucas County Plan Commission and member of the Toledo Lucas County Port Authority, and Calvin Lawshe, director of the Toledo-Lucas County Plan Commission enjoy the same birthday. This year Theresa M. Gabriel, assistant chief of staff for the City of Toledo, helped Culp and Lawshe celebrate by hosting a party for them at the Peacock Café, her son's establishment on Monroe Street.




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William J. (Bill) Powell's daughter will tell you that her father took up the game of golf when he was nine-years-

old, the same time he started as a caddy at his local golf club.

"Can you imagine that?" she says, "a nine-year-old taking up the game of golf while out on the course caddying?" She pauses, "But, then, children caddying was normal back then," she says, "to raise money during the depression."

Bill Powell grew up in the small town of Minerva, Ohio,



Renee teaching members of her LPGA/USGA girls golf

home from the war, he was disappointed to find that things had not changed state-side; he was still not welcome on the fairway because of the color of his skin. "The thing was," says Renee Powell, Bill's daughter, "he still had this incredible passion for the game of golf. He knew the only way that he would be able to play was if he found a way to build a golf course somehow." He wanted to build a course where everyone could play regardless of the color of his or her skin, hair or eyes, his or her nationality or religion. He wanted to ensure that no one would have to suffer the same indignities he had in his own country.

And that's just what he did. Overcoming incredible odds and many extremely difficult challenges, Bill Powell built Clearview Golf Club in 1946, in East Canton, along Lincoln Highway (US 30). Unable to get a GI loan because of the color of his skin, he taught two black doctors to play golf and encouraged them to invest in his project.

as part of the only black family that lived in town. The small-town course welcomed him as a caddy and, later, as a golfer, despite the negative racial climate that permeated the United States in the 1930's. Inspired by his early experiences on the green, Powell became captain of the high school golf team and he and his brothers started the first golf team at Wilberforce University. Throughout his education, Powell played on many courses, both public and private.

After graduation, Powell began to realize that regardless of talent or passion, he

was not welcome at golf clubs outside the town of Minerva, even those same clubs he had played at as a student. World War II broke out, and Powell was soon sent to the European Theatre as part of a segregated army, where he would face ill treatment and harsher conditions than his white counterparts. While serving in Scotland and England, however, he was happy to find that he was welcomed to play on their golf courses during his occasional days off. He began to hope that he would now be welcomed in his own country as well.

When Powell returned

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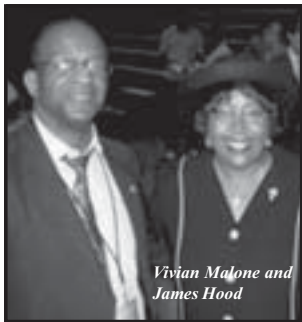
Milestones

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1968
San Francisco State University becomes the first four-year college to establish a black studies department.

1969
The Ford Foundation gives \$1 million to Morgan State University, Howard University, and Yale University to help prepare faculty members to teach courses in African American studies.

2003
In Grutter v. Bollinger, the Supreme Court (5-4) upholds the University of Michigan Law School's affirmative action policy, ruling that race can be one of many factors



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A CHANGE HAS COME

(Excerpts from speech given by Robert Smith, founder of The African American Legacy Project of Northwest Ohio 12th Annual Methodist Men's Black History Banquet at Phillips Temple CME on February 7, 2009)

"I have this feeling the theme of today's celebration – A Change has Come – is derived from a quote recently offered by President Barack Obama when he called to millions across the world "A Change has come to America ...". His recent election certainly meets the definition of the word "change," which is: to pass or make something pass from one state or stage to another. Our country has changed forever.

However, I also tend to relate to [Henry David] Thoreau's thoughts on change. Thoreau believed "Things don't change, people do." You see, I truly believe people's heart's change, people's attitudes change and – in the case of this country – people said enough is enough, it's time for a change. So, President Obama's election should be seen in its true historical context.

Yes, we are living witnesses to an historic moment viewed by nearly an entire

world community but I ask each of you to consider... when did change really come?

Arguably, change is – most often – the result of deliberate and decisive acts by men and women who necessarily don't accept status quo. There is a profound spiritual passage – often attributed to Senator Bobby Kennedy, but actually written by George Bernard Shaw. Kennedy speaking at his brother's [JFK] funeral uttered the following words, "Some men see things as they are and say, "Why?" I dream of things that never were and say, "Why not?"

For instance, change came in 1827 when two African Americans, Samuel Cornish and John Russwurm founded a weekly newspaper in New York City called Freedom's Journal, the first African-American owned and operated newspaper in this country. Freedom's Journal became an important voice, better stated, one of

the first advocates for freedom.

Change came in 1851 when Sojourner Truth – a former slave – delivered her best-remembered speech "And, ain't I a Woman" at the Ohio Women's Rights Convention in Akron, Ohio. All along our historical journey, integrity and honor overruled selfishness.

Change came as a result of a decision by President Abraham Lincoln, with his 1862 executive order, now known as the Emancipation Proclamation. By 1865 nearly four million slaves had been freed. Change has evidenced itself in even how we as a people have defined ourselves. We went from colored, to Negro, to black, and now African American but....no matter what we have called ourselves, or.... have been called, change comes from within.

Change came in 1940 when Mrs. Mamie Duffy refused to accept Michigan College's, now Michigan

State, declaration that her son would not be allowed to live on campus with the general student population. As a result of her efforts her son, now retired Dr. Franklyn V. Duffy, lent his education and expertise to lead a study which proved that by adding just a drop of fluoride in our drinking water system, ultimately our entire community would see a reduction of cavities and tooth decay.

Change came in 1955 when Emmet Till's mother ordered an open casket for public viewing of her son, so the world could see man's inhumanity to man... in this case, man's inhumanity to a 14-year old boy.

Change came On June 21, 1964, when Freedom Riders James Chaney, Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner visited parishioners of a black church near Philadelphia, Mississippi and were arrested, released and subsequently disappeared, only to be found slain two months later. Change also came less than two months later when Fannie Lou Hamer, a sharecropper from Sunflower Mississippi, as well as, a member of SCLC and the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party, at the 1964 Democratic Convention, uttered these words, "... cause all of us is tired. I am sick and tired of being sick and tired."

Change came in the 1970's when Mr. Emory Leverette positioned as assistant superintendent of the Toledo Public Schools and



Robert Smith

traveled throughout the south and recruited qualified African American educators to move to Toledo to teach young African American students.

Change came when James Brown said "Say it loud..." and Ali cried, "...I am the greatest!" The voice of change is sometimes quieting and, frequently, a very lonely road yet while the masses benefit, it can be a sobering experience for those who initiate change.

Yes, we stand proudly as witnesses acknowledging the first African-American president. We must also celebrate those voices that made it possible for choirs to sing, children to play freely and all to pray without repercus-

sion. We salute those courageous acts and the voices of those who built the foundation so succeeding generations could soar.

It is more than fitting to conclude by quoting Mr. James Baldwin. "For nothing is fixed, forever and forever and forever, it is not fixed; the earth is always shifting, the light is always changing, the sea does not cease to grind down rock. Generations do not cease to be born, and we are responsible to them because we are the only witnesses they have. The sea rises, the light fails, lovers cling to each other, and children cling to us. The moment we cease to hold each other, the sea engulfs us and the light goes out."

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27th Annual "I Have A Dream" Awards Banquet

By Vickie Shurelds
Sojourner's Truth Reporter



On March 31, 2009, Jeff Carson will retire from the FBI. It's a great job, he says, that pays well and offers benefits that even go beyond the paycheck. He is now leading the search for FBI personnel.

"They're hiring people right now, and I'm looking for the people who are ready. You've got to make it your business to be ready when they're ready for you!"

Carson spoke with passion and eloquence as he addressed the audience for the annual "I Have A Dream Awards Dinner." His theme was "If it is to be, it's up to me."

He charged all of Lima and Allen County to begin preparing youth for marketable careers. "We don't tell them this anymore – keep your record straight! This has to be said again and again to them beginning in kindergarten. Then, positive influences have to be placed all around them so they see the value, begin to assess the life they want to live and retain pleasant memories of their past as they plan their future."

The award dinner is in its 27th year, the presentation of awards has grown and adapted as the needs of the community has changed. A cross section of the African-American community was in attendance to hear Carson's plea for the future of the African-American student.

"Proverbs 25:11: A word aptly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver. It is up to us as adults to guide young people in the way in which they should go," said Carson. "We must speak to them on the things that will matter in their lives, tell them what is right and wrong, and demonstrate how to make decisions that they won't have to regret later in life. It's our duty, and each culture needs to have a period of training before young people set

out on their own. Bar Mitzvahs, Bat Mitzvahs, rights of passage; these are the ways we prepare children for a bright future. Where do we start? At the beginning we must become Dream Carriers for the children. Don't get a record. You have to keep saying it until they begin to hear it

it precise; beating around the bush or sugar coating everything just adds to the confusion.

"We give kids too much to sort through too early in life. Just tell it like it is: if you make bad decisions; you pay a price, and the price you pay could make it difficult for you when

once they understand the value of what they have. We have to be persistent, though – saying it once is not enough. We have to say it, demonstrate it, say it again, let them experience it, say it again – we have to care enough to make sure the message gets through; and when you speak with a

Influences equal positive outcomes equal pleasant memories."

Carson is traveling to communities and universities and is saddened by the people he meets that are good candidates for the jobs – intelligence, aptitude, attitude, personality – it's all there – but then they are marred by a bad decision they made early in life.

Would they be good agents? Yes, and we would all benefit from their service, but there are restrictions, rules, regulations and an FBI man or woman shouldn't have any excess baggage they have to continuously explain. "Yes, you can get your record cleaned up, but it takes time – and we're recruiting NOW! Who's ready? Because that's who I'm looking for – someone who is ready NOW!"

The stimulating evening continued with the presentations of awards:

Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Service Manager Glenda Ford received the Mary Coleman Award for her relentless pursuit of fair treatment of clients and her dedication to the community.

The Furl Williams Award went to Lima City School Board member and Lima City Official Saul Allen. The Larry Watkins Award for African American Businesses was given to Fresh and Faded Barbershop/Clothier/Productions/Shoe Shine; and the pioneering Rosa Parks Award was presented to Vickie Shurelds.

The youth award went to Ronald R. McGee, Jr. who is rated in the top one percent of the PSATs. Those acknowledged by the Dream Award were: Pastor Arnold Manley, Charles Thomas, Rosa Luster, Karen Long and Jesse Lowe.

"We give kids too much to sort through too early in life. Just tell it like it is: if you make bad decisions; you pay a price..."

repeated in their own minds. Don't get a record. It's easier to keep a record clean than to expunge it later in life when you want a good job."

Carson spoke of young people being guided by giving them the tools for survival. He suggested making it personal. "Don't generalize so they think you may not be talking about them. If you say it in loose terms, they don't get the urgency of your thoughts."

He went on to say make

you're older and ready to raise your own family," he continued. Have pride in yourself and in your family.

"When I was coming up, you had a responsibility to not shame your family name," recalled the FBI agent. "It was your responsibility pretty early in life to protect the good thoughts people had about your family. It was important because anything you did was a reflection of everyone. Pride is something that can change thoughts in a child,

child, you have to be provocative. Give them something to think about, and then show them how to think it through. You do what you do because you get what you get. Tell them that, and then explain what you mean and how they have the power to choose their own actions, and the choices they make result in what becomes their way of life. It's simple. Positive

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419 Underground Hip Hop Awards

By Michael Hayes
Minister of Culture



Have you ever heard of the 419 Underground Hip Hop Awards?

Me neither ... until just recently when one of the artists I produce was nominated.

Whoever is behind this, I'm saying to you if you're reading this that if you reach out to The Truth I would love to put it out there and let more readers and music lovers know what's going down.

For those of you who would like to vote for your favorite artist, I have to admit that even though I'm happy to have some nominations... many of the local rappers, record labels and singers who we would think should be on there don't appear to be on the ballot. But I'm not hating, I'd just like to let my readers know.

Notable artists nominated include (include, but not limited to) Cuntry (Best Rap Artist) B Wills (Best Mixtape) Club Rocks and most of the other clubs you can think of for (Best Club) D.J. Kausion, D.J. Lyte N Rod and others for (Best D.J.)

Our artist Darron Scott, and Hustle Hand artist Tracy and also my dude Nemo were among those voted for Best Male R&B Artist.

Our artist T. Diamond along with Yung Prof and a few others were among those nominated for Best New Rap Artist and Best Live Performer.

And I'm happy to say that

our label, U.G.E., was among the select few in the Best Record Label category. Be sure though, I'm not trying to give favoritism to people whom I work with.

We are honestly just honored to be acknowledged.

I was going to print a full list of nominees but I'd like the organizers behind this event to get at me (glasscitytruth@yahoo.com) and we can chop it up and let everyone know about everyone who is nominated and how this event got started.

From what I have heard though, it's not just Toledo that's included... it's all the 419 area code parts of Northwest Ohio (Fremont, Sandusky etc. etc.). So get at me and we can do this officially! But I'm not only excited to have nominations I'm associated with, I'm also proud that something like this is even taking place. I wanna be involved, so holla at me.

IN OTHER NEWS:

U.G.E. Artists Aye Dee and T. Diamond will be featured on Fox Toledo Idol, so stay tuned for that on Tuesday nights.

Feb 14 at The Listening is a night dedicated to love and even though we always like to have the area's rappers/singers and poets show up to bless our mic - on THIS particular night singer/songwriters Darron Scott and Aye Dee are hosting and they want you to bring your art and stay on topic. Even though we host this night, we invite all artists to participate and come down. Just be civilized, and we would love to have you.

After completing three weeks as repeat champion Battle Of The Beats.. T. Diamond will be featuring someone very important on the remix to his local hit "Haterz Get Mad".

That person could be you! If you are a rapper and you want to be on the city-wide

allstar remix, just visit www.myspace.com/toleodiamond1 and send him a message.

February 26 is my birthday. I will be having my party at The Peacock Café, you are all invited. Yes, there will be performances by our artists and many other local artists. Yes, you are encouraged to bring cake (chocolate) and gifts of all sorts.

February 28 - Rocky's Attic at UT.

Ramona Collins will be performing, UT students will be having an open mic as well... I'll be there and so should you.

Upcoming interviews: Flow, B. Wills, SAAB (Rogers High School) and more!

I appreciate you all reading these words week in and week out. I try to go hard at my passion because nothing in this world is promised.

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Glass City, I'm here rockin' with'y'all... even in tough times. Peace and see you next week.

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Connecting Point

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need its approval to do so, according to Chatman.

By last fall, Connecting Point, unable to meet its payroll on a consistent basis, had asked for an agreement with Fifth Third to "float" its payroll on an every other week basis until matching funds from grants caught up with revenue requirements.

"It would not surprise us if the agency can no longer exist," said Kitson in November. "Their financial situation is that desperate."

A White Knight Arrives

As 2009 rolled in, Connecting Point, which was serving over 2,100 clients for mental health and substance abuse issues, along with another 5,400 as part of its various prevention programs, had reached a financial tipping point.

Fifth Third Bank had agreed going into the year that it would float the agency's January 2 payroll, according to Chatman, but left open the possibility of floating its January 16 payroll. That bi-weekly payroll was approximately \$180,000.

During the second week of January, bank officials met with Chatman and her colleagues and informed them that the bank would no longer "float any more overdrafts for the every other week payroll," said Chatman. So on January 15, notices went out to staff members and parents of Connecting Point's clients that the non-profit agency would be shuttered in 30 days.

On January 16, however, a white knight arrived in the form of Doni Miller, CEO of Neighborhood

Health Association and a former board member of Connecting Point.

"I just don't see how a community can allow an agency that serves over 2,000 clients to just go under," said Miller earlier this week.

Miller brought in her own chief financial officer and several other staffers and offered to craft a plan that would enable Connecting Point to go forward if Fifth Third approved. That offer was accepted by the board and the agency's interim director Delores Williams.

"She stepped up to the plate and said 'I'm a friend, let's not let this happen,'"

sources. We now feel we can re-open talks with the bank ... it sounds good. I'm very excited but we have to move fast."

Connecting Point's Death Knell

With the help of NHA's volunteers, the agency did indeed move fast. A plan was crafted in relatively short order that would enable the agency to continue providing services and at the beginning of February, the board met again with bank officials.

Given Connecting Point's financial situation, however, the plan

"I just don't see how a community can allow an agency that serves over 2,000 clients to just go under," ~Doni Miller

said Chatman of Miller's offer to help. "She said 'let me and my people who have expertise, look at your books and see what we can pull together at Connecting Point.'"

Over the course of the following several weeks, NHA staffers took apart Connecting Point's finances even as some of the faltering agency's staff looked for greener pastures.

"That's it," a dispirited Williams told The Truth on January 19. "Our psychiatrists have made a decision to move on."

The board was not so pessimistic. "There is a possibility that we can turn the corner," said Chatman later that same day. "We are working with the bank. Last Thursday we were not hopeful that the bank would be willing to work with us. Then help arrived with other

did require a cash infusion and a willingness on the bank's part to continue to float the agency's payroll.

"The bank said it was a good plan and we were going in the right direction," said Chatman of that meeting. "But they were not able to provide a cash infusion to get the plan going."

Without the bank's assistance, the agency had no chance to move forward. On February 5, the board of directors issued a press release announcing that services would cease on February 13. The release read in part: "In cooperation with the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board (MHR SB) of Lucas County, all services will be redirected to its Sys-

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Connecting Point

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tem of Care agencies.”

And although services provided by Connecting Point end this week, the board members remain committed to ensuring that clients are provided for in a convenient manner.

“I’m concerned that the agencies picking up Connecting Point’s kids are going to counsel them and send them on their way,” said board member Warren

Davis. “The community needs to understand that Connecting Point was a one-stop shop agency. We’ve now lost so many services for children of Lucas County.”

That concern, said board member Olivia Holden, is shared by the staff members who will remain in place for the rest of the month to help their clients make smooth transitions. “When we told

staff that this was it, I have never been so profoundly moved by their shock,” said Holden. “Their first reaction was ‘what about my kids? You mean I can’t see them anymore?’”

And what did the board members take away from this experience?

On the one hand, most have expressed gratitude that they were able to contribute to the volunteer ef-

fort to help Lucas County children.

“As a board member, we have been prudent stewards and we were committed to these kids,” said Chatman. “We fought the hard fight for these children.”

Nevertheless, they also reflected on the errors that prompted the financial crisis. Davis put his finger clearly on why the agency ran aground, well before the

current economic crisis forced the final issue.

“It is so important to have a plan for growth,” said Davis, explaining that when he came aboard, he felt that no such plan was in place even as the agency was adding programs and expanding services.

There is also no substitute for transparency in the relationship between staff and boards, said all three

directors.

“I take from this ... I trusted our CEO,” said Chatman. “I trusted that the agency was on the right track fiscally and through its leadership. You just can’t expand too much or too quickly. You need the right plan in place.”

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority is seeking bids from qualified contractors to furnish all labor, materials, and equipment for the following project(s):

JOB NO.: 29003
PROJECT NAME: Installation/Replacement of Carpet at Various LMHA Sites
CONTRACT: One Year
MINIMUM CONTRACT AMOUNT: \$40,000
MAXIMUM: \$90,000
BID OPENING DATE: Wednesday, February 18, 2009 @ 11:00am

All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in the 2nd Floor Conference Room on the dates shown above, in the RCI Department (Modernization), at 201 Belmont Street, Toledo, Ohio 43604. Contract documents and technical specifications/drawings can be picked up from the RCI Department, at address above, for a non-refundable fee of \$25.00 for each bid package.

The prevailing wages for this locality, as established by the Department of Labor as Wage Determination OH20080028, as modified, must be paid all persons employed for this work.

Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids, or to waive any informality in the bidding. No bids shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of the bids.

All bidders shall be required to meet the Affirmative Action requirements and Equal Employment Opportunity requirements as described in Executive Order #11246. Each bidder must insure that all employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, handicap, age, or ancestry.

LUCAS METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY
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Notice to Bidders: Inquiry # FY09-57 RE-BID, (Project # 1020-09-601) f

Building Demolition for the University of Toledo. Sealed bids for this project must be clearly marked with the project number on all inner and outer envelopes and/or shipping containers. Bids must be addressed and delivered to the University of Toledo, Facilities and Construction, Plant Operations Room 1100, 2801 W Bancroft MS 216, Toledo, Ohio 43606 before 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 18, 2009. Bids will be publicly opened that same day at 1:05 p.m. in the Plant Operations Building, Room 1000. Copies of Plans, Specifications, and Bid Forms may be obtained from Becker Impressions, 4646 Angola Road, Toledo, Ohio 43615. Call 419-385-5303 for an appointment to pick up bid package. A cost of \$25.00 will be charged per set. Any further information may be obtained from Kevin Denman of BHDP Architecture at 513-271-1634. Total Bid Guaranty and Contract Bond are required per section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code. While the State of Ohio EDGE Participation Goal is 5%, The University of Toledo EDGE Participation Goal is 100%. Project Estimate: \$350,000.00; Breakdown: General Const: \$350,000.00.

AOD THERAPIST II

Opportunity is available for experienced AOD Therapist to work in Child and Adolescent Services providing individual, family and group counseling, case management and prevention services. Candidate must possess a Master's degree, a minimum of two years experience working with children and adolescents with chemical dependency issues and one of the following Ohio licenses – LSW, LISW, PC, PCC, LCDC III or LICDC. Dual licensure and prevention certification preferred.

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AOD THERAPIST I

Opportunity is available for experienced AOD Therapist to work in Child and Adolescent Services providing individual, family and group counseling, case management and prevention services. Candidate must possess a Bachelor's degree, a minimum of six months experience working with children and adolescents with chemical dependency issues and be at minimum a CDCA. Dual licensure as either a PC or LSW and prevention certification preferred.

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Notice to Bidders: Inquiry # FY09-82, (Project # 0003-08-557)

Snyder Memorial Building Energy Improvements for the University of Toledo. Sealed bids for this project must be clearly marked with the project number on all inner and outer envelopes and/or shipping containers. Bids must be addressed and delivered to the University of Toledo, Facilities and Construction, Plant Operations, Room 1100, 2925 E. Rocket Drive, MS 216, Toledo, Ohio 43606 before 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 4, 2009. Bids will be publicly opened that same day at 2:05 p.m. in the Plant Operations Building, Room 1000. Copies of Plans, Specifications, and Bid Forms may be obtained from Becker Impressions, 4646 Angola Road, Toledo, Ohio 43615. Call 419-385-5393 for an appointment to pick up bid package. A cost of \$25.00 will be charged per set. Any further information may be obtained from Steve Boyce of Ifacts at 614-205-1473. One Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Wednesday, February 25, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. in the Plant Operations Building, Room 1000, at the University of Toledo, 2925 E. Rocket Drive, Toledo, OH 43606. Total Bid Guaranty and Contract Bond are required per section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code. EDGE Participation Goal: 5%. Project Estimate: \$185,000.00; Breakdown: HVAC: \$185,000.00.

INTERESTED BIDDERS: TOLEDO PUBLIC SCHOOLS – LARCHMONT K-8 SCHOOL

Sealed bids will be accepted by the Board of Education of the Toledo Public School District until 1:00 p.m. on March 4, 2009, at the Toledo Public Schools Treasurers' Room 3, 420 E. Manhattan Blvd., Toledo, Ohio 43608, for all labor, material and supervision necessary for the Furnishings and Equipment of Larchmont K-8 School, as more fully described in the drawings and specifications for the project prepared by SSOE, Inc. and will be opened publicly and read immediately thereafter.

Bid Documents for the project may be examined at the F.W. Dodge plan rooms in Columbus, Builders Exchange in Toledo, University of Toledo – Capacity Building, E.O.P.A. – Hamilton Building, Northwest Ohio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and The Plan Room in Ann Arbor, Construction Association of Michigan, Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce and Ohio Construction News.

Bidders may obtain copies of the documents starting February 11th, 2009 which can be purchased from Becker Impressions, 4646 Angola Rd, Toledo, Ohio 43615 Phone: 419-385-5303. Drawings may be obtained on CD-ROM for no cost with the purchase of the specifications.

A PREBID CONFERENCE is scheduled for February 20th, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. at Toledo Public Schools' Board Room, 420 E. Manhattan Blvd., Toledo, Ohio 43608

If you have any questions or a need for additional information, please direct all questions in writing to LeShay.Hadley@lgb-llc.com, by phone at (419) 776-5600, or (fax) (877) 281-0784.

Bid Item #1: Larchmont K-8 School S c h o o l FF&E \$360,622.42

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Clearview Golf Club: A Landmark and a Legacy

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While he worked on the course, he held down a full time job in order to support his wife and two children.

At age 28, Bill Powell became a golf course architect, builder, superintendent and golf professional. He also became the first and only African-American to design, build, own and operate a golf course anywhere in the world. The course would leave an undeniable mark on the people who played there,

especially Powell's children. "He taught all of us to play the game of golf," says Renee Powell.

Clearview Golf Course has been a family affair for more than 60 years. Powell always relied on the help of his family, including his wife Marcella, who passed away in 1996. Now 92 years old, he has handed the torch of course management to his family. His son, Larry Powell, is Clearview's course superin-



tendent.

NASA and the Golf Course Superintendent's Association have recognized Larry's work in course maintenance and his research on hydroponics and drought management. Renee Powell, currently serves as Clearview's head golf professional and is considered one of the top golf teachers in America. The legacy that has been established by her family continues to be her main passion and mis-

sion, and she helps to raise funds for the Clearview Legacy Foundation, a charitable foundation, for education, preservation and research.

Renee Powell learned the game of golf from her father and is the second of only three African-American women to play on the Ladies Professional Golf Association Tour (LPGA) since its creation in 1950, and she has received numerous honors.

To even list the combined father-daughter honors for Bill and Renee, would take more space than we have for this article. Some highlights for Bill Powell include his appearance as a special guest at the dedication of the WWII Memorial at the Smithsonian Institute, where he also participated in the Wartime Stories Pavilion along with actor Ossie Davis. As an American and WWII veteran, he counts this as one of the proudest moments of his life.

He has also received several honorary doctorate degrees and was inducted into the Ohio Golf Hall of Fame with his daughter. They are the only two people from the same family ever inducted. He has recently been nominated for a lifetime achievement award and induction into the World Golf Hall of Fame. Truly, as his biography explains, "his has been a life of lifetime achievements."

To even scratch the surface of Renee Powell's accomplishments in golf would be even more difficult. From her many golf "firsts" as an African-American and a woman, to her incredible dedication to helping bring the game of golf to those who wouldn't otherwise have an opportunity to experience it, she inspires many. One her most recent honors, and a "golf first," came in 2008 when she received an honorary doctorate degree from the University of St. Andrews in Scotland. She is the first female to receive the award, and one of only three American golfers to receive it, along with Jack Nicklaus and Charlie Sifford.

Of the 16,000+ golf courses in the United States, Clearview is one of only 15 to appear in the National Register of Historic Places. It was named a National Historic Site by the U.S. Department of the Interior, in 2001 and garnered Ohio Historic Site recognition the same year. With daily events during golf season, and everything from a major celebrity tournament that raises funds for the Clearview Legacy Foundation to an event with LPGA tour players that raises money for charity, there is always something to do, see and learn at the Clearview Golf Course. This course is an important piece of golf history, Ohio history, African-American history and world history. Now you know the story behind Clearview Golf Course, a place where everyone, regardless of the color of their hair or skin, their nationality or their religion, can fall in love with golf.



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