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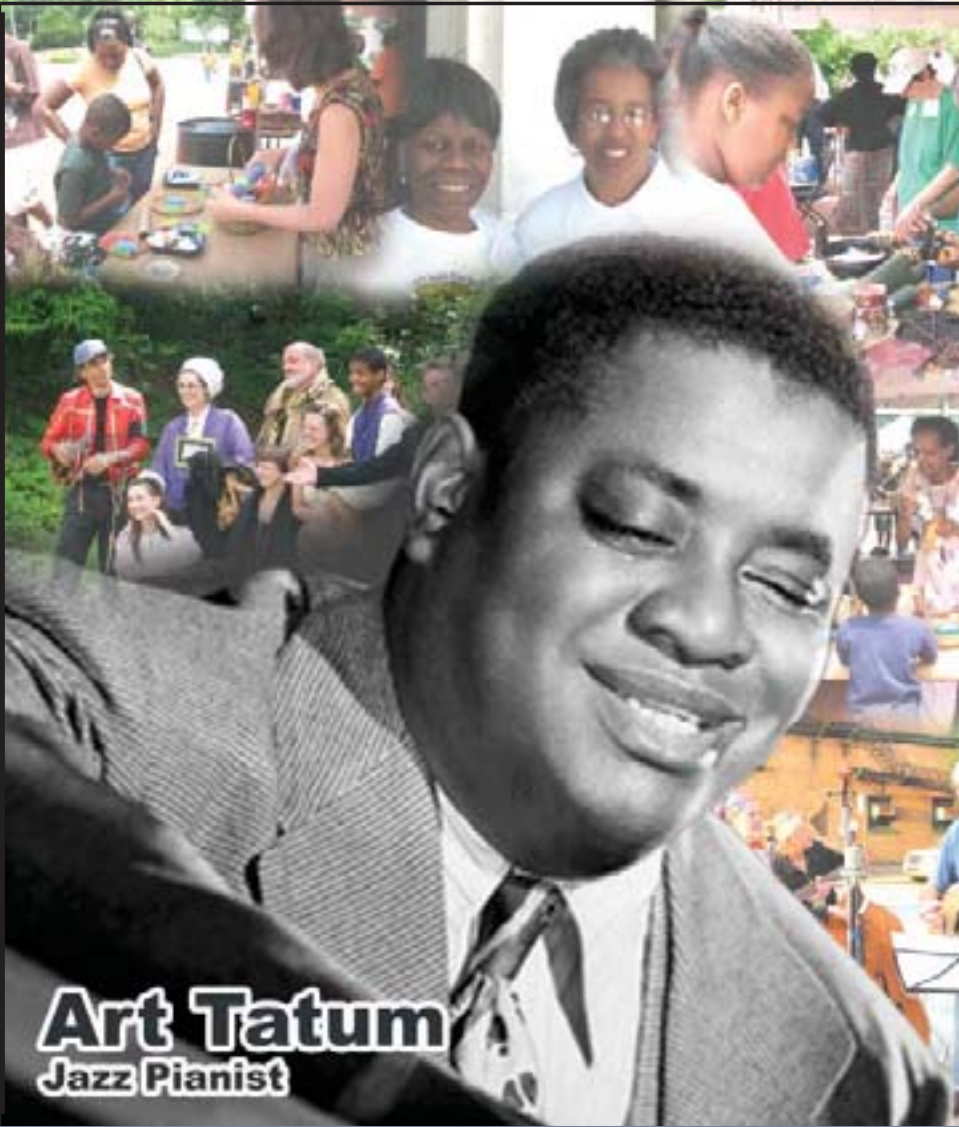
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**Art Tatum**  
Jazz Pianist

*"That man just plays too much music" – Pianist Stanley Cowell's mother, Hazel Cowell, commenting on pianist's Art Tatum's genius*

## This Strikes Us ...

*A Sojourner's Truth Editorial*

You missed a great weekend, Toledo!

Right here in Toledo, in fact. While so many of you were sitting at home bemoaning the fact that there is nothing to do in the Glass City, the Glass City was alive and buzzing this past weekend with some extraordinary arts and cultural events.

It was not a weekend to sit around on the couch.

The festivities started with The Third Thursday Art Walk in which 13 – yes, that's right, 13 – downtown, uptown, warehouse district arts galleries opened on Thursday night for those who wanted to get around and mingle with other arts lovers.

Many of the galleries offered free wine and appetizers for their visitors.

There was a jazz party going on Friday and Saturday at Murphy's. Dozens of area jazz artists came together to celebrate the late, great Art Tatum's 100th birthday. From 5 to 10 p.m. on Friday and from 2 to 10 pm. On Saturday, you could hear as much fabulous music as you could possible want – in one of the best locations in the area.

Not crazy about music or art? No problem. On Saturday and Sunday, you could witness one of Toledo premiere ballet dance troupes – the Positive Force Christian School of Dance – present their annual recital. This year's production, Power of The Blood, featured all 105 students – ages five through 18 – on Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon at Owens Community College's Center for Fine and Performing Arts.

And if the theatre is what you crave, you had the opportunity to see a wonderful production of Shakespeare's All's Well That Ends Well by Glaciy Theatre Collective – a first rate group of local actors – in a truly marvelous setting at Maumee Valley Day County School. That play was produced on Friday and Saturday evening as well as Sunday afternoon.

We hope you caught at least one of these events on one of the very best weekends Toledo has to offer. You have only yourself to blame if you let all of these events slip by.

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On a more somber note, with all of the bad news swirling around and budget woes on every governmental level, the word that Gov. Ted Strickland is considering a cut of more than 50 percent to the Public Library Fund (PLF) is surely devastating.

It Strickland's proposed 2009-2011 budget is approved as written, public libraries all over the State of Ohio will be forced to close their doors. Those who will be able to stay open will face the prospect of reduced hours, reduced programs, fewer new books and DVDs, fewer services provided to small businesses and to job seekers.

Strickland has proposed cutting \$227.3 million from the expected \$403 million and that is in addition to the reductions that libraries have already experienced as a result of declining revenues. State funding to libraries has already been frozen since 2000.

Fortunately libraries from around the state are joining forces to fight the budget cuts. They are asking patrons, friends and supporters to help by emailing or calling the governor (1-614-466-3555) to make their displeasure known. A list of contact e-mail addresses and phone numbers for the governor and his staff is available on the Toledo Lucas County Public Library web site at toledolibrary.org.

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We sure know a lot about fire hydrants now. Part of the reason we know so much about them – other than the devastating fire that destroyed the home of Barbie and Herman Harrison – is the fact that this tragedy happened just as the local election season is getting underway.

The candidates have taken the opportunity not just to blame the city but also to blame each other for real or imagined failures. Regrettably, anything is fair game when it comes time to run for office.

Now, inexplicably, the mayor has jumped in to form a commission to review the city's handling of the fire and the aftermath. We just cannot fathom why an independent commission is necessary, it would seem by this point that everyone who can read newspapers or watch television news is pretty well informed on what happened and why it happened.

However, we have two suggestions for the commission. First, try to find out why the city was so competent and diligent in informing the Harrisons about how quickly they had to clean up the debris of their shattered lives before fines would start being imposed.

Second, ask the mayor if you can investigate the issuance of those parking tickets to residents who parked on their own unpaved driveways and whether we can expect more of that sort of behavior.

## Community Calendar

### June 21-27

28th Annual Edwin Hawkins and Walter Hawkins Music and Arts Love Fellowship Conference: 419-241-7332

### June 22-26

Union Grove MBC Vacation Bible School: 6 to 8 pm nightly; "Boomerang Express all comes back to Jesus"; Classes for ages 4 to adult

Carmel Smith Summer Youth Camp: First Annual Girls Basketball Camp; Grades 6 thru 8; Smith Park; Daily registration at 1 am; Camp activities from 11 am to 3 pm: 419-917-3547

### June 22-28

Greater St. Mary MBC: 84th Church Anniversary; 7 pm nightly; Mon. Pastor Cordell Jenkins and St. Paul; Tues. Pastor Randall Parker and New Kingdom; Wed. Nolan White and Christian Community Church; Thurs. Rev. Otis Gordon and Warren AME; Fri. Bishop Ronnie Hoard and Ephaphata House of God; Sun, 4 pm, Rev. Henry Newson and Spiritual Harvest

### June 26

Poetry Live: All poets and performers welcome; 7:30 pm; 2484 Glenwood: 419-508-1503

Homeownership Fair: Northwest Ohio Development Agency; Outside Courtyard at 432 N. Superior; 11 am to 5 pm;

### June 26-27

Jeremy Lincoln Pro Football Camp: Friday AM – Grades 2-6, 8 am registration; Friday PM – Grades 7-12, 1 pm registration; Saturday – All day grades 7-12, 8 am registration: 419-535-3126

### June 27

Abundant Joy Ministries: Worship & Praise Service; "Keeping It Real About Sex;" New Destiny Worship Center; 6:30 to 8:30 pm: 419-787-3732 or 419-699-0586

Citywide Christian Trustee Association Meeting: James B. Simmons Bldg; 10 am: 419-380-9477

Lighthouse Community Center Garage Sale: 10 am to 6 pm; 50/50 raffle, hot dogs and pop: 419-471-1912

### June 28

Braden United Method Church Final Worship Service: Special guests Interfaith Mass Choir; Morning service at 10:30 am, final worship service at 6 pm

Indiana Avenue MBC: "Mass Choir in Concert;" 5 pm; "Souled Out;" 419-246-3850

Christian Community Church 7th Pastoral Anniversary for Elder Nolan White: 10 am service with Dec. Joseph White of Macon, GA; 5 pm service with Pastor Floyd Smith of Calvary Baptist: 419-471-1577 or 419-259-5209

Men's Day Celebration at All Saints' Episcopal; 10 am; Speaker Eric Walker

### June 29-July 4

Parkwood Seventh Day Adventist Youth Week of Prayer: "The Culmination Heaven is Our Goal;" ages 13-18; 6 to 7:30 pm; 11 am on Saturday: 419-241-5456

### June 30

Green Entrepreneur Resource Fair: Presented by Toledo African-American Bureau of Commerce and LC Board of Commissioners; 1 to 4 pm; Downtown Public Library – McMaster Center; Keynote speaker Melissa Bradley-Burns

### July 5

Braden United Methodist: New location 4725 Door; Morning worship at 10:30 am; evening worship at 5 pm

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## Never Again

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



is viewed by many as merely a nonbinding, symbolic and meaningless insult which does nothing to change the reality of life for African-Americans.

Indifference to or rejection of an apology indicates the presence of unaddressed or unresolved complex problems that serve as barriers to reconciliation. It appears that one of the primary obstacles to current racial harmony may be the dysfunctional relationship between blacks and the Republican Party.

This past Thursday, five months after the first black U.S. president ascended to office and just prior to the June 19 Juneteenth celebration of the emancipation of African-Americans at the Civil War's 1865 conclusion, the U.S. Senate finally formally apologized for the "fundamental injustice, cruelty, brutality, and inhumanity of slavery" of African-Americans.

The resolution, in brutally honest and frightfully accurate language "apologizes to African-Americans on behalf of the people of the United States for the wrongs committed against them and their ancestors who suffered under slavery and Jim Crow laws."

Some view the legislation as a "Slavery is finally done - now get over it" moment while others feel that apologies are meaningful only when they come accompanied with something else. The only thing that this resolution carries with it in return for 246 years of slavery and an additional 100 years of Jim Crow segregation is an appended disclaimer stating that nothing in it supports or authorizes reparations by the United States. As a result, the resolution

A recent Gallup Poll indicates that African-Americans mirror the GOP rather than Democratic Party views on morality issues such as having a baby outside of marriage, homosexuality, sex between an unmarried man and woman, stem cell research using human embryos and same-sex marriages but only five percent identify as Republicans. Yet there has been little done to broaden the GOP base to include more minorities.

Longtime local veteran GOP party member Jan Scotland, who indicates that African-American membership in the local Republican party is approximately two percent, acknowledges the lack of minority outreach efforts. "There's nothing going on now and we have not done a good job in articulating our message. Instead we have an identity problem and spend too much time fighting internal battles."

Scotland attributes party ineffectiveness and failure to attract minority membership to causes such as the loss of stronger old-school party leaders, the lack of voter sophistication or discernment

and to being located in a traditionally Democratic Party stronghold.

Most African-Americans however, see in the GOP the current rise in militant and white supremacist organizations or hate crimes such as what happened recently at the Holocaust Museum and then look back to 1965 when the Southern Democrats, who had bombed schools and lynched innocent men deserted the party as a result of Lyndon Johnson's signing of the Voting Rights Act.

Their defection to the Republican Party became the new southern base of the new GOP which is seen as enacting conservative public policies to reestablish white power and control over the distribution of public goods while vigorously challenging black hopes for inclusion in American society. African-Americans, although perhaps the most churched and most forgiving of people today find it difficult or impossible to forgive and forget the pain of the past.

Also at issue with the Senate's apology is the fact that it eloquently and commendably states the oppressive historic atrocities committed by whites against blacks but it miserably fails to give recognition to the African-American slave for the role and contributions in developing America to be what and where it is presently.

Scholarship acknowledges that the United States of America which we see in 2009 would

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## Reparations ... Hey! It's a White Thing, Too!

By Lafe Tolliver, Esq.  
Guest Column



Recently, Congress, specifically the Senate, has issued an apology for slavery and they now need to convene with the House of Representatives about working out the points of conflict in the two measures.

One point of conflict is that neither bill will approve of reparations to the descendants of American slaves. Read the following story and you will know why omitting reparations would be a colossal mistake and you will really see who benefits from "reparations."

Willie Jackson and his wife Shauntae and their three kids, Leon, Lorline and Tydenda waited on the front porch of their rented house. It was Tuesday and about 2 o'clock and the postman was on his way.

This was the day. The day that the portly postman was to deliver the first installment of the "Rep" (short for reparations) checks. Congress passed the hotly contested bill by a mere two votes; and when the southern president refused to sign the bill, it automatically became law.

Besides monetary appropriations for the historically

black colleges, monies to demolish dilapidated inner city shabby housing and tuition credits for inner city academies, each certified minority adult in America who was of African descent and who could trace his or her lineage back to enslaved ancestors, was to receive \$45,000.00 per year for eight years ... tax-free.

Meanwhile, across town in Toledo at the all-white Regents Country Club and in its walnut-paneled bar, there was a party of sorts going on. No, this party was not about a club member being promoted to a general sales manager at a local corporation nor was it about a clubbie being nominated for a plum political job at City Hall.

The white folks in the bar...about a 120 of them - the shakers and pillars and leading retailers of the city - were hoisting their tinkling champagne glasses to portly postal workers everywhere who were toting heavy denim bags full of Rep checks to awaiting postbellum slave descendants.

It was practically a national holiday on that Tuesday due to all of the millions of black people calling in sick and coming down with a seemingly national case of the flu - Rep flu that is.

Bill Fuller, the owners of Dessiner & Foats, an upscale men's clothier boasted that he had just hired four new salespeople in anticipation of the "rep people" coming in to buy up his \$850.00 suits (only marked up from \$410.00 the week before).

Arnold Bollend, the man-

ager of Rici's, a full line department store, was working overtime preparing his store for what he jokingly called, "an imminent invasion of 'rep people.'"

William Statler, the manager of the local Lexus dealership was practically tongue tied when he started computing his profits from ordering dozens of loaded Lexus' for the anticipated rush of "rep people" buying his sleek products.

Howard Nathan talked excitedly into his glass of bubbly about how his shoe store would be besieged by crowds of "rep people" literally fighting to try on his Arostos & Cornblens which start off at \$495.00 a pair.

But who could forget the look of disbelief on the face of Marvin Garfoleski, the part owner of the Detroit Now Casino when he stated that he had to hire an additional 30 security guards to police the Toledo "rep people" who would come in droves to his crap tables with crumpled \$50.00 bills looking like pieces of green and white confetti in their hands.

"Let's toast reparations again," shouted an unknown member of the club and at that incentive, dozens of glasses were raised and lowered to awaiting mouths who dreamed of eight more years of a multi-billion dollar economic stimulus package thanks to the "rep people."

For everyone in that insular club knew and held with deep awe the closely guarded secret that within one to 30 days, 95 percent of the passed out "rep monies" would, like a homing pigeon, find its way to their stores and offices and neighborhoods and bank accounts and which in turn would finance their 401(k) retirements and summer homes and their kids' hefty private tuition payments.

Who wouldn't like reparations? It was ... money out and then ... money back in!

Back at the home, Willie and Shauntae were in the living room on the rented furniture tearing open the plain brown manila envelope that had a return address of The Department of the Treasury and which envelope held the present-day monetary equivalent of that proverbial 40 acres and a mule.

The non-descript check fell out of the envelope and at the same time Willie jumped up and ran to the phone to call Ray, Arch and Phil. They were first going to Dessiner & Foats and then he was going to get a pair of blue-on-blue

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# The Week in Politics: More Fear and Loathing in Toledo

By Fletcher Word  
Sojourner's Truth Editor

City Council, the Board of Education and the race for mayor ... lots of excitement in Toledo politics.

Two weeks ago, the unexpected happened on the local political scene – Toledo City Council President Mark Sobczak resigned his post and set off a chain of events that resemble a line of falling dominoes.

Last week's events, however, were anything but unexpected.

As predicted, the Lucas County Democratic Party voted to recommend Steve Steel, Ph.D., president of the Toledo Board of Education to fill the seat on council. Steel, a declared candidate for council was the obvious choice because of his experience and prominence on the school board and because of his proven ability to run in and win a city-wide seat.

Surprisingly, however, the decision by the party screening committee and then the executive committee to recommend Steel was closer than anticipated. He just narrowly edged out political newcomer Adam Martinez, also a declared candidate for an at-large seat.

In all likelihood, Steel will now move onto council creating a vacancy on the school board but the Democratic Party has decided not to recommend anyone for that position in order to avoid having to choose between Aji Green and Brenda Hill. The Party endorsed both candidates some months ago.

The first order of business for City Council is to vote on a new president and the two frontrunners for that position – District 4 Councilman Michael Ashford and At-Large Councilman Joe McNamara – are working their colleagues in an effort to collect the six necessary.

Meanwhile, mayoral politics heated up more than a tad last week.

In the wake of the devastating fire that claimed the Westmoreland home of Barbie and Herman Harrison, Lucas County Commissioner Ban Konop took his opponent, former fire Chief Mike Bell, to task for perceived failures during his almost 17-year tenure.

"There are a number of serious questions Mr. Bell needs to answer," said Konop. He asked his opponent why didn't he insist that the city color-code fire hydrants in order to distinguish between the four-inch and six-inch mains; why didn't Chief Bell place maps on trucks letting firefighters know which hydrants would be able to help put out fires.

"This all directly relates to leadership and how Mike Bell would lead as mayor," said Konop.

Bell did not take such attacks lying down. On the same day that Konop held his press conference attacking the former fire chief, candidate Bell called his own conference and discussed the hydrant issue.

"The young candidate has forgotten that when he was in school I was dealing with homeland security issues," said Bell. **"We had a plan when**

**I was fire chief. We would not assume that a fire hydrant would work, we had a back-up plan."**

According to Bell, the fire department always was prepared to use a second or third fire hydrant in case the first option did not work and, as he also noted, it really did not make a difference what size the main was. The fire department was always prepared to move to a second option knowing that any hydrant at any time could fail.

"I'm not blaming the fire department," he said. "It was an unusual circumstance. They did what they were supposed to do – they responded."

Konop did not let matters rest on the fire hydrant issue and Bell's responsibility as fire chief. Responding the next day, he issued a statement asking: "Should we accept that Mike Bell was too busy as fire chief to attend to, what we tragically learned last week, is an extremely important detail?"

Next up, the vote for city council president. Sobczak's resignation is effective this week and council will be replacing him within two weeks or by the July 7 meeting.



# NAACP On the Casey Case

I am writing in response to an article written by Attorney Lafe Tolliver entitled "Readers Weigh in on Trevor Casey Incident", which was published in The Sojourner's Truth on Wednesday, June 3, 2009. In this article Mr. Tolliver responds to a writer, George M., who asked why are not more pastors at least stating something to help or to explain the incident involving the Trevor Casey beating by the Toledo Police Department Officers and states that even weeks after the incident, there has been no public statement or outcry by any of the pastoral groups, fraternities, sororities or the NAACP (they are a joke)... It is this statement and the reference to the NAACP that I shall respond to.

Please be advised the local chapter of the NAACP is very concerned about the incident that occurred between the Toledo Police Officers and Trevor Casey on Friday, May 15, 2009. As a matter of record be advised that the local chapter of the NAACP was very disturbed by the video of Mr. Casey's beating by two police officers and we were even more outraged that two African-American police officers were the ones using excessive force. Make no mistake, the local chapter views excessive force as excessive force and it will not be tolerated by any officer regardless of their race. Although he was correct in his assertion that there was no public statement or outcry regarding this matter from the NAACP, we were taking preliminary steps in the investigation of this matter. The local chapter of the NAACP's chairperson of the Grievance Committee, Professor Morris Jenkins, attended a meeting where Mr. Stephen Ward met with family members which occurred very shortly after the incident happened.

During the following week, I spoke to the local chapter President WilliAnn Moore, who directed to me begin an investigation in this matter. I then contacted and spoke with the national office of the NAACP and requested information and direction on how to proceed in this matter. I also attempted to contact the family through a family member who knows the family well, but learned that same evening through a newspaper article that the Casey's were represented by Mr. Tolliver. This information caused me to suspend any contacts to the family because to my knowledge they had counsel. I also discussed this matter with Chairperson, Prof. Morris Jenkins who requested that when I spoke with Mr. Tolliver to let him know that not only were we going to launch our own investigation in this case, but if he needed any assistance from the Grievance Committee, in representing Mr. Casey, we would be happy to assist.

During the last week of May, I telephoned Mr. Tolliver's office and left a voice message of the same and asked him to telephone me, at his earliest convenience. I did not hear from Mr. Tolliver until I ran into him at his office the following week and he informed me at that time he was not representing the family. It was the same evening or the next evening that I read the above-mentioned article in The Sojourner's Truth. I do not hold any animosity

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## Gas Station Demolition Marks New Step for UT and Surrounding Neighborhoods

Special to The Truth

The demolition of the BP Gas Station at the corner of Secor Rd. and Dorr St. finally took place the morning of June 16, 2009 as a number of community organizations were represented at the demolition site.

"This is part of The University of Toledo's strategic

plan to enhance the environment and promote a sense of community between the University and its surrounding neighbors", said UT President Dr. Lloyd Jacobs just prior to the demolition. The area will be maintained as "green space" for at least five years and will provide a wel-

coming gateway to the southwest side of the campus. After that time the area may be transitioned to accommodate either student housing or retail space. This is another step in the university's commitment to being a good neighbor, said Dr. Jacobs.

Toledo Councilwoman



Wilma D. Brown was excited about the demolition and a new beginning for the Secor Gardens neighborhood, just to the south of the university's main campus. The Councilwoman, involved with the university through the Secor Gardens Task Force and also as a member of the university's "Strategic Land Use Committee," agreed with Dr. Jacobs that

the demolition marks a step in the right direction for the Secor Gardens Neighborhood.

Additional structures in the immediate area will also be demolished as part of an ongoing process to eliminate abandoned and blighted properties along the Dorr Street corridor to enhance the main thoroughfare's overall appearance and its market-

ing viability.

Brown has been steadfast in her determination to work with the university to make the neighborhood into a better and safer environment. "We've been working for over 10 years developing ideas and strategies for improving the Dorr St. corridor, this is a huge step in the corridor's revitalization," said Brown.

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## Casey

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towards Mr. Tolliver because he really did not know what we were doing regarding this matter. We chose not to speak out on this incident until we have had an opportunity to investigate the matter further. We understand that there are two sides to every story and at this point we only have the video of the actual incident (which is very appalling) and statements from the family, but we do not know what happened prior to the beating. We have sent a letter to Chief Navarre of the Toledo Police Department requesting information that we feel we will need to intelligently assess this matter. We would also like to interview Trevor Casey and any witnesses to this incident.

Like many who viewed the video we were outraged. However as an attorney I have learned to take the emotion out of a situation and assess the matter from a neutral position in order to learn the truth. It is my experience that "cooler heads prevail" in most cases. Once we have had the opportunity to assess this matter further the local chapter of the NAACP will hold a press conference.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Phyllis D. Flowers, Esq.  
Grievance Committee Mem-

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## Stanley Cowell Returns to Toledo in the Fall to Celebrate Tatum 100th

By Fletcher Word  
Sojourner's Truth Editor

On October 11, 2009, Stanley Cowell, Toledo native, noted international jazz pianist and the Rutgers University professor of music, will return to Toledo to perform an Art Tatum tribute concert sponsored by the African American Legacy Project.

Last Friday, Cowell was in Toledo to attend a press conference announcing his October event and to open the events celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Art Tatum.

"It's always great to come back here," said Cowell. "It has been a challenge to pursue a dream like being a jazz musician. It has been a great struggle but I was bitten by the bug by friends and family who exposed me to [jazz]. My family encouraged me to study music which meant studying classical music, but jazz appealed to my heart."

Not the least of those family friends who influenced a young Stanley Cowell was the great master himself, Art Tatum. Tatum, Cowell related last Friday, was a childhood friend of his father and Cowell remembers vividly a visit Tatum made to his home when the future jazz musician was six years old in 1947.

His father asked Tatum to play something for his son, but Tatum instead asked the boy to play first. Then the adult played "You Took Advantage of Me," the great Richard Rogers/Lorenz Hart standard.

"It was the most powerful music I had ever heard," recalled Cowell. Too powerful, in fact, for his mother who left the room, went into the kitchen and started washing the dinner dishes. When Cowell went into the kitchen in search of his mother, he found her over the sink, hands trembling.

The lad asked his mother why she was troubled.

"That man just plays too much music," replied his mother.

Cowell, by his own admission, does not play too much music. He does not try to duplicate the technical virtuosity for which Tatum is renowned. Cowell is far more lyrical in his approach.

Nevertheless, he recognizes Tatum as the master – the man "who crystallized all jazz piano styles until the 1940's." Tatum would go on to incorporate developments of the 1940's, such as Charles (Birdman) Parker's bebop style, into his repertoire

as well.

In fact, Cowell noted that Tatum's influence is more evident in his teaching at Rutgers than in his playing. "My students have to learn a Tatum piece," he said.

Cowell studied piano in Toledo with Mary Belle Shealy and Elmer Gertz. By the age of 15, he was a featured soloist with the Toledo Youth Orchestra and a budding jazz pianist.

He earned a bachelor's of music degree from Oberlin Conservatory and a master of music degree from the University of Michigan. He has undertaken additional study at the Mozarteum Akademie of Salzburg, Austria and at Wichita State University and the University of Southern California.

In the mid 1960's, Cowell headed for New York City and worked with such jazz greats as Max Roach, Abbey Lincoln, Rahsaan Roland Kirk, Herbie Mann, Miles Davis, Stan Getz and the Bobby Hutcherson-Harold Land Groups.

During the 1970's he continued his collaboration with musical giants such as Sonny Rollins, Clifford Jordan, Oliver Nelson, Donald Byrd, Roy Haynes, Richard Davis, Art



Pepper, Jimmy Heath, among others.

A composer as well as pianist, Cowell performs and lectures as a soloist and in ensemble formations from duo to orchestra.

The African American Legacy Project exists to document and preserve the Afri-

can-American experience here in northwest Ohio.

"We are thrilled to have someone of Mr. Cowell's stature returning to his hometown to share his talent, celebrity and musical genius to help us celebrate Mr. Tatum's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday," said Robert Smith, president of the Afri-

can American Legacy Project. "We are humbled just thinking about having this opportunity to take part in this historical moment and surely that moment will be magical – because of Mr. Cowell's extraordinary talent."

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# Weekend Jazz Party at Murphy's

By Michael Hayes  
Minister of Culture

Just as I told the graduating high school seniors a few weeks ago, artists need to listen to our elders.

The jazz community in this city/area supports each other through a spirit focused on

preserving the art form, not just looking out for one's own self interest.

My father is a well-known musician within these and other circles so when

I come around this part of Toledo, they treat me well and even though I may come around for an article they know I truly appreciate jazz music.

I'm not well versed on all the standards, but I know a couple.

In my opinion though, Toledo has arguably some of the best...most respected and most expertly skilled jazz singers and musicians in this region.

Claude Black, Damon Cook, Johnny O'Neal (not a resident, but he's here a lot), Clifford Murphy, of course, and many others are legends in this area because of their musicianship.

Jon Hendricks is an international jazz singer and inventor of the scat style known as vocalese. I actu-

ally had two of my artists studying with his daughter last year and it's the only house in Toledo I've ever seen with a Grammy award in it.

And he teaches. Jon Hendricks is amazing and doing it big and his in his mid 80s.

This weekend, a great number of these local artists gathered at Murphy's for the 2009 Jazz Party to celebrate Art Tatum's 100th birthday.

Lori LeFever, Kelly Broadway and the incomparable Ramona Collins were all there as well. There was indoor show and an outdoor show under a tent.

Each of the people I named have scores of fans in this part of the country.

Each of the people I just named are immensely talented in their craft.

And all of them treat each other with humility and respect.

It's like a family atmosphere, even though they are all different artists.

The comraderie is so natural that I wish the part of



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Toledo's music scene that I'm involved in would take notes.

When I arrived at the outdoor stage area, Ramona and I greeted each other and she was the emcee for the evening.

She brought up Lori LeFever and her two guitarists and the night began with mesmerizing renditions of classics delivered with LeFever's down to earth style and charm.

Halfway through her set, renowned drummer Damon Cook was sitting in the audience and we were chopping it up and she spotted him and had him sit in on her band turning her acoustic sound into a full-fledged band in an instant.

And in that gesture you see the brilliance in how greater Toledo's jazz community operates.

I watched Lori LeFever's entire set, even as the rain started to fall and jazz lovers from all angles bunched up

together under the tent... everyone enjoyed her and her band's music thoroughly.

Then I went inside to catch Jon Hendricks on the big stage with UT's staff jazz ensemble. It was like walking into a jazz club in New York.

People packed wall to wall and the whole place rockin', focused on the stage hanging on every note.

Hendricks did something I've NEVER seen before... he asked the drummer for a stick and he held it up to his mouth as if he were playing a flute and then used it as his segue into a full vocalese clinic!

With his trademark sea captain hat on, Jon Hendricks gave a show to remember.

I headed back outside to catch one of my favorites, Kelly Broadway.

She ran through standard after standard with Claude Black on keys, stopping along the way to bring Jon Hendricks on stage for "Bye Bye Black Bird".

I love how laid back her style is, joking with the audience here and there but then getting down to business letting that voice of hers work magic.

Ramona Collins was due to perform the next night and I knew I wouldn't be able to attend so I really soaked it all up the night I went.

Joan Russell has made Murphy's Place the epicenter of our area's jazz scene.

Not many cities have a classy place down on the water where you can go and hear authentic jazz, eat great food and take in atmosphere unparalleled by most other destinations in this area.

Events such as this past weekend's Jazz Party are part of the great things I love about Toledo's art culture.

If you get a chance and you want to do something different on a weekend...

go down to Murphy's. Maybe I'll see you there.

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**Positive Force Brings the Glory to "Power of the Blood"**

*Sojourner's Truth Staff*

Sheila Gibson has been teaching ballet and jazz dancing for 25 years, according to the announcement made by Master of Ceremonies Rev. William Dunn at the onset of her Positive Force Christian School of Dance's production of *Power of the Blood* over the past weekend.

Truth be told, Gibson does not look much older than 25 years herself. One can quickly see, however, while watching a performance of her company's annual spring recital, that she has indeed been teaching for a number of years. The proof is in the development of her dancers.

Gibson conducts 13 different classes at Positive Force for ages ranging from five to 18 years and for varying levels of expertise. This past weekend's show included all of the 100-plus students who study under Gibson.

And as one watches the progression of ages in the various scenes of the recital, it becomes quickly evident that there are students who have been working with Gibson for years and that these students just keep getting more technically proficient the longer they stay with her.

The younger students' scenes are extremely well



choreographed, charmingly presented ... cute. As the older students come on, however, it is clear that the audience is being treated to a first class ballet company right in the heart of Toledo.

Power of The Blood was conceived by Gibson in order to explain why Jesus Christ died.

"The songs are all alluding to why He decided to die," said Gibson during an interview with The Truth last month. "Jesus Christ is my savior but it is the blood that cleansed us from all of our sins."

This year's recital brought together 26 different production numbers presenting Gibson's vision of dance. "I feel that it is the purpose of dance to give praise to God. 'I've always tried to walk the Christian walk,'" she said. And dance the Christian dance.

Gibson is not just a teacher and dancer, she is also an extremely gifted choreographer as evidenced by the treatment of those 26 different presentations and her use of the range of her dancers' proficiencies.

The highlights during the

performed with her trademark energy and enthusiasm to "It's the God in Me."

And Tyree Bell, an 18-year old high school junior who has been with Positive Force for a decade, danced to his own choreographed number of "Matthew 28." Bell, by the

way, the company's only male dancer, was everywhere during the performance – a dance solo, a *pas de deux* here and there and performing the necessary light lifting.

Both Herndon and Bell (Continued on Page 11)



**Arts Zone/Warehouse District Third Thursday Art Walk**

*Sojourner's Truth Staff*



The weekend of art and culture in Toledo jumped off to a grand start with the monthly Third Thursday art Walk presented by the Arts Commission of Greater Toledo.

This month 13 downtown-area art galleries were open on Thursday evening from 6 to 9 p.m. for the Art Walk participants.

In addition to the art within the galleries, walkers were treated to live music by Whiskey Before Breakfast on St. Clair St. and live painting and body painting by Klaire.

The participating galleries were: Studio of Carol Imes-Luscombe and John Luscombe (321 Perry); 20 North Gallery (18 N. St. Clair); Sur St. Clair (1 S. St. Clair); Gallery above Jack Wilson's Studio (19 S. St. Clair); 1st Flr of Paul Sullivan AIA (23 S. St. Clair); The Little Gallery (48 S. St. Clair); Bozart's Fine Art and Music Gallery (151 S. St. Clair); Olive Street Studios (252 Ottawa); Studio 356 (356 Morris); Secor Building (425 Jefferson); Ford Gallery (602 Madison); Truth Art Gallery (1811 Adams); Collingwood Arts Center (2413 Collingwood).

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## Rob Shorter Is Back at Work on His Art

*Sojourner's Truth Staff*

"I've always loved to draw," says Robert Shorter. "In the beginning I did quite a bit of oil paintings on canvas, but clean up and space were always issues. I found over time that I was able to draw and achieve the results I wanted without the clean up problems using color pencils. I eventually taught myself to 'paint' with pencils. The richness of Prismacolor pencils allows me to capture any subject in the vivid colors of oils without the sometimes messy cleanup."

Shorter began his art studies at The Toledo Museum of Art at an early age and art remained the focus of his formal education.

He attended Libbey High School and won numerous state scholastic art awards and then entered Bowling Green State University as an art major.

Life and work took the aspiring artist in another direction however. He became a civil structural engineer and, with a partner, formed a company – Morse and Shorter – to continue in that field.

Most of Shorter's daytime gig involved, as he notes, "working with my eyes." So it was fairly difficult to give his

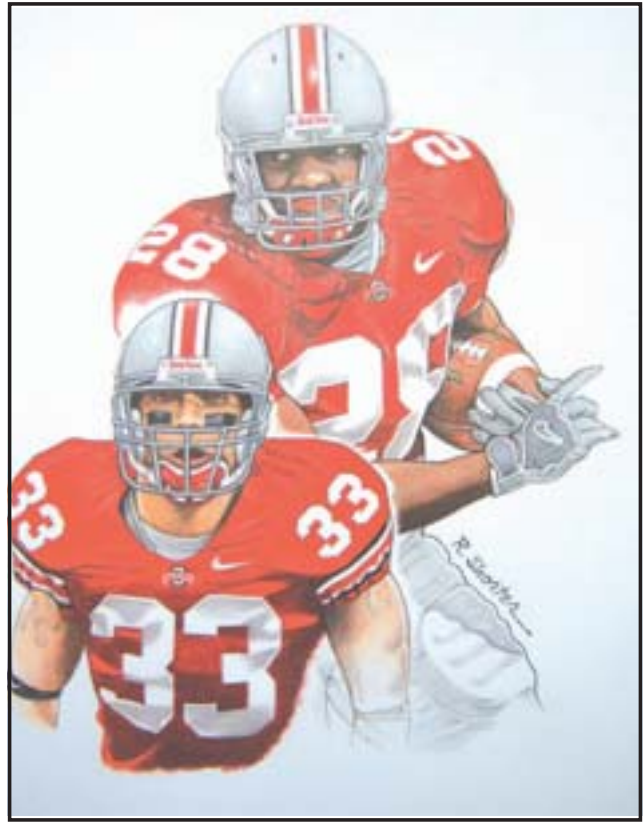
art the attention he thought it required after days spent assessing and competing projects requiring such concentration of mind and eye.

Morse and Shorter gave up the firm a year ago as both partners went into retirement and Shorter began to place more emphasis on his avocation – his art. He had kept his hand in art doing commissioned pieces from time to

time but now he is free to let his imagination roam.

Over the years, he has created a number of such commissioned works of athletes. Some of his recent drawings include several works of President Obama and depictions of equine athletes for 20 North Gallery's Derby Days Exhibit.

Shorter's Obama and Tiger Woods may be seen at The Truth Gallery.



## Gale Stephens Discovers Her True Calling

*Sojourner's Truth Staff*



For 33 years, Gale Stephens, Toledo native and Scott High School graduate, was a unit secretary at Toledo Hospital. There she started doing "little craft shows," as she describes them – home-spun shows that the staff would host in order to display the collective talent of the employees.

Stephens' contributions to the shows – which started about four years ago – were paintings on wood. That artistry was part of the legacy of a course she took at Scott years ago from the estimable Ernie

Jones.

Stephens' work drew the admiration of her colleagues who encouraged her to develop her very obvious talents. So Stephens took up painting – oils and acrylics – in earnest. Three years later, now retired, she has produced a body of work that includes about 45 to 50 paintings she feels are worthy of display. Stephens is a woman possessed. And she knows exactly the feeling she is trying to strike in those who view her work.

"I am trying to make a per-

son who is viewing these paintings say 'wow,'" says Stephens. "I design my paintings [in order to] see the expression in another person's eyes."

Lighthouses, rural scenes, angels, roses, Obama ... Stephens has incorporated a wide range to subject matter in her work. And she's only just starting.

"I want to go out and travel to different places and paint scenery and portraits of different people," she says of her plans for the future. "There's a big world out there beyond Toledo."

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# Shakespeare's *All's Well That Ends Well* Is Well Done Indeed

*Sojourner's Truth Staff*

Here's some good news indeed – you still have an opportunity to catch a wonderful local stage production of one of Shakespeare's comedies courtesy of Glacity Theatre Collective.

The play opened two weeks ago and will play again this upcoming weekend on Friday and Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon. Don't miss it.

Helen and Bertram, the two young lovers in Shakespeare's *All's Well That Ends Well* are certainly not the typical love-struck duo that inhabit most of the romantic comedies of Shakespeare's age.

For one thing, Bertram does not particularly care for Helen and spends most of the play – all of the play, save the last scene – running away from the one for whom he seems destined. That, of course, is the twist that Shakespeare himself added to this ages-old love story. He further distinguishes the tale by having the girl play the pursuer in this play and making the boy the reluctant object of her affections.

It works. Shakespeare always works, of course. And this production really works; that's what we have come to expect from Glacity Theatre Collective.

At first glance, it may not be quite so obvious that the production is destined to be as remarkable as it is.

The stage is a small circle in the great outdoors, enclosed by a brick ring, in an amphitheatre at Maumee Valley



Country Day School. The backdrop is the natural wooded setting. The stage itself contains a small wooden bench. In the distance, once the music is turned off to allow the play to start, we can hear odd bits of the traffic noise from Reynolds Avenue.

No matter. This wonderful ensemble company of actors makes the ambient noise disappear and the director incorporates the outdoor setting into the action in marvelous fashion.

Cornel Gabara is the director of this particular play and the artistic director for the company. He has done a remarkable job not only with the use of the space but also with the pacing of the play. It sings right along from scene

to scene, from stage to woods to the amphitheatre slopes. Gabara hasn't just adapted the play to his surroundings,



Gordon James

he has made the surroundings an integral part of the action.

Gabara is also blessed by being able to work with an admirable group of actors in the company's first stab at the Bard.

Gordon James as Bertram and Nikki Soldner as Helena strike just the right notes as the pair of young lovers who don't spend a lot of time loving. They have only a few

scenes together and those are comprised mainly of Helena chasing and Bertram running away – even to war to avoid doing the bidding of his king.

The king, indebted to Helena for curing his ailment has – as she asked in payment – ordered Bertram to marry the lass.

In the end, of course, the lovers are joined and everything ends well... as one might have anticipated.

Dave DeChristopher as Parolles, Ben Pryor as the clown/Mariana and Pam Tomassetti as both the steward and the widow, provide the comic relief. All three do so in surpassing manner.

The rest of the performers are equally impressive: Risa Beth Cohen as the ever-present Lafew; Holly Monsos as the Countess (Bertram's mother) and Kevin Hayes as the King (as well as the Duke and the Gentleman).

The company is a blend of Equity actors –

DeChristopher and Tomassetti, area stage veterans such as Monsos, Pryor, Hayes and Cohen and relative newcomers such as James and Soldner. Soldner is a recent University of Toledo Theatre and film graduate and James will graduate later this year from the same department.

This company of stars has yet another one – a true newcomer in Corinne Natyshak, a senior at Notre Dame Academy who plays the part of Diana, and more than holds her own in this group of accomplished actors.

*All's Well that Ends Well* opened at Maumee Valley on Saturday, June 13. It will continue this upcoming weekend – Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. Tickets are available at the box office and the Sunday performance is a "pay what you can" special.

For more information on Glacity, go to the website at [www.glacity.org](http://www.glacity.org).



## Positive Force

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have been tapped by a talent search firm to go to New York for a round of auditions this summer for modeling ads, dance shows and situation comedies.

Then, of course, there was Gibson herself dancing in solo to "He Decided to Die," thrilling the audience with her powerful yet lyrical evocation of the recital's central theme.

The annual recitals are a testament not only to Gibson's talents and her students' eagerness to learn over the years, but also to those who assist behind the scenes.

Cynthia Tetterton Williams is the executive director of the team; Holly Neely is president of the Parent Guild, Ronda Proctor is the executive assistant of the executive board; Marjorie Rupert is secretary of the Parent Guild and Sandra Boyd is treasurer of the Parent Guild.

Collaborating with Gibson on choreographic routines is her daughter, Giselle (yes, of course, the ballet instructor named her daughter "Giselle") Hunt, a hip-hop dance instructor.

That help has been so obviously critical to the success of Positive Force's recitals because the details are in place. For example, the dancers' costumes – both in variety and style – are spectacular additions to the impact of the performances.

If there is one flaw to the annual event, it is the limited number of performances. Only last year did Positive Force expand from one to two performances and even that is hardly enough as evidenced by how quickly the tickets go usually by just word of mouth.

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"Over the past several months there has been a lot of focus on increasing the Bank's already strong capital levels," said Kevin T. Kabat, chairman, president and CEO of Fifth Third Bancorp. "Having a strong capital position is important as it allows us to make loans to qualified borrowers,

something that we continued to do in April."

Here are some details of Fifth Third's lending activity for the month:

\*April continued to be an exceptional month for mortgage lending, driven by attractive interest rates. Total originations exceeded \$2.2 billion, an increase of approximately \$260 million compared to strong March levels. This was composed of \$1.9 billion of refinancing activity and nearly \$400 million of new home purchases.

\* Overall consumer loan demand for non-mortgage consumer credit was down slightly compared to March although April credit card originations totaled \$211 million, an increase of \$55 million over last month.

In the first four months of this year, Fifth Third Bank has extended \$24 billion in credit to qualified borrowers. For more information about Fifth Third's lending activities and mortgage assistance programs visit our Web site

## Reparations

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Comblenns and then the buddies would all head up north to the casino. Willie just felt lucky that day for some reason. His spanking brand new \$8,500 Rolex watch had nothing to do with it.

The three kids danced a jig and then asked their mom for monies to go to Best Buy to buy I-pods and then tapes and X boxes at Target. Shauntae laughed at their antics and thought about going to that real cool Lexus dealer for that gold-trimmed new model...the LS 620. It was da bomb! Then it was off to Lord & Taylor for some real shopping for that \$750.00 red alligator leather Curtelli shoulder bag.

If one listened closely enough, I mean real quite like, in the background one could faintly hear the sounds of faraway parties in Ottawa Hills, Perrysburg, Maumee and Sylvania with people toasting and laughing and drinking vintage champagne. Oh...it was the good life!

Reparations. What's there not to like? I be thinking. Is we ready for it?

## Never Again

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be much different had it not had the unrestricted use of free labor provided to a developing nation. "The institution of American Slavery was the engine that allowed American capitalism to develop. That capital development came at the pain of the transport of a kidnapped otherwise free people, many of them children from various places in Africa."

A final barrier to reconciliation may involve dispelling the myth that slavery and postslavery racism is unrelated to the current socioeconomic status of African-Americans and "that past oppression is without consequences in the present." The usual tact has been to camouflage America's responsibility with a grandiloquent declamation of "personal responsibility" which essentially demands that the oppressed take responsibility for problems created by their own oppression. Until it is truly understood by the general public how the inequities that exist today came about, racial discord will remain unresolved.

But even if America, in a sudden, miraculous epiphany moment "got it," the legacy of slavery, hate and racism would undoubtedly still linger in the soul of black America. This is perhaps as it should be despite the callousness that clamors for African-Americans to stop talking about it.

Randall Robinson, author of "The Debt: What America Owes to Blacks," sees the apology as a "confession" that should preclude reparations as the next step. He states: "Much is owed, and it is very quantifiable. It is owed as one would owe for any labor that one has not paid for and until steps are taken in that direction, we have not accomplished a thing."

That step is likely to be a long awaited one if it arrives at all. But by commemorating and voicing our pain (as others do unashamedly and without criticism) we solidify our resolve against all forms of genocide, hate and racism. As with others, so also may we shout "NEVER AGAIN!"

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Rev. Cedric Brock, pastor of Mt. Nebo MBC celebrated his 16th pastoral anniversary on Sunday June 14 with First Lady Debra and daughter Kiki. Joining the Brocks to preach this Sunday, June 28 at the 11:30 a.m. service will be Walter Hawkins who is in town at the Love and Fellowship Conference.



St. Paul's MBC Vacation Bible School  
The annual St. Paul's Missionary Baptist Church's Vacation Bible School was a rousing success brining in 87 youngsters for the week's study, according to Pastor James Willis.

## STATEMENT BY COUNCIL CANDIDATE STEPHEN WARD

### Ward Calls For Fire Safety Plan

It is a tragedy when anyone loses their home, lifelong memories, and are displaced due to a fire. It is a tragedy whenever someone is injured or loss of life occurs. A fire is a public safety issue that puts many people at risk; a family, neighbors, and the fire department. Ward asserts, "Now is not the time to point fingers or put the blame on each other. Now is not the time for any candidate, whether it be a candidate in the mayoral or council race to do that. The reality is that whenever a fire occurs, regardless of whose house it is...or where it is; it has the potential to take a life. Rather than take shots at each other let's revisit the current fire prevention plans, and where it may be flawed...let's take immediate action to fix it."

According to the National Fire Protection Association in 2007, there were an estimated 399,000 reported home structure fires and 2,865 associated civilian deaths in the United States. Fire can spread rapidly through your home, leaving you as little as two minutes to escape safely once the alarm sounds. Your ability to get out depends on advance warning from smoke alarms, and advance planning – a home fire escape plan that everyone in your family is familiar with and has practiced.

The Harris Interactive Survey conducted in 2004 for the National Fire Protection Association reports

that only one-fifth to one-fourth of households (23 percent) have actually developed and practiced a home fire escape plan to ensure they could escape quickly and safely. One-third of American households who made an estimate thought they would have at least 6 minutes before



a fire in their home would become life-threatening.

The time available is often less. And only eight percent said their first thought on hearing a smoke alarm would be to get out! Ward states, "Considering that a fire can spread through a home in as little as two minutes, every second counts to save your life. The Toledo Fire Department is trained extensively, but sometimes time is not on their side. Everyone must work together and do their part to ensure no loss of life.

Material possessions may be able to be replaced, a life cannot. When the fire department arrives at a fire they must quickly determine the best method to put it out, and the quickest and safest method to rescue any victims. They need to

know how much water is available to them from the closest hydrant. They need to know the water pressure in each hydrant. They need to know if there is anyone inside the burning home...this is a lot to survey in such a small two minute period."

Ward asserts, "To assist the Toledo Fire Department and to help minimize loss of life and total loss of a home, we must revisit a few key elements to fire prevention and safety. If your house is on fire, you want the security of knowing that the fire hydrant is going to work. I recommend that the city of Toledo public utility workers, firefighters and the water division work in collaboration to check the hydrants yearly, and overgrown bushes around the hydrants be cut allowing a three-foot clearance around them. This maintenance check could be conducted in intervals, and residents notified of when the hydrants would be checked in their area. In addition, I propose that the city of Toledo consider painting the the

fire hydrant tops and caps using a standardized color code. This would provide a way to identify how the hydrant should perform, and would easily identify problem areas in advance of a fire. I encourage the citizens of Toledo to develop a fire escape plan and check your smoke detectors to make sure they are operating properly. Lastly, please remember the two minute window and get you and your loved ones out immediately; it may save lives!"

Stephen Ward is the Toledo City Council Candidate who wants to: Regenerate our safety and security; Resuscitate our economy, schools, and neighborhoods; and Reclaim Toledo for all people. Ward is the candidate who believes in taking action to solve the problems and issues that exists, instead of playing the game of politics. He believes in taking a Servant Leadership approach to government, because government solely exists to serve its people.

## Owens to Host Community Blood Drive, June 30

Area residents are encouraged to help in saving lives as Owens Community College and the American Red Cross host a community Blood Drive on Tuesday, June 30.

The Blood Drive will occur from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. in the north court of the College's Student Health and Activities Center on the Toledo-area Campus. Owens' Toledo-area Campus is located on Oregon Road in Perrysburg Township.

Qualified donors must be at least 17 years of age, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and not have given blood within 56 days prior to their donation. In addition, individuals should feel well the day of the Blood Drive, be in general good health and have a picture ID (preferably a driver's license). The Blood Drive is open to Owens employees and students, as well as area residents. Walk-ins are welcome.

The American Red Cross Western Lake Erie Region, which comprises Northwest Ohio and Southeast Michigan, needs to collect approximately 85,000 pints of blood each day to serve patients in 23 area hospitals. Donors will be provided snacks and drinks before and after their donation. For more information, call (567) 661-7295 or 1-800-GO-OWENS, Ext. 7295. Interested parties are encouraged to make an appointment by registering on the website at [www.givelife.org](http://www.givelife.org) and entering the sponsor code OWENSCCPERRYSBURG.

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## Trevor Casey Legal Defense Fund

Trevor Casey was choked into unconsciousness and beaten by two Toledo Police Officers on May 15, 2009. A legal defense fund has been set up for Trevor Casey to help pay for legal counsel. If you would like to make a contribution to this fund, please make checks payable to:

Trevor Casey Legal Defense Fund and drop of at any National City Bank

Thank you,  
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## Wayman Palmer Community YMCA Offers Free Breakfast and Lunch to Youth

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The YMCA and JCC of Greater Toledo is sponsoring a free food service program for children under the age of 18 this summer, under the Ohio Department of Education, USDA Food Service Program for Children. The program will be held at the Wayman Palmer Community YMCA, 2053 N. 14th Street, and through a collaborative effort, with the Sofia Quintero Art and Cultural Center at 1225 Broadway Street.

The Wayman Palmer Community YMCA will offer breakfast from 8:00-9:00 am and lunch from noon-1:30 pm.

The Sofia Quintero Art and Cultural Center will offer lunch from 11:30 am-1:00 pm. The free food program meals will meet the state nutritional guidelines and be served weekdays June 8 through August 21 to any child under the age of 18. Children under the age of 12 should be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

For more information, contact YMCA/JCC Food Program Administrator Lori Thompson at 419-474-3995.

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## Art Teachers

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## Notice to Bidders: Inquiry # FY09-138,

(Project # 5004-09-1462) for the University Medical Center Third (3rd) Floor Demolition for the University of Toledo Health Science Campus. 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, Main Campus, Facilities and Construction, Plant Operations Room 1100, 2925 E. Rocket Drive, MS 216, Toledo, Ohio 43606 before 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 8, 2009. Bids will be publicly opened that same day at 3:05 p.m. in the Plant Operations Building, Room 1000. Copies of Plans, Specifications, and Bid Forms may be obtained from City Blueprint of Toledo, 2010 Madison Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43024. Call 419-243-4881 for an appointment to pick up bid package. A cost of \$55.00 will be charged per set. Any further information may be obtained from Ron Herzog of Harley Ellis Devereaux at 248-262-1500. One Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Wednesday, July 1, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. in Dowling Hall, Room 2315 at the University of Toledo, Health Science Campus, 3000 Arlington Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43614. Total Bid Guaranty and Contract Bond are required per section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code. EDGE Participation Goal: 5%. Project Estimate: \$182,576.00; Breakdown: General Const: \$182,576.00

## INTERESTED BIDDERS:

### TOLEDO PUBLIC SCHOOLS – NEW MARSHALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEMPORARY PARKING LOT

Sealed bids will be accepted by the Board of Education of the Toledo Public School District until **1:00 p.m. on July 8th, 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 New Marshall Elementary School Temporary Parking Lot, as more fully described in the drawings and specifications for the project prepared by Vetter Design Group, 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 **June 24, 2009, which can be purchased from Becker Impressions, 4646 Angola Rd, Toledo, OH 43615 Tel: 419-385-5303. Drawings may be obtained on CD-Rom for no cost with the purchase of the specifications.**

A **MANDATORY PREBID CONFERENCE** is scheduled for **July 2, 2009, at 9 a.m.** at Toledo Public Schools' Board Room, 420 E. Manhattan Blvd., Toledo, Ohio 43608

If you have any questions, or if you need additional information, please direct all questions in writing to [Kimakus.Johnson@lgb-llc.com](mailto:Kimakus.Johnson@lgb-llc.com), fax (877) 281-0784 or by phone at (419) 776-5600.

Bid Item No. 1 Temporary Parking Lot **\$ 50,000.00**  
Total Estimate: \$ 50,000.00

## Notice to Bidders:

Inquiry # FY09-140, (Project # 5004-09-1472) for University Medical Center 6A Med/Surg Renovations for the University of Toledo Health Science Campus. 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, Main Campus, Facilities and Construction, Plant Operations Room 1100, 2925 E. Rocket Drive, MS 216, Toledo, Ohio 43606 before 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 15, 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 419-385-5303 for an appointment to pick up bid package. A cost of \$45.00 will be charged per set. Any further information may be obtained from Julie Cavese of Meyer + Bates Associates at 419-873-8450. One Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Wednesday, July 8, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in the Health Education Building, Room 227 at the University of Toledo, Health Science Campus, 3000 Arlington Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43614. Total Bid Guaranty and Contract Bond are required per section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code. EDGE Participation Goal: 5%. Project Estimate: \$495,000.00; Breakdown: General Const: \$265,000.00; Plumbing & Fire Protection: \$88,000.00; HVAC: \$17,000.00; & Electrical: \$125,000.00.

## INTERESTED BIDDERS:

### TOLEDO PUBLIC SCHOOLS – NEW OTTAWA RIVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUS DROP OFF – SIDEWALKS BID PACKAGE

Sealed bids will be accepted by the Board of Education of the Toledo Public School District until **1:00 p.m. on July 8th, 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 New Ottawa River Elementary School Bus Drop Off - Sidewalks, as more fully described in the drawings and specifications for the project prepared by Duket Porter Associates 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.

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Bid Item No. 1 Bus Drop Off - Sidewalks **\$34,937.00**  
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# Fabulous Foursome Turn 50 in Style

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Vernice Blanchard and Selena Flunder met in elementary school and then attended Scott High School together.

Deborah Pierce also attended Scott High School with Blanchard and Flunder.

Jarvetta Barnes and Blanchard attended The University of Toledo together.

And along with those youthful connections, the women had at least two other items in common – they were all born in the same year; they were all born in the month of May.

So when their 50<sup>th</sup> came along, why not celebrate it together and why not celebrate it in style?

So off they went to



the Detroit Princess Riverboat, along with 375 of their friends and combined families, for a May 30 all-white party. “We wanted something different,” said Barnes whom the others call their CEO. “We wanted a different experience for our guests.” Some of those guests



came from as far away as Georgia and Mississippi for the Fab Four's festive occasion.

They dined on a buffet supper and danced the evening away to the old and new school renderings.

“Everyone looked stunning,” said Blanchard and Barnes. “It was an evening to remember.”

The foursome thanked their families for being so patient during

the planning of and preparation for the event. It was their main focus for many months, but they feel it was well worth it – for them and their guests.

This was not the first time the ladies held a joint celebration. They did so when they turned 30 and, God willing, said Flunder and Pierce, they plan to do so again when they turn 60. So be ready for the Four Sexy Sixty Sistas Party!

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