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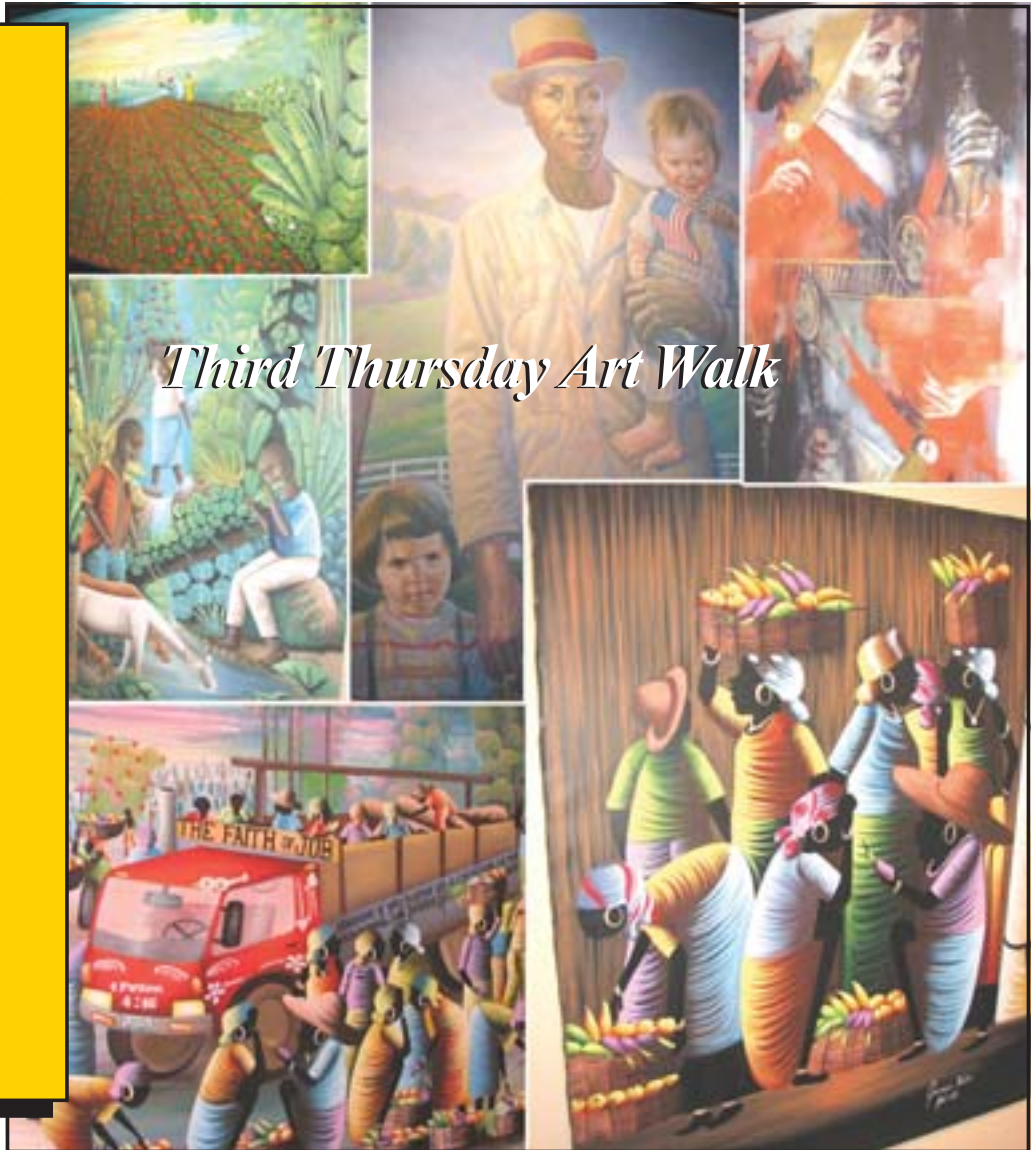
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This Strikes Us ...

A Sojourner's Truth Editorial

"Politics as usual," hmmm!

That has become one of those catch phrases that politicians banter around – along with "good ol' boys network" – to signal the voters that they are ready to make a break with the past and to inform us that they have a passel of fresh ideas. We know then that they will take an innovative approach to curing the ills of society.

Then they suggest something such as forcing businesses to raise increase wages and benefits. That's fresh?

Over the past two weeks, however, politics as usual has been conducted in Toledo ... pretty much as usual. What would we expect?

Actually, one unusual event did occur in Toledo politics several weeks ago when Mark Sobczak, president of Toledo City Council pulled a Sarah Palin and decided to resign on the spot. He did it, we will grant, with a good deal more grace, and probably for much better reasons, than the soon to be former Governor of Alaska. But it was still something of an unusual occurrence. Generally it's pretty difficult to pry these guys away from the limelight.

But then, the usual occurred. And re-occurred.

Steve Steel, president of the Toledo Board of Education and Democratic candidate for City Council was appointed by council members to take over the vacated seat, giving his candidacy a great push forward.

Then, Brenda Hill, former teacher and member of the Toledo Federation of Teachers, an endorsed Democratic candidate for the school board, was appointed by the members of the school board to fill the seat vacated by Steel. Obviously a big push forward for her candidacy.

We think Steel will do a very good job on council, by the way. He's got a track record of accomplishment as a leader at TPS. Hill is a bit of an unknown but let's be optimistic. It's a school board, after all, not a U.S. Cabinet appointment.

Still, it would have been interesting if all of these moves could have been seen as something more than just maneuvering for the fall's election cycle.

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Last week we ran an article on Councilman Michael Ashford's recent string of no votes. This week we have to say that it is pretty hard to find disagreement in his actions.

Ashford voted against the new police contract primarily because of the lump sum of overtime that would come due in March 2010. He voted against the land sale to developer Larry Dillin because too much money has already been spent during turbulent economic times that could have been better used ... or not spent at all.

He voted against the purchase of automated garbage trucks because of the expense and the lack of a sound implementation plan.

Ashford had scant help on City Council with these votes. The "no's" garnered at most three votes in each case. Still he stood his ground in the cause of being a good steward of the taxpayers' money.

On the other hand, Ashford also voted, along with all of his colleagues, for a resolution suggesting that the mayor hire 11 fire fighters in order to eliminate a devastating overtime budget line for the upcoming fiscal year. Also a wise move. Regrettably, the mayor has decided that the city would risk a lawsuit were it to hire these 11 fire fighters, all of whom are white.

We have to applaud Ashford for his consistency in fiscal matters in such times.

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On a national level, President Obama has found that he has to play the politics as usual game in order to bring about change in the form of universal health care. He has set August as the deadline for bringing at least one version of such a plan to a vote in Congress.

Why the rush? Especially since so many people think that the new administration has taken on too much given the state of the economy?

The fact is, if he doesn't get it passed right away, the chances are he won't at all.

When the summer break is over and Congress returns in September for the fall session, all thoughts turn to the election season and votes for health care will dry up at such a time.

Then, as history informs, the president can count on losing his overwhelming majorities in both houses of Congress. This is a rare opportunity for Obama to get health care passed. The practice of politics as usual is the order of the day – or at least of the summer.

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July 23

Area Office on Aging Kinship Summer Series: Walbridge Park Shelter Houses; 11 am to 1 pm

July 25

Summer Concert in Ottawa Park: On the Beach (Pop; Rock); 6 to 8 pm: 419-936-2700
Car & Bike Show: Promenade Park; Trophies, dance contests, live performances: 419-691-2345

Health Fair: My. Sinai Pentacostal Church; 10 am to 3 pm; Free screenings: 419-382-1928

July 25-26

Calvary Baptist Church Women's Day
Luncheon on Saturday at 11 am; Sunday morning service at 10:45 am; Sunday afternoon service at 4 pm

July 26

Bash at the Bay 2009: Presented by Hutch Daddy Dolla's
True Vine Baptist church Pastor Aid Day: Guests are Pastor Nolan White and the Christian Community Church; 4 pm: 419-343-4104

July 30-August 1

State of Ohio Conference 2009: Full Gospel Baptist Church Fellowship; "More of the Glory;" Friendship Baptist Church; Thursday at 7 pm – Bishop Simon Gordon, Friday at 7 pm – Bishop Edward Cook, Saturday at 11 am – Bishop Duane Tisdale; Saturday – Community Awareness Day – 8:30 am to 5 pm (vendors, food, health fair, auto show, blood drive, etc)

August 1

Community Resources and Health Fair: Monroe St. Neighborhood Center; 10 am to 1 pm; Blood pressure screenings, cholesterol and diabetes checks; Healthy snack and kit provided

Community Fun-Day/Give Away: Sponsored by Learners for Life Child Development Center; Clothing, toys, books and household items; Noon to 4 pm
Flea Market: Collingwood Church; 8 am to 4 pm: 419-461-2813

August 5-8

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August 6

ASSETS Toledo First Annual Golf Outing: Ottawa Park Golf Course; 11:30 am welcome; Noon tee-off: 419-251-9870 or www.assetstoledo.com

August 7

First Friday Fish Fry: People's MBC; 11 am to 3 pm: 419-389-9333 or 419-243-0854

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Frogtown Fair: Erie Street Market; 9 am to 3 pm; Exhibits by green organizations, energy-savings ideas, recycling, etc.: 419-936-3015
God of Our City Group "Praise in Promenade Park:" 10 am to 9 pm: 419-868-5949

August 10-14

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Accomplice

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



“Whatsoever one sows, that shall one also reap,” states a well worn bible verse. In a more contemporary version of this generally accepted moral law, M.K. Asante, Jr. asserts that “The flowers of today were in the seeds of yesterday.”

But while we are eager to apply this principle as a basis of retaliation, retribution or punishment, we lose sight of the reality of its truth to provide answers and solutions to contemporary problems.

President Obama, in his speech commemorating the 100th anniversary of the NAACP last week, referenced his emotional visit to the Slave Castle in Ghana known as the Door of No Return.

Perhaps no contemporary image of those ancient Africans being pushed through doors to a legacy of slavery in chains is more realistic than the sad, solemn and seemingly endless procession of young black men today being constantly carried off to cemeteries and prisons as a result of youth violence.

This “contemporary slavery” and culture of violence has become a crisis as those boys sucked into this racially-lopsided procession are basically excluded – from ever becoming productive workers, good husbands and fathers, or contributing members of society.

What is further depressing is that there appears to be no end in sight to the crime or violence. The get tough on crime policies including the militarization of neighborhoods of color have not worked.

Neither has the dangerous and sometimes knee-jerk strategy of incarcerating youth in adult jails. While it is true that the public must be protected from dangerous youth who are not likely to be helped, research shows that this strategy does not in-

crease public safety or reduce crime. In fact, placing youth in the adult criminal justice system increases their likelihood of being re-arrested more often, more quickly, and for more serious offenses as well as put them at risk for physical and sexual assault or higher likelihood of suicide.

While the often over-emphasized call for personal responsibility is a factor in youth violence, the root of the problem reveals not only the guilt of young people but that of others.

If children are to be blamed, the failure of adults to instill moral and other key values as well as the shirking of parental duties certifies adults as co-defendants. A consumerist, materialistic boomer generation who valued SUVs and large houses over children produced a generation of unsupervised latch-key kids while chasing the dream and pursuing new opportunities provided by civil rights gains.

While crack cocaine took another group of parents out of circulation in the 1980s and 1990s, perhaps the most violent and rebellious seeds of

anger were planted into the early life of generations X, Y and current youth by those who came before them. Many youth grow or grew up feeling hungry, hated, abandoned and unloved while bearing a barrage of put-downs and condemnation of their culture by a civil rights

generation (including its icons) that has selfishly struggled with passing the baton to the next generation.

But parents are not the only contributors to the youth violence and rebellion of today. Marian Wright Edelman, president and founder of the Washington, D.C.-based

Children’s Defense Fund also points an accusing figure at government whom she says has “spent too much time figuring how to incarcerate youth and not enough on health care, education and ending poverty.”

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Check Off List for the Mayoral Hopefuls

By Lafe Tolliver, Esq. Guest Column



I have been under a lot of intense stress from readers demanding of me to address what type of mayor I would vote for and why. So in order to avoid the incessant calls to my office and the barrage of incoming e-mails, I have relented and have posted this wish list along with some commentary.

It is my hope that the mayoral candidates will read these ideas and craft a platform around them. If nothing else, it will save me a lot of aspirin.

(1) Sweeping out the Carty personnel legacy at City Hall. There are dozens of hackers and “hanger-on’er’s” who need a swift and permanent vacation the day after the election. This is from the chief of staff down to the head of the legal department and the people that have held hostage the concept of justice and fair play in the workplace.

Not to be forgotten are the gate blockers who impede employment

fairness and those whose jobs are simply in existence because they know someone or

are married/related to a commissioner or a director or a manager.

(2) The new mayor needs to immediately hire an economic director who is from outside of Toledo and reports directly to the mayor and not to the city council. This economic director can also be a corporation or a foundation that specializes in economic development for marginalized cities.

(3) I am voting for a mayor who will use his office as a bully pulpit so that when good cops go bad, they are immediately taken out of service. We do not need bullies

masquerading as cops.

(4) I am voting for a mayor who will form a cabinet education department to work with the school board so that under-performing schools can be improved. If not, we should have them padlocked and turned into low-cost nursing homes and the surrounding land

used by the community to produce gardens.

(5) I am voting for a mayor who will expand the depart-

ment of community development to work with struggling families that need intervention with wayward youth, teen pregnancy issues and homes without fathers. The local churches have sorely defaulted on these moral issues.

(6) I am voting for a mayor who will work with the local churches so that, other than meaningless photo ops with groups of smiling preachers, an alliance can be formed for summer jobs and summer educational enrichment programs.

(7) I want to see a mayor who will work with the various unions but when they get arrogant with power and want the bowl of apples...and also the bowl, the mayor will say “no”...even if they threaten to strike. It is amazing what a well-timed strike can do to “clear the air.”

(8) It is time for a mayor who will see that Toledo continuing to be an adjunct of Detroit is a doomed policy. Rather, the future is in travel and tourism, green jobs (including solar) and reformatting Toledo to be a major transportation hub and to become the literacy capital of the US.

Note: Any city that has a “brainy” populace gets first crack at available upper pay bracket jobs from companies seeking a new home base.

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Ben Konop Unveils Economic Development Plan

By Fletcher Word
Sojourner's Truth Editor

Ben Konop, Democratic mayoral candidate and a Lucas County Commissioner addressed the congregation of Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church this past Sunday and unveiled what he calls a "wide-ranging, pro-families platform for economic development."

The plan, "Economic Development from the Ground Up," calls for an expansion of Owens Community College and protections for workers' wages, employment and safety.

"Politicians are scrambling for suggestions to lead us all to a brighter tomorrow," Konop told the large Sunday audience. "They're shouting things like 'green jobs' and 'lower taxes' as answers to all our prayers for a stronger economy. But I must ask, who stands to get those jobs if they ever come here? And haven't we learned that simply cutting taxes for the rich and powerful is a way toward economic ruin for the masses?"

Instead, Konop offered a list of proposals that he said will prioritize education and protect working men and women.

His plan calls for the next mayor to:

1. Push Owens Community College to establish a satellite campus n downtown Toledo using funds from the \$12 billion President Obama has set aside for community colleges;

2. Place a ballot initiative before Toledo voters to mandate paid sick days at Toledo businesses with more than 25 employees;

2. Demand that businesses receiving \$25,000 or more in tax incentives and non-repayable financial assistance from the city and employ more than 25 employees, provide a living wage to employees and a minimal amount of health care coverage;

3. Require that any contractor wanting to do business with the city sign a "Project Labor Agreement" which ensures the prevailing wage, or average union wage, will be paid to the contractor's employees;

4. Merge the city and county building inspection departments and increase the number of building safety inspections.

"The only morally and fiscally responsible economic policy the City of Toledo can adopt today is to invest in its

working families, invest in each of you," said Konop.

Konop also offered a history lesson to his critics whom he suggested would "call my pro-worker plans 'job killers.'" He recalled for the congregation the darkest days of the Great Depression when a workers' rights movement took hold in Toledo and thousands of working people took to the streets and marched for jobs and higher wages.

"Through their struggles a middle class in Toledo was born," said Konop.

His rivals in the mayoral race did indeed argue that his proposals would not encourage job growth.

"In order for us to move forward, it has to be inclusive of both sides of the table," said independent candidate Mike Bell, former fire chief for the City of Toledo. "I see his plan slanted and without discussion as to how it would impact business. Being a leader for the position of mayor, you have to weigh how your decision affects everyone. As for the sick leave issue, we really don't need to fix something that isn't broken."

Democratic candidate Keith Wilkowski lauded

those portions of the Konop plan that called for discussions to place a satellite Owens campus in downtown and the merger of the city and county building inspections departments.

"I've had discussions with [Owens President] Dr. [Krista] Adams about a downtown facility and if we can use President Obama's idea about two year colleges and

the funds he will provide, that would work," said Wilkowski before dismissing the rest of Konop's ideas.

"It may be an economic plan, but it's not a jobs plan," said Wilkowski. "It's not based in economic reality, particularly the paid sick days proposal. That proposal existed on a statewide basis as recently as last year when Gov. Strickland asked for it

not to go on the ballot because it would have placed Ohio at a competitive disadvantage. These health and welfare issues need to be done on a national level. If Toledo were to pass such an initiative, we would be at a competitive disadvantage with our suburban neighbors."

The Battle Against the Refuse Fee Continues

Again the mayor is calling for City Council to increase the Refuse Fee to balance the budget. My attorneys, Ciolek and Wicklund, filed a lawsuit against the City in February of 2008 disputing the legality of the refuse fee on behalf of all residents and property owners of Toledo.

It is still in the courts pending a decision by the 6th District Court on our appeal of the denial for class action by the Lucas County Common Pleas Court. Let me state unequivocally, this "fee" is a tax and as such it is not legal.

When the Courts finally decide in our favor, it will be decided in the favor of every resident and property owner of Toledo. It may take a couple more years until the case is decided and no one in the City is anxious for a resolution, as they believe the revenue is essential to maintain services.

As City Council again weighs the recommendations of the mayor to increase the fee, Council should consider the effect of having to reimburse the millions of illegally assessed taxes to the residents, which the courts will require. Continuing and increasing the "fee" will be a temporary repair to the budget and though it may seem wise at this time to assess these "fees," Council would be prudent to resist the temptation, as it is only a temporary measure.

Until the District Court hears the case on class action, all residents paying the refuse "fee" are encourage to file the letter of protest with the Department of Public Utilities. The form can be accessed through the blog:

Shanahansselect.blogspot.com and follow the instructions within the blog.

To the mayor, this is folly to continue assessing an illegal tax, which is protested in the courts. To City Council, when the Courts decide in favor of the residents of Toledo on this illegal tax, the required refunds will be painful; to increase them would not be prudent.

The residents of Toledo have faith that Scott Ciolek, attorney, and I will continue to fight the battle on your behalf.

Karen Shanahan

Check Off List

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(9) Can the new mayor work with The University of Toledo so that UT and the city adopt Scott High School as their "uber" learning center and with the surrounding neighborhoods developed to resemble an Ann Arbor or a Madison, Wisconsin educational venue?

(10) The next mayor should work with local foundations and businesses to annually award 150 college graduates (both two-year and four-year graduates) who agree to stay in Toledo, at a tax-free, six-year, yearly genius stipend of \$3500.00 to be spent at their please but with the proviso that they must work in Toledo and live in downtown Toledo.

(11) Neighborhood associations that have the most active Block Watches and who also patrol their surrounding communities (both day and night) will receive block grants to transform their neighborhoods.

(12) I want to vote for a mayor who will review the actions of his commissioners and directors so that they are either rewarded when appropriate or demoted if they can not reduce the number of complaints of workplace violence and discrimination and sexual harassment that occurs un-

der their watch.

(13) The mayor/city council should set up a for-profit corporation that sells water (from Lake Erie) to outlying communities and businesses and counties. The stockholders, including the City of Toledo, would own the apparatus/pipelines that deliver the

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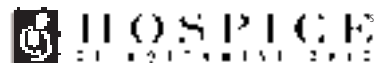
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Unison: Putting the Needs of Children and Families First

By Fletcher Word
Sojourner's Truth Editor

Unison Behavioral Health Group has over 30 years of experience in caring for the behavioral needs of adults and children – adults with severe and persistent mental illness (SPMI); children with serious emotional disabilities; adults and children with substance abuse issues.

The Unison mission is to "create a quality treatment environment where people explore their choices and develop their strengths."

Recently, Unison has expanded its services for young people, particularly those in need of alcohol and drug treatment, after Connecting Point closed its doors in the early part of 2009. Over 100 Connecting Point clients have already come over to Unison as have a number of Connecting Point's former staff members.

Larry Hamme, Ph.D., chief clinical officer for Unison, who has been with the agency

for about as long as it has been open, is convinced, however, that so many more families and individuals are unaware of the services Unison provides and are missing the opportunity to receive such care, especially with respect to the agency's Alcohol and Other Drugs Treatment Program for Children and Adolescents ages 12-17 (AOD).

"We want to get the word out on the AOD program which caters to the entire Lucas County area," said Hamme during a recent discussion with The Truth. "But [we need] to get that word out to the minority population in particular. There are large segments underserved or not served at all."

Unison's staff of 200 full and part time employees includes nine psychiatrists – two of whom specialize in working with children, 12 to 15 nurses, 22 therapists and

55 case managers. Approximately 5,000 clients utilize Unison's services annually.

Even after all these years of treating young people, not much has become routine.

"The ages we are seeing are becoming younger and younger," said Kitty Slight, Unison's marketing/development manager. "An 11-year old with a substance abuse problem ... that surprises the staff."

In fact, about 600 to 700 of the agency's clients are youngsters and Unison provides a range of services for them in addition to alcohol and drug treatment. Young clients can find psychiatric assistance, an anger management group, early intervention to improve problem solving skills and a parenting plus group to develop basic parenting skills.

A home-based service is available for youngsters at risk of placement outside of

the home due to their mental illness. In such cases, a therapist and case manager work as a team with the child and the family.

Our goal is to improve the family function," said Gloria Oliver, BA, LSW, director of Short Term Services for Unison. "We don't go into homes uninvited. People are naturally distrustful when strangers are in the home, we understand that. It's up to the client to allow us in."

When Unison is allowed in, said Oliver, the process is an intense one that will last four to six months ... every day if necessary.

The adolescent alcohol and drug treatment program is the newest program on

Unison's slate of offerings but, rarely, said Hamme, are children treated so simply.

"Most kids have dual issues," he said. Clearly that complicates the treatment process. Teens who abuse alcohol and other drugs typically have school and family problems, poor academic performance, physical and mental health problems and involvement with the juvenile justice system.

In addition, a child's symptoms may differ from an adult with the same psychiatric disorder.

"A person may confuse a number of disorders," said Hamme. An ADHD child and one with depression may show the same symptoms –

sleeplessness, anger, for example."

Unison, therefore, provides step-by-step treatment to tackle the various stages of recovery, from diagnosis all the way to medication during the aftercare period so that children "can live in the community with some sense of order," said Oliver.

The agency has an annual budget of about \$10 million with funding provided by Medicaid, state and local monies and some grants. The main facility is at 1425 Starr Avenue, with another office at 544 E. Woodruff Avenue.

For more information call 419-693-0631 or log on to www.unisonbhg.org.

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incubator for the youth of privilege or youth of poverty, the risk-infested lives of those whose "daddies are without paychecks fosters tentative living whereby they cannot plan

bility. The good news is if the "flowers of today were in the seeds of yesterday," then it is also true that the harvest of tomorrow is in the seeds of today.

agencies need to provide not only services but also jobs for the neighborhood residents and programs which promote family preservation. Finally, leaders must en-

Although we have achieved equal rights we have not yet achieved equal opportunity.

long-term." You can blame absent black fathers to some degree. You can hold the women responsible who try rearing children alone, although more often than not they are concerned about them and attempt to discipline them without the physical or material resources to deal with the needs of growing adolescents.

However, the effect of low wages, unemployment, job flight and poorly funded schools cannot be overlooked. Neither can we afford to delude ourselves into the simplified belief that the circumstances of the poor are due solely to laziness or personal responsi-

Although we have achieved equal rights we have not yet achieved equal opportunity. There is a difference. We spend \$8,000 per year to educate a child but spend \$80,000 to keep them confined. We must ensure a level playing field for every child regardless of color by providing them with the basics of quality childcare, healthcare, housing, food, and clothing.

In addition, public spending, private investment and programming need to be physically located in high poverty neighborhoods and run by people with ties to the neighborhood even if funds have to be shifted from agencies located elsewhere. These

sure that low-income and communities of color hit disproportionately hard by the recession, are targeted and receive their fair share of the \$787 billion stimulus package and are at the forefront of the green, equitable recovery.

This new investment today will reverse the culture of youth violence while also stopping it from spilling over into other communities so that we no longer lose the lives of its victims but also gain the productivity of the lives of the survivors.

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Scott High School Marching Band in Survival Mode These Days

By James Fowler
Sojourner's Truth Staff

It's no secret that the former members of the Scott High School marching band are proud of their legacy.

As one of the premier marching bands in Toledo, Scott's dynamic style and uniqueness helped the program develop an almost legendary reputation. The group's unrelenting work ethic and desire to

compete helped them win competitions, outperform rivals like Libbey and Rogers high schools and led to the creation of its famous motto "Expect to be Impressed."

"What I saw...it's heartbreaking, Scott has a historical band. If there's 20 people in the band now, that's a stretch."

However, these accomplishments aren't recent. Most of them occurred years ago. And these days a different set of words is used to describe the band.

"What I saw...it's heartbreaking," said Jason Purifie, a 1990 Scott graduate and former band member. "Scott has a historical band. If there's 20 people in the band now, that's a stretch."

Purifie's comments are the latest in a series of stinging accusations and criticisms that both parents and students have leveled at Scott recently. They're frustrated that the band, which flourished for years under its director Ed Dixon, has seemingly fallen into disarray since Joshua Reed, Dixon's successor after he retired, took over in August 2007.

"He's a fine young man, but he's green when it comes to doing some of the things we were interested in doing," said Dixon.

Dixon also feels Reed may have initially had trouble relating to the students.

"I thought they'd look for a black music director, someone who had experience in marching or teaching. I'm not saying he has to be black, but it's hard to mentor someone when (you) don't know their dreams and aspirations."

Reed is originally from Canada but has lived in the U.S. for some time. A life-long music lover, he graduated from The University of Toledo with a music de-

gree in June 2007. Two months later, he was chosen by TPS to become Scott's new marching band director.

For Reed, the offer was hardly something he could turn down. After all, who wouldn't be happy to have a full-time job two months after graduation? But for the students in the marching band, the summer of

2007 was hardly tranquil. They entered band camp that year not knowing who their new teacher was or what the future held now that Dixon wasn't there to guide them. They were introduced to Reed at the start of camp, which took place two weeks before school started, but the transition wasn't easy.

"I wasn't pleased with it (Reed's hiring)," said Brian Whittington, Jr., a 2009 Scott graduate and last year's band president. "He was too young."

Reed's inexperience wasn't the only concern. "He was brought up in a different band than we were," said Whittington. "He never knew what the

Marching band did in the past."

Neither Reed nor anyone in the administrations of Scott High School and Toledo Public Schools would offer comments for this article.

By the time camp ended, the band had received more surprising news. Reed wouldn't be their only teacher that year.

Nicole Edwards and Robert Fletcher didn't plan on becoming teacher's assistants. After graduating from Scott, the two friends, both of whom were band veterans, left for college. But they still had fond memories of their days in the band and kept in touch with its current students.

So when they heard a new band director had been hired, they approached Reed at band camp and asked him if he needed any help. He said yes. Several months later, they were still there.

"For me, the band was my life for those four years," said Edwards. "So being there with the kids was fun. I enjoyed it."

During that year, Edwards and Fletcher helped the band compose songs, plan choreography and practice dance routines. For some, their presence

was a reminder of how much they liked Dixon, something they couldn't say about Reed.

"He (Reed) didn't do anything that would harm the

band," said Fletcher, "but the kids were used to Mr. Dixon's ways."

As the months passed, frustration started to grow. The students struggled with Reed's teaching style, which veered away from the black collegiate marching style they loved. Meanwhile, Reed struggled to gain their respect, which sometimes resulted in a chaotic environment. Eventually, some students felt the situation had grown intolerable. So they did something unexpected: they quit.

Today the marching band finds itself in an unenviable position. After the 2008-2009 school year ended with only 23 band members (there were over 100 in 2006), everyone knew changes had to be made.

But what?

The band is trying to redefine itself while its director is trying to define his own teaching philosophy as well. This uneasy mix has turned off many while others have written the band off as nothing more than a relic of an era that's officially dead. But is it? Some aren't so sure.

"I have faith in the school and the students," said Edwards. "People still love the band but they just got to get into it again."



Jason Purifie
1990 Scott Graduate



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You Must Be a Boring!!

By Michael Hayes



If you are bored in Toledo... on some level I understand.

But we don't lack "things to do" - there's PLENTY to do.

What we lack is atmosphere.

I've thrown events in this city since I was 16, I've tried to big up this city my whole life (even though being oh so ready to run to NYC asap), and I've been critical of this city just like you yet acknowledging what we do have going for us.

This is my conclusion for the summer of 2009: Find a way to enjoy Toledo.

If you spend a weekend in Columbus, Cleveland, Detroit, Chicago, etc...

you will have the same options you have in Toledo: night clubs, movies, bowling, pool, etc.

However what you will find in those places that you won't find here are:

concerts, more cultural events, alternatives to the club and like I said...ATMOSPHERE.

Let's be honest... most of you hate Toledo and have a low esteem for your city.

Funny thing is that's the exact element that keeps Toledo down and makes the haters part of the problem. It won't ever get better by constantly harping on how bad it is.

GROUND LEVEL COFFEE HOUSE (Central next to Marco's Pizza near Douglas)

Talaam Acey... a nationally acclaimed spoken word artist was just there this past weekend.

This establishment is co-owned/operated by good a good friend of mine, Imani Lateef (shout out to Yasu) He and Jesse Lipman have provided a winning alternative to the club scene.

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And ya kids are no excuse because this is a kid friendly (long as they behave) place.

HUTCH DADDY BASH AT THE BAY WEEK

This has been THE thing to do in Toledo for the last two summers and 2009 goes harder.

Comedy Show This Thursday @ Fat Fish Blue Bikini Party This Friday @ Hot Peppers

Car Show This Saturday Afternoon (July 25th) @ Promenade Park with live performances.

Live Performance by R&B Singer/Songwriter TANK @ OMNI this Saturday night.

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CLUBLIFE

Jax goes hard for the kids, Chasers, Eclipse (especially on Sundays), Twisted Lizard, Omni, Zodiac, The Peacock, The Blueprint, Avalon (what up Tony & Rob), and soooo many more clubs keep things in Toledo poppin. Is it a lot of the same people over and over? Well, DUH!

But is it possible to go out, look fly, kick it, sip what you sip, meet someone, hear the best music and have a good time?? Well, DUH! If you like going to the clubs...there's enough to do in Toledo that you can be out every night from Wednesday to Sunday every week with

mad options to choose from.

HOT PEPPERS on Saturdays is the jump off with my dudes Nash, D.J. Kausion and Cunry usually hosts and that is becoming THE place to be on Saturday.

A.T.L. and Dem Radio Boys (Kaj Boogie and J. Roc) got 1st Fridays at Hot Peppers goin ham for months and months now.

U.G.E. has now taken over the remaining Fridays at Hot Peppers and our kick off event is

July 31st FINAL FRIDAYS - females free all night!! . Guys 10 bucks all nite.

So if you wanna kick it... Quit actin' like you bored!

Speaking of Kaj Boogie,

ya big homie is throwing a birthday blowout

August 1 @ Headliners. It's 21 and up, there will be V.I.P. and it's going be big!

All dem Leo's should come rep.

Also in the Juice FM family... I've been hearing that this summer is the summer for...

The return of the Glass City Expo!!

I'll have more details next week, but if it's true...then hoooweeeee!!!

This is going to be an amazing summer, fa sho.

Of course U.G.E. we still have our open mic night, The Listening @ 1811 Adams

every SATURDAY...we've been going for nearly a year so we should probably do something special to commemorate that but um...yea. We had some fold up chairs donated to us that recently had to go back so we need more chairs!!

But we are there every Saturday providing a place for artists, singers, rappers, poets to hone their skills and network and build.

Shouts to Tracy, Lil Star (16 yr old girl who can spit dat hot fiyah!), Narize Denise (we got you homie!),

Roosevelt, PAIN, Cherokee, and many many more who always come and bless us.

Shout to my crew..U.G.E. - "Haterz Get Mad" T Shirts... "Haterz Get Mad" REMIX..this month.

So yes, yes, y'all. There is so much going on...there is absolutely no reason to be bored.

And if you are THROWING an event...if you are the promoters/artists etc. behind an event... if we on good terms... and I have the space to do it ... I got you.

peace..and let's have a great rest of summer 2009.

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Toledo Native Lyfe Jennings will be performing live at this weekend's Bash at the Bay

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Third Thursday: Great Places to See and Buy Art

Sojourner's Truth Staff

Once again last week downtown area art galleries enliven the night by opening their doors for Third Thursday. On July 16, 17 galleries in the warehouse district, downtown

Sur St. Clair exhibited the art of Widler Germain, a Haitian painter, who is spending the summer in Findlay. Germain, a self-taught artist, works in acrylics to depict the

beauty and culture of his homeland.

Germain began painting as a child and was provided with an education through Mission Pos-

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A Nick Lynott painting at Ahava Spa

and uptown hosted art lovers from 6 to 9 p.m.

In addition to the art, live music was played by Stonehouse on St. Clair Street and by T-City Groove outside of the Ford Art Gallery on Madison Street. Young Artists at Work apprentices set up shop on the sidewalk of St. Clair as, across the street, three young women made a live sidewalk drawing.

The center of activity was St. Clair Street. MMK Gallery hosted an exhibition of works by Kan Du Studio of Findlay, OH. Kan Du's mission is to connect artists who have disabilities with their community.



A Widler Germain painting



An Adam Grant painting at 20 North

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Other fruits in the mixture are not so common - such as camu camu, which is also from the Amazon rainforest; bilberries, which are found throughout temperate and subarctic regions of the world; wolf berries and lychee from China and the acerola fruit, which is native to the West Indies and northern South America and is prized for its high vitamin C content.



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Third Thursday

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Bob Martin watercolor at Paul Sullivan

sible, a child sponsor organization based in Findlay. He travels to the U.S. every summer to display his award-winning art in Ohio and surrounding states.

The work of Wil Clay and the late Adam Grant

were on exhibit at 20 North Gallery and the gallery featured several other artists who have been at the core of its past exhibitions.

Jack Wilson's Studio featured the pottery of Red Stanley, fabrics by Anna Singer, photography by

Lois Anne Bowlus and two new sculptures by Wilson.

In architect Paul Sullivan's newly remodeled office and home there was a retrospective of the late John N. Richards' watercolors and more cur-



John Richard's watercolor at Paul Sullivan

rent watercolors by Bob Martin.

Ahava Spa offered its visitors book readings by Jane Bradley and artwork of Nick Lynott and the Little Gallery features glasswork of Keith Marok.

In downtown Toledo, the Ford Gallery at 602 Madison – the former Ken's Flower Shop – was the epicenter of activity as proprietor Cynthia Ford held a fundraiser for the Friendly Center and provided the music of T-City Groove.

Uptown, at The Truth Gallery, the paintings of Mack Walton and the art, jewelry and dolls of Paula Fullilove were featured.

The next Third Thursday will be on August 20. For updates, log onto www.acgt.org.



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The Toledo-Lucas County Public Library (TLCPL) joins Buckeye CableSystem from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, **July 31** for a free, scheduled appearance of OverDrive Inc.'s **Digital Bookmobile** at Sanger Branch Library, 3030 W. Central Ave.

Millions of people are already downloading audiobooks from Dr. Seuss to Danielle Steel for free from their public libraries, and you can too! Find out more at this special event and board the Digital Bookmobile, a 74-foot, 18-wheel tractor-trailer, equipped with broadband Internet-connected PCs, high-definition monitors, premium sound systems, and a variety of portable media players.

Interactive computer stations aboard the bookmobile give visitors an opportunity to search a digital media collection, use

supported mobile devices, and sample eBooks, audiobooks, music and video offered from the Library. With instructional videos, readers of all ages who board the bookmobile, will experience new ways to enjoy digital books and more at the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library.

*** B u c k e y e CableSystem** will be present on July 31 as a vendor near the Digital Bookmobile with promotional materials and a special **Gift Pack Give-away!**

***A Library 2009 Summer Reading Club Read! Create! Participate!** table will also be located near the Digital Bookmobile for readers of all ages to sign up for this annual reading program complete with prizes and fun!

***TLCPL's Outreach Services** department will be present with the Li-

brary bookmobile, which serves as one of the oldest mobile library services in the nation. TLCPL's bookmobile started in the late 1930s on horse and buggy.

To learn more about the OverDrive Digital Bookmobile, please log on to www.digitalbookmobile.com and see a video which describes the truck's exciting high-tech features. The Digital Bookmobile is a community outreach vehicle for public libraries to promote downloadable eBooks, audiobooks, music, and video. The nationally touring vehicle is a high-tech update of the traditional bookmobile that has served communities for decades.

For more details, please open attachment or log on to toledolibrary.org

Toledo Museum of Art Names New Head Librarian

Special to The Truth

Alison Huftalen has been appointed head of the Toledo Museum of Art's Reference Library effective Aug. 4. She replaces Anne O. Morris, who is retiring after serving 44 years as Head Librarian.

Huftalen will be responsible for all aspects of the Museum's library collection, which is part of the Collections Branch of the Museum. She will be instrumental in planning and implementing programs that serve a wide variety of constituents, including the staff and Docents of the Museum, professors and students of the University of Toledo Art Department and the general public.

Her responsibilities also include acquisitions and development of the library collection. She and her staff will work with other Museum employees on management issues and assist in obtaining grants and other

support for the library and associated programs.

Huftalen, who began her tenure at the Museum as a volunteer in 2007, has been on staff for the past year as the Catalog Librarian for the Art Reference Library. She came to Toledo from the library at St. John's University, where she worked in the archives and special collections. She also previously worked as acting librarian for the Art Institute of Boston.

She holds a bachelor's degree in fine arts from Alfred University (2000) and a master's degree (2005) in art history and criticism from Stony Brook University. She earned her master's degree in library science (2007) from St. John's University in Queens, N.Y.

Huftalen has received numerous honors and awards, including recognitions from St. John's University, ACRL/NY (Association of College and Research Libraries), SUNY Stony Brook and Alfred University. She currently

serves as editor of *Collage*, the newsletter of the Ohio Valley Chapter of ARLIS (Art Libraries Society of North America).

In announcing her appointment, Don Bacigalupi, director and CEO of the Toledo Museum of Art, said, "Alison Huftalen has an outstanding reputation in her profession. We are delighted to have such an accomplished young librarian on our staff to continue Anne's legacy and the development of Toledo's very respected art library. We are greatly looking forward to her energy, contributions and leadership for the Art Reference Library."

The Museum is located at 2445 Monroe Street at Scottwood Avenue, just west of the downtown business district and one block off I-75 with exit designations posted. For general information, visitors can call 419-255-8000 or 800-644-6862, or visit www.toledomuseum.org.

Soul Food on the East Side? Absolutely



The Serenity Family Soul Food Restaurant at 932 Woodville Road opened about three months ago to the very great relief of those folks who do not want to leave East Toledo to get real home-cooked soul food.

Which, of course, is why it's on the east side.

"They did not have a soul food restaurant on this side," said co-owner Bishop M.C. McGhee, pastor of Serenity Church of God in Christ. "We're trying to do something to help."

It's a family affair that's

come to the rescue. Erma McGhee, First Lady of Serenity, is the chef who oversees the kitchen's production of chicken, fish, baked beans, green beans, hush puppies, macaroni and cheese, along with other traditional soul food delicacies.

McCardell McGhee, Robert McGhee, Vincent McGhee, Candus McCardell, Rebecca William, Alicia Henneman, Victoria Williams, Valerie McKee and Princess Anderson are all part of the staff as well.

The menu is studded with

seafood specialties such as whiting, catfish, tilapia and shrimp. Chicken wings and burgers are also available as are an array of lighter offerings such as chicken and shrimp salads. In addition to the menu, a full buffet is available during all hours the restaurant is open.

The Serenity Family Soul Food Restaurant is open Tuesday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and on Sunday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. For take out orders, call 419-671-6265.



Citywide Baby Shower Reaches Out to Pregnant

*And Parenting Teens
Special to The Truth*

Polly Fox Academy, a school dedicated to helping pregnant and parenting teenage girls, grades seven – 12, complete their high school education, will hold a Citywide Baby Shower for teen mothers on Wednesday, July 29.

In addition to gift bags for potential students, refreshments, and door prizes, the free 1-3:00 p.m. event will give interested young women the opportunity to find out how they can earn their high school diploma at Polly Fox Academy.

The Academy is free of charge to all pregnant and parenting teenage girls in northwest Ohio. Its mission is to help young mothers graduate and achieve financial independence so that they can support themselves and their children.

Besides the usual high school curriculum, Polly Fox offers classes that prepare students to cope with the special challenges faced by



teenage mothers. Social service support and linkages to appropriate community resources are also provided.

Subsidized daycare through Toledo Day Nursery is available to care for the children of students while they attend classes. In addition, the Academy offers flexible scheduling that is adaptable to the needs of both mother and child.

Polly Fox has a school-based health clinic with a

nurse educator who provides health education with a focus on pre-natal care. She is available to answer students' questions about pregnancy as well as medical concerns they might have about their children. The nurse educator can also diagnose medical problems and refer students to a doctor so they don't have to rely on emergency room care.

The Academy offers career preparation that empowers students to become independent. The program includes skills assessment, job readiness training and mentoring opportunities. Job shadowing and internship placements are also offered. Seniors create a portfolio that they can use in job interviews.

The Citywide Baby Shower will be held at 1505 Jefferson Avenue. Free on-site parking is available.

Kaptur-Nominated Page, a Bowsher Junior, Completes Summer Term on Capitol Hill

Special to The Truth



Deondre Davis of Toledo, a junior at Bowsher High School, recently completed his summer term as a page in

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“He approached his work with a professionalism, dedication and general maturity well above his years,”

the U.S. House of Representatives. He was nominated for the honor by U.S. Rep. Marcy Kaptur (OH-9).

“Deondre has been wonderful during his time in Washington. He approached his work with a

Davis is an honors student at Bowsher and an active member of the Toledo community as an athlete, volunteer, and member of the Student African American Brotherhood. He is the son of Josephine Davis.

perform tasks crucial to the day-to-day running of Congress. The application process is highly competitive and some pages have even returned to Washington as elected representatives.



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Citywide Baby Shower

for pregnant and parenting teens

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- Gift bags for interested students and their children
- Door prizes and refreshments
- Presentation of educational opportunities available through Polly Fox Academy
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- Displays showing other community resources that are available to Polly Fox Academy students
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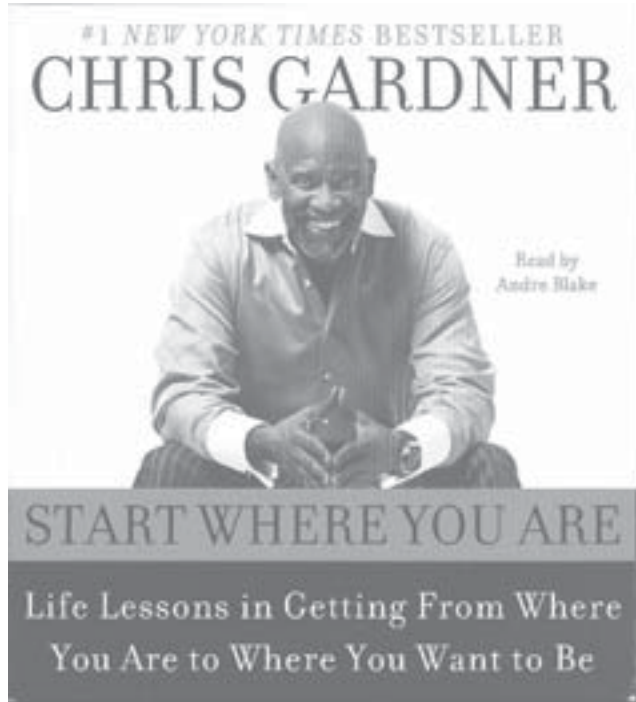
Polly Fox Academy offers students in grades 7-12, who are pregnant or parenting, the opportunity to graduate from high school and achieve financial independence.



Book Review**Start Where You Are by Chris Gardner**

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\$29.99 / \$38.99 Canada 6 hours / 5 CDs

By Terri Schlichenmeyer
The Truth Contributor

This summer, you're really going to do it. There's no other choice.

You've stalled long enough. No more dragging your feet. You need some sort of income, so you've decided to start your own business, change careers, take on additional responsibility.

You've made up your mind. Now it's time to figure out what to do next. In the new audiobook *Start Where You Are* by Chris Gardner, you'll see that you already possess the information you need. You just have to put it all together.

Sometimes, when you have an idea, just thinking about acting on it can be overwhelming. You hardly know where to start or whom to ask for help. Gardner says that you don't need to worry so much if you remember that your greatest assets are within you. You have the power to determine who you become.

But your dream is just that — a dream — unless you have a plan to implement it. Do your R&D and make a plan that focuses on what you want

to do. And don't be afraid about moving too slowly; Gardner says he drives his staff crazy by repeating this mantra: Baby steps count, too, as long as you go forward.

But speaking of forward, don't be afraid of yesterday. Identify your past and know how you got to *where* you are, but give yourself permission to dismiss parts of it that don't match the *person* you are.

Oh, and it is possible to forgive transgressions without forgetting them.

Find your passion and keep your eyes on it. Put things into perspective and never disconnect with yourself or the person you want to be. "Know yourself, be yourself, choose for yourself." Practice the Five C's: clear, concise, committed, consistent and confident.

Seize every opportunity you can to get on-the-job training. Be willing to go back to the basics if you stray from the path you've chosen. Make friends *before* you need them. Pick your battles wisely. Be both an apprentice and a mentor.

Above all, know that it's okay to fail but not to quit, and remember that there is no "secret" to success.

Once upon a time, author Chris Gardner was one of the "working homeless," and in this audiobook, he uses his early adulthood as an example for what he preaches. Because he started from the bottom and is now the CEO and owner of Gardner Rich LLC, you can bet that everything he says here was personally vetted.

While what you'll learn in *Start Where You Are* is definitely helpful, listening to it is a bit difficult, particularly if you're trying to do other things while you're listening. The tips come fast, and there are so many of them that you'll almost need to clear your schedule and listen twice.

But if you're just beginning a new career, you won't mind. And if you've been around the business block a time or three, this audiobook is a great brain-poking reminder. Pick up a copy of *Start Where You Are*.

And then do it.

Owens Workforce and Community Services Offers Summer Dementia Awareness Program Workshop, Aug. 14

Special to The Truth

Area residents who are interested in gaining a deeper insight into the physical and cognitive changes that occur in the various stages of dementia are invited to participate in several Dementia Awareness Program workshops at Owens Community College's Workforce and Community Services on Friday, Aug. 14.

Owens will offer two different workshops as part of its Dementia Awareness Program. The first seminar, which are intended for family members and home caregivers of individuals with dementia, will take place from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. The College's second class is designed for health care professionals who work with dementia patients and will occur from 1-5 p.m. The classes will be held at the College's Workforce and Community Services building on Tracy Road in Northwood.

Earlier this year, Owens established the Dementia Awareness Program with the overall

goal of providing individuals with an enhanced understanding of dementia, which annually affects over 24 million individuals worldwide, as well as a deeper sense of empathy toward those with dementia and educational tools for a more healthy and productive interaction between caregivers and dementia patients.

According to Jennifer Finch, Owens Adjunct Faculty member in the College's Massage Therapy program and Dementia Awareness Program Instructor, dementia is a mind-altering and devastating illness, both for those who have it and for their caregivers.

"The more knowledge individuals have about dementia, the better able they are to care for those who have it and themselves as caregivers.

Increased knowledge leads to better care, which eventually leads to less stress for the caregiver," stated Finch, who is a Nationally Certified Dementia Practitioner and has 12 years of experience working in long-term care facilities

helping patients and families adjust to life with dementia.

Workshop instruction will include discussion about the physical and cognitive changes that are occurring within the dementia process, which is a progressive deterioration of the brain that leads to problems in areas such as memory, learning and perception, as well as the physiological reasons behind the changes. Attendees will also obtain tools for enhancing effective communication that will allow for more meaningful interactions and visits, fostering a deeper sense of empathy and compassion, and minimizing behavioral episodes common with the various stages of dementia between patients and the caregiver or family members.

The registration fee for each workshop is \$49. For more information, or to register for the classes, call (567) 661-7357 or 1-800-GO-OWENS, Ext. 7357.

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A Few Brick Donors

currently located at 1339 Dorr Street, has just launched their "Brick Campaign". The **TUFCU** has begun this campaign in an effort to raise funds for the new building which will be built at the corner of Detroit Avenue at Dorr Street. If you are interested in purchasing a "Brick" as a part of the campaign the prices are as follows:

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**The African American Community calls you...
GIVE BLOOD**

The African-American community is particularly important to the American Red Cross as the population tends to have a higher instance of Type O blood than that of the general population. Particularly Type O negative is of the utmost importance as in an emergency situation it can be transfused into patients of any blood type.

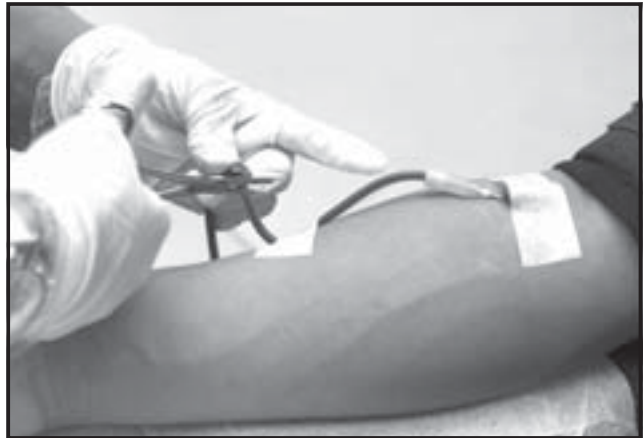
The American Red Cross

is partnering with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP); The Coalition of Black Trade Unionists (CBTU) and the A Philip Randolph Institute (APRI) to raise awareness on the need for blood from the African American Community.

On Saturday, August 1, 2009 the American Red Cross, NAACP, CBTU and the APRI is calling on the African

American community to take action and help save lives by donating blood at Friendship Baptist Church, located at 5301 Nebraska Road in Toledo, from 9am-2pm.

In 2008, only 2.5 percent of the local American Red Cross donors were African-American. According to the 2000 census, 17 percent of the population of Lucas County is African-American. "We're asking you to set



LISC Announces Opportunity for \$200,000 in Neighborhood Development Grants

Special to The Truth

This year, Toledo Local Initiatives Support Corporation will provide one or two grants totaling \$150,000 to support the development and/or implementation of a neighborhood transformation plan by a non-profit. By inviting Sustainable Communities of Choice proposals for this grant funding, Toledo LISC intends to encourage community developers and their allies in the government and private sectors to envision larger scale, lasting impact efforts. LISC also seeks to catalyze a substantial and lasting comprehensive neighborhood change process in a targeted area.

LISC also may award one or two Encouragement grants for no more than \$25,000 each, designed to help organizations plan and develop strategies that will take them to the next step in their development phase. These grants may be awarded to communities

that do not have an established community development organization serving the need of the community.

LISC anticipates that successful proposals will fully integrate the capacity and talent of community development with human services and private sector organizations to undertake the array of projects and programs necessary for comprehensive neighborhood transformation. The selected recipient(s) will receive support for the hiring of technically competent staff in the areas of housing or economic development, program or project coordination and implementation.

Local Initiatives Support Corporation, a national intermediary, combines corporate, government and philanthropic resources to help nonprofit community development organizations revitalize distressed neighborhoods. Since 1980, LISC has raised more than \$9 billion to

build or rehab more than 244,000 affordable homes and develop 36 million square feet of retail, community and educational space nationwide. LISC support has leveraged nearly \$28 billion in total development activity. In Toledo LISC has committed over \$75 million in Toledo's most distressed neighborhoods to help produce almost 1500 homes and 500,000 square feet of commercial space.

Organizations interested in learning more are invited to attend a preliminary meeting at 10AM on July 28th. Seats will be limited so reservations are required by emailing Marguerite Benson at mbenson@LISC.org or calling 419-242-3836.

Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur and Mayor Carleton Finkbeiner have been invited to attend.

aside one hour of your summer to give blood and help others in need," said Bonnie Meridieth, Donor Recruitment Director for the Western Lake Erie Region of the American Red Cross. "Every 24 hours, 21,000 people receive a blood transfusion from a Red Cross donor. We need everyone who can to donate and make an appointment to give."

Blood needs often increase during the summer when vacation travel and activities escalate the chance of serious accidents that may require lifesaving or sustaining care. At the same time,

blood supplies can dwindle as donors become busy with summer fun and overlook giving blood.

"Make a commitment to your community and give blood," continued Meridieth.

Call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE to schedule an appointment.

How to Donate Blood

To schedule an appointment to donate please call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (1-800-448-3543) or visit givelife.org for more information. If you are at least 17 years of age, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and are in good general health, you may be eligible to donate blood. All donors need to

present valid identification. About the American Red Cross

The Western Lake Erie Region serves 11 counties, and needs to collect about 300 units of blood a day to meet patient need in 23 hospitals. In addition to providing blood to our community, the American Red Cross also provides relief to victims of disaster, trains millions in life-saving skills, serves as a communication link between U.S. military members and their families, and assists victims of international disasters or conflicts. 07/09AP746

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:

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Prevent Blindness Ohio Donates Eyeglass Frames to Mildred Bayer Clinic

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The Mildred Bayer Clinic, which provides healthcare for the homeless primarily through collaboration with other non-profit agencies, has an eye care clinic eight days a month thanks to local volunteers. Last week, Mildred Bayer once again discovered the value of collaboration when Prevent Blindness Ohio donated ap-

proximately 400 pairs of eyeglass frames to the Neighborhood Health Association clinic.

Prevent Blindness Ohio (PBO) is a statewide consumer advocate for sight conservation and strives to promote eye health and safety while working on cures for blinding eye diseases. The agency was itself the recipient of 50,000



PBO's Richard Meeker and Mildred Bayer's Richard Langford

eye glass frames from an optometric health organization. Only the Mildred Bayer Clinic received such a donation in northwest Ohio.

PBO conducts its own eye care appointments but the demand has forced the agency into a 10 to 11 month waiting list. They are in serious need of volunteer doctors to help alleviate the back log.

In addition to eye care, the Mildred Bayer Clinic also provides the homeless with access to a wide array of medical services including dental care. The clinic provides transportation to and from area shelters and has a social worker on staff as well.

The Mildred Bayer Clinic is at 2101 Jefferson and may be reached at 419-241-1554.

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INTERESTED BIDDERS: TOLEDO PUBLIC SCHOOLS – HAWKINS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FURNISHINGS AND EQUIPMENT PACKAGE

Sealed bids will be accepted by the Board of Education of the Toledo Public School District until **1:00 p.m. on August 12th, 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 Hawkins Elementary School, as more fully described in the drawings and specifications for the project prepared by The Collaborative, Inc. and will be opened publicly and read immediately thereafter.

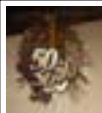
Bid Documents for the project may be examined at the F.W. Dodge plan rooms in Columbus, Builders Exchange in Toledo, University of Toledo – Capacity Building, E.O.P.A. – Hamilton Building, Northwest Ohio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and The Plan Room in Ann Arbor, Construction Association of Michigan,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

Bidders may obtain copies of the documents starting **July 22nd, 2009** which can be purchased from **Toledo Blue Print, 6964 Mc Nerney Road, Northwood, Ohio 43619** Phone: **419-661-9841**. Drawings may be obtained on CD-ROM for no cost with the purchase of the specifications.

A **MANDATORY PREBID CONFERENCE** is scheduled for **August 3rd, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.** at Toledo Public Schools, 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 Justin.Hammerling@tgb-llc.com, by phone at (419) 776-5600, or (fax) (877) 281-0784.

Bid Item #1: Hawkins Elementary School
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Bid Item #2: Hawkins Elementary School
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INVITATION FOR BIDS

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WALK-THRU DATE: Tuesday, July 21, 2009 @ 10:00am
BID OPENING DATE: Friday, July 31, 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/Modernization Department, at 201 Belmont Street. Contract documents and technical specifications/drawings will be available from the RCI/Modernization Department, and will be provided upon request. The entire package will also be on the LMHA website at www.lucasmha.org.

Each bid shall be accompanied by cash, an approved surety company bid bond, or a certified check upon a solvent bank, made payable to the Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority in an amount equal to five (5) percent of the bid, tendered as a bid guarantee (if required) that the bidder will, if the award is made to him, enter into a bona fide contract with Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority for this work and furnish proper guarantee bonding as required under the specifications within a period of ten (10) days after the awarding of the contract.

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, ancestry, creed, or military status.

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African American Festival Holds Family Reunion

African American Festival organizer Suzette Cowell, CEO of the Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union, came up with a novel notion for this year's festival. She thought it might make a good occasion and location to hold a family reunion. So she decided to experiment ... with her own family.

The vote is in. The Williamson/McClerkin/Pearson/Hawkins family members have approved the idea and next year, according to Cowell, the African American Festival will be open to more reunions.



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