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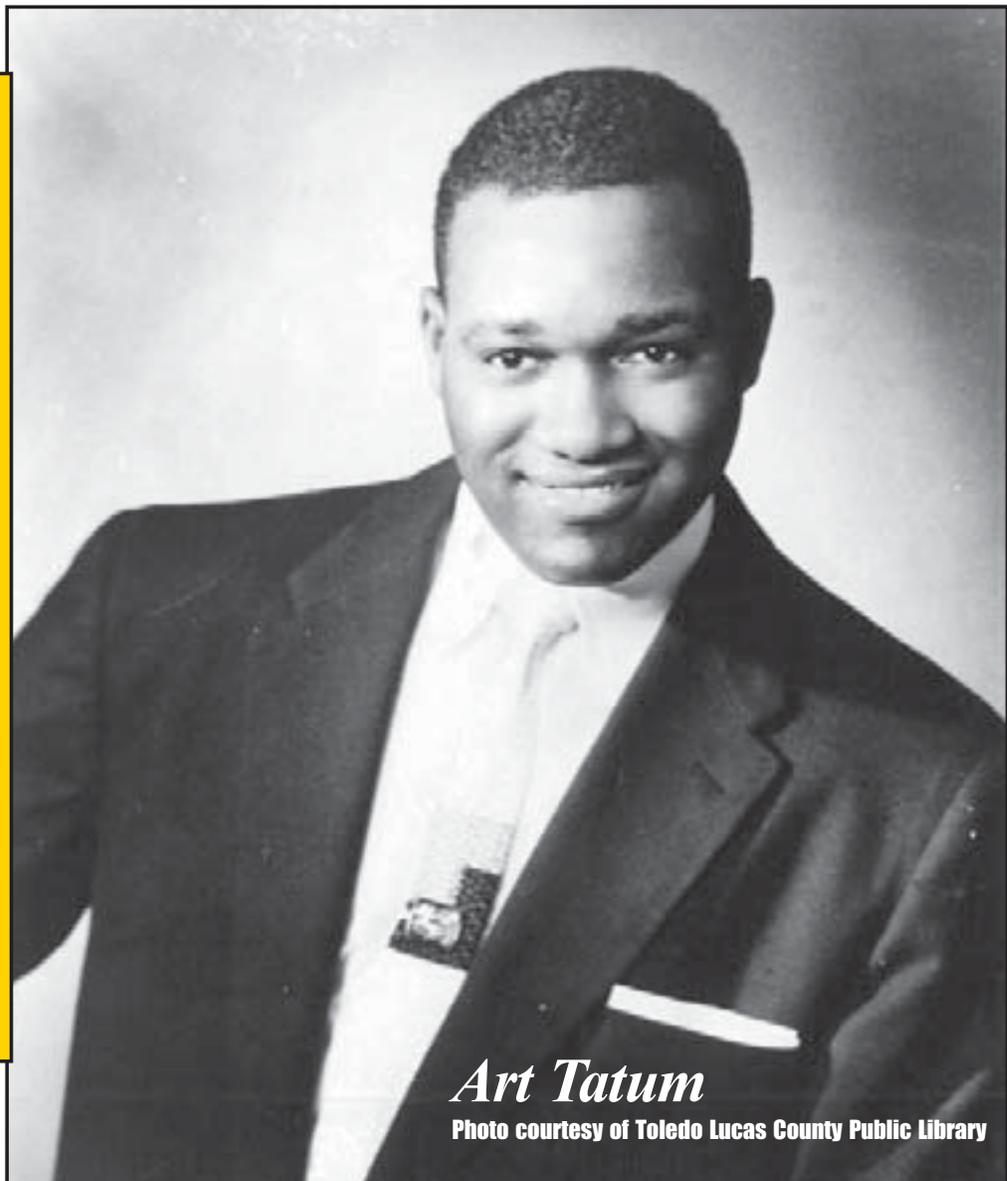
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Art Tatum

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This Strikes Us ...

A Sojourner's Truth Editorial

Counterinsurgency or counterterrorism?

It's a difficult choice for President Barack Obama as he reviews American strategy in Afghanistan.

On one hand, Gen. Stanley McChrystal, the Afghan mission's NATO commander, and other military officials are advising Obama to pursue a counterinsurgency campaign – bringing in an abundance of troops who will work in the villages and within the population to undermine the influence of the Taliban and attempt to bring democracy to the country. That is the “hearts and minds” strategy that has yet to work anywhere at anytime.

Obama sent 21,000 additional troops to Afghanistan earlier this year; McChrystal is expected to ask for 40,000 more within weeks.

Would that Obama could channel former Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara and former President Lyndon Johnson and seek their counsel about how well the old hearts and minds strategy worked in Vietnam in this nation's battle against communism.

The problem is also Afghanistan in this particular instance. Let's face it, nothing works in this desolate country. Ask the British and the former Soviet Union how easy it is to get bogged down in Afghanistan. It was in fact the Soviet Union that met its own demise in large part because of its failure to subdue its neighbor to the south.

The Soviets discovered that they could bomb and bomb, then threaten to bomb the mountainous country back to the Stone Age only to realize during the years of its ill-fated attempt at occupation that most of Afghanistan has never truly emerged from the Stone Age.

On the other hand, advisors such as Vice President Joe Biden are urging the president to pursue counterterrorism. Counterterrorism in Afghanistan would mean the use of limited number of troops with the mission of carrying the fight to Al Qaeda even as that means reaching into Pakistan, our purported ally in the fight against terrorism.

Such a strategy would mean abandoning the villages to the Taliban and here's where the problem lies. You see, as much as we disliked communism during the Cold War, we really viewed the issue as one of world politics and the battle between the developed, capitalist West and the communist Soviet Union superpower.

The domino theory dominated our leaders' view of world politics rather than did any concern about the actual impact communism might have on Vietnamese villagers. Hence the U.S. military tactic of destroying villages to save them – we really wanted to save our policy.

But the Taliban leaders bear no resemblance to Ho Chi Minh. The Taliban are about as fanatically evil – all in the name of God – as any ruling class could possibly be. And should they regain control of the country as the United States abandons the villages to them, the populace is in danger of extinction.

Picture this one example, if you will. Women cannot be legally educated under the Taliban and cannot be given medical attention by male doctors. Should the Taliban be left once more in charge, the ranks of those women with healthcare skills will rapidly be depleted and the life expectancy for Afghan women will drop precipitously.

So should the U.S. abandon its counterinsurgency strategy and leave the population of Afghanistan in harm's way? Regrettably, and in spite of the harsh reality of the situation, yes. We have no other choice.

Counterinsurgency campaigns simply do not work if the civilian population is unwilling to assist and we have seen absolutely no indication that Afghans themselves are in any way willing to do the work necessary to move their nation into the 21st Century.

Tribal leaders/warlords rule, politicians are hopelessly corrupt, poppy fields yield the only exportable crop. The fact is that in this instance, as in so many others, the people of the nation have to make a commitment to moving forward and throwing off their shackles.

The fact is, we don't have enough American troops to sit in Afghan villages and nurture their democratic aspirations. The fact is, America cannot make it work simply because it seems the right thing to do.

As has been said so many times, we cannot police the entire world.

History has shown us that the military's request for an additional 40,000 is only the beginning of a quagmire that will ultimately require hundreds of thousands of troops before we realize, once again, that we cannot rebuild nations through American military might.

Years ago, as he contemplated sending the first fighting forces to Vietnam, Lyndon Johnson scoffed at the suggestion that the job might require as many as 300,000 troops. Four years later, we had over 500,000 troops in the country and the military was seeking more.

Obama has to make the tough decision not to get caught in the same trap.

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October 3

Libbey HS Alumni Association Homecoming Football Game Tailgate Party: Noon to 2 pm; Hawley and Western Sts. parking lot; RSVP by 9/25: 419-380-8145

Gospel Music to Feed the Soul: Presented by Millard Catchings & the Voices of Zion; Ebenezer MBC; 6 pm; The Newsom Family, Anointed Sons of God, Mildred Stegall & The True Voices, The Spiritual Aires, The Gospel Twilights: 419-973-0506 or 419-531-2742 or 419-699-7839

Prophetic Engagement Fellowship: Conference and Worship Service; “It's time to give birth;” Seminars at 11 am; Service at 1 pm: 419-531-1862

October 4

St. Paul AME Zion 92nd Anniversary Celebration: 11 am Family and Friends Day: 419-322-5817

Bethesda Christian Center Cathedral Pre-Women's Day Service: 5 pm: 419-277-2179 or 419-476-7890

St. Mark MBC 54th Annual Women's Day Program: “Women God Can Use;” Morning service at 10:45 am with speaker Denise Williams; Afternoon service at 3:30 pm with speaker Irene Campbell: 419-241-1726

Mt Zion Church 86th Anniversary & Mortgage Burning Celebration: Guest speaker Bishop David Thomas; 6 pm

October 5

Community Forum to End Incest, Child Sexual Abuse and Sexual Violence: Elizabeth House on Notre Dame Academy property; 11:30 am to 1 pm; For survivors, counselors, daycare providers, social workers, etc: 419-729-0245

October 5-10

Tabernacle of Praise Christian Church's “Annual Walking in the Spirit Conference:” Theme “Training for Reigning;” 7 pm nightly Monday through Thursday; 7 pm Friday; Saturday workshop from 9 to 11 am: 419-794-8671

October 9-11

Bethesda Christian Center Cathedral Fall Youth Revival: 7 pm on Fri and Sat; 5 pm on Sun; “I Want It All Back;” 419-944-0984

October 10

“Callie Lily Educators' Award;” Phi Delta Kappa, Inc Sorority's Beta Gamma Chapter of Toledo's first annual awards luncheon; Pinnacle; Honoring individuals who go beyond the call of duty to help students achieve

St. Paul AME Zion 92nd Anniversary Celebration: Fellowship luncheon; Noon: 419-322-5817

10th Annual Cancer Awareness Workshop: Presented by the African American Women's Cancer Support Group; Southern MBC; 10 am; Healthcare information, support groups, Q & Q, facts and statistics; Refreshment and door prizes: 419-535-3126 or 419-480-0122

NAOMI Transitional House Free Fall Gospel Concert: 7 pm; Friendship Baptist Church: 419-254-7819

Toledo Interfaith Mass Choir Concert: Greater St. Mary's MBC; 6 pm: 419-244-2663

October 11

Calvary Baptist Church 80th Anniversary: “Don't Forget to Remember;” Special guest Rev. George Mitchell; 4 pm: 419-242-9173

Mt. Zion Church 86th Anniversary & Mortgage Burning Celebration: Guest speaker Bishop Liston Page; 6 pm

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Missing Essentials

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



Whether moving merchandise or promoting proposals, hawking goods and services or peddling ideas, marketers are acutely aware that tough economic times cause most of us to live up to the aphorism of Oscar Wilde: "A man who knows the price of everything and the value of nothing." These sellers and promoters are also cognizant that there are those of us who have "no value except price."

Induced by the prospect of new jobs and increased revenues for a comatose economy, a Blade/Ohio Newspaper Poll reports that nearly 60 percent of Ohio voters support the proposed con-

stitutional amendment permitting gambling casinos in Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati and Toledo known as Issue 3.

While the proponents of Ohio gambling casinos have heavily promoted rosy revenue projections and job forecasts, there has been much essential information left out of the conversation. A review of the National Gambling Impact Study Commission's report and empirical literature conducted by organizations without a vested interest in the outcome reveals that the costs of casinos are at least 1.9 times the benefits (Grinols, 2001).

The value of investments in jobs and future revenues as promised by Issue 3 cannot be determined solely by estimated (and often disputed) revenue projections, but must also be evaluated by the consequential financial and social costs which arise as well as from a clear understanding of who will pay or bear these costs.

What are the costs? The most direct costs revolve around the subject of

crime. Eight to 10 percent of the total crime in an area where a casino is located can be attributed to the presence of casino gambling, according to researchers. Bordering towns, counties or areas around casinos also show increased crime rates. Casinos, therefore, require an increased police presence and protection both in and around the areas of gambling activity. Who pays for the increased police, fire and safety budgets? Not the casinos!

Also to be considered is whether safety will be compromised in other areas such as the inner city by administrative decisions to shift police manpower to casino sites, leaving other portions of the city undermined.

It has also been shown that typically one percent of gamblers account for 50 percent of wagers and that heavy, problem and pathological gamblers provide 25-50 percent of all casino gambling revenues. However, what is significant is that 62 percent of these problem gamblers who seek treatment admit to committing illegal and

criminal offenses such as stealing in order to finance their gambling.

This crime or safety cost often spills over into business and employment expense through lost productivity, lost time and unemployment, sick days, extended lunch hours, leaving early and returning late to work from gambling. Many gamblers also report losing a job due to gambling addiction.

Legal and collection costs resulting from the bankruptcies encountered by a sizeable number of gamblers often find their way into the legal system for court time and resources as compulsive gamblers often stiff creditors (as well as family members) to finance their gambling after exhausting their personal resources.

Another cost seldom factored in the evaluation of gambling includes the disproportionately higher suicide rates among gamblers than the general public. Deaths in Las Vegas, Atlantic City and Reno were up to

2.5 times more likely to be a result of suicide than deaths in other comparably sized metro areas. Depression and other stress-related illnesses are also associated with gambling and flow into medical and social service costs including welfare, food stamps, unemployment and related therapy/treatment costs.

All of these social costs and externalities are paid primarily through the government from taxpayers and place a burden on the remainder of society that would not be present in the absence of gambling.

Finally, any policy should be evaluated in light of not only the benefit of business profits but also the social needs, concerns and inequities that confront children and families. Gambling, particularly in tough economic times, puts enormous stress and strain on family relationships often resulting in divorce, separation, spousal abuse and child neglect as well as often opening the door to juvenile crime, teenage

pregnancies and a host of other dysfunction to communities that desperately need strong families and healthy relationships to stem the tide of poverty, hopelessness and despair.

Contemporary studies show that all of the above gambling costs can be quantified by the amount of money it takes to remove the undesired resultant problems and side effects. The resources required by the non-casino population to address the consequences of gambling as well as the value of assets lost to other uses in society, are rarely considered.

However, when the costs and information that has been withheld by Issue 3 proponents is revealed it indicates that the total price required for the acquisition of gambling jobs and revenues is more than it is worth.

On November 3, 2009 Vote No on Issue 3. It is a bad bargain.

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Scott Bulldog? More Like a Chihuahua Wearing a Dress!

By Lafe Tolliver, Esq.
Guest Column

Well, the fix is in and the lines are out and as usual, the "punch me in the face" bulls eye T-shirt door prize goes to the Scott High School Bulldogs and their "tenacious" alumni!

With the Scott High School Oversight Committee now in place, we can proceed to give out the following awards so graciously earned: (Note: In case you do not know, the Scott High School Oversight Committee is to have input into the use of the \$39 million dollars allocated to rehab the high school including valuable input into both athletics and academics.)

(1) For Best Performance While Moving His Lips And Not Saying Anything....:

Jack Ford! Yes, good ol' Jack was a real keeper during the discussions on who should sit on the SOC (Scott Oversight Committee). Rather than robustly champion past and present Scott alumni who wanted to make a difference in the local high school, Jack Ford, among others, simply muffed their

lines and took whatever Lisa Sobecki doled out. When Lisa said, Jump!...their response was, "how high!"

Way to go Jack! Only board member Darlene Fisher found her voice and voted against this community outrage.

(2) For Best Performance In Knowing How To Shut Down Colored People Who Would Dare to Make A Difference....: Lisa Sobecki! Yes, Lisa stepped up to the plate and smelled the air and discovered that you could still ride roughshod over docile Negroes, like a group of timid school children, if you are willing to wait out their short protests and then...you make your move! Why was Lisa given such power to "handkerchief" pick the members of the SOC without public commentary or advanced notice or these selectees being properly vetted as to who they are and why they want to be on this committee and what political ties they have to TPS.

Why not? If you can get

away with it... go ahead and do it! Who's watching and what will they do about it!

(3) For Best Acting Job In Giving The Illusion That They Were About Something...

But Were Not: The rough and tough Scott High alumni and their faithful mascot... Skippy...the Bulldog. Yes, the thousands and thousands of Scott alumni, once again, fell asleep while watching re-runs of Law & Order and allowed their cause to be hijacked right from under noses. Nobody was watching the fox near the chicken coop! I thought the alumni were "crazy" about the welfare of their high school!

Was I wrong? Yeah, a few of the alumni, squawked and gawked but in the end, they got Nada, Nothing, Zero for their "efforts" in trying to take a major role (and rightly so) in overseeing the remodeling of their beloved high school. Excuse me here...I can not write and shed tears at the same time....(long pause). There. I am OK now.

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Neighborhood Cleanup Brings Forth the Volunteers

Sojourner's Truth Staff



Cleaning eaves



Robert Montgomery and Sharlene Roberts



Kattie Bond, Jimmy Gaines and Jody Prude

The City of Toledo, Organized Neighbors Yielding Excellence (ONYX), Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS) and the Economic Opportunity Planning Association (EOPA) brought together approximately 150 volunteers last Saturday, September 26 to help keep another significant portion of Toledo "clean and green."

Last weekend's clean-up took place on Woodland between Hoag and Hawley as the volunteers assisted their neighbors with a general clean-up.

The legion of volunteers trimmed sidewalk grass, bagged trash, scraped fronts of houses, swept, raked, brushed a two-block area during the three-hour clean-up.

According to Jimmy Gaines, executive director of ONYX, the clean-ups are scheduled on a twice-quarterly basis but this one was slightly different.

"We are taking all our programs from the different agencies, along with money from the Obama stimulus package and combining them and attacking the situation holistically," said Gaines. So

while one agency might have the funds to weatherize a house and another might have the funds to repair a roof, these groups are doing a bit of everything to all the houses in one neighborhood.

"The reason we chose Woodland is that it is a tipping point residential area where people do a good job already of main-

taining their properties so adding a little money goes a long way," said Gaines.

The clean-up is just the first phase of the changes that will occur along that strip of Woodland. Soon, the agencies will move in again to repair all of the exteriors that are in need - roofs, windows, doors, porches - along with painting the exteriors.

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Bulldog?

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(4) For Best Job As A Supporting Cast In Allowing This SOC Nonsense To Go On...:

The Toledo School Board (with the exception of Darlene Fisher). Our illustrative school board rubber stamped the SOC committee (aka: Lisa Sobeci) choices and did not give an organized local community committee (which was trying to run interference in order to get local and community Scott alumni members on this powerful board) any respect or deference. It was as if their presence and efforts were akin to a patch of bad road.

(5) For Outstanding Performance As A Supporting Actor/Actress Who Was Clueless As To Fighting the Good Fight: The local minority community surrounding Scott High School. Yes, the affected community and its citizens will have now the dubious honor

of second-guessing and pleading to the powers that be that whatever goes wrong at Scott High will be their fault. Why? When the casting call is made and you do not step up and audition, do not complain when the Stepin Fetchits of the world take your spotlight.

(6) For A Premier Performance As To Losing Further Credibility When Other Issues Roll By Us: The black community in Toledo, Ohio. Yes, our community, once again, proved to any doubters that we can outdo our last award-winning performance (remember the high school building program that awarded out over \$650 million in contracts while we sat by and yawned and played bid whist?) by again, just shouting loud but shouting short!

(7) For Stellar Performance By A Group or Groups Who Decided To Sit This One Out: Our local fraternities,

businesses, sororities, political groups, churches and clubs and how could we forget... the clueless NAACP.

Yep! You betcha! When it comes to organizing and doing consistent and persistent community organization; and using political and monetary pressure points to make the system work for us, you simply can not beat the apathy of the above groups. Grade A stuff.

Their record of not answering the call is impeccable. Their vigilance in not assisting others in their struggles is beyond reproach.

Their lack of community development and cohesiveness is stellar!

I do not know about you, but I am blessed to be in the company of such luminaries.

Go Bulldogs
...arf...arf...arf...!

Ashford's Quarterly Political Fundraiser

Sojourner's Truth Staff

Toledo City Councilman Michael Ashford held his quarterly fundraiser last week – at Manhattan's as usual – and hosted a number of current Democratic Party candidates.

Joining Ashford were mayoral candidate Keith Wilkowski; council candidates Polly Taylor Gerken and Steve Steel, Ph.D., and Board of Education President and candidate Bob Vasquez.



Mayoral candidate Keith Wilkowski and TPS candidate Bob Vasquez



Council candidates Steve Steel and Polly Taylor Gerkin w/ Ruth and Michael Ashford

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"If you worry about who is going to get credit, you don't get much work done." Dorothy Height



Dr. John S. Scott - Arts & Education
"Life and Art ain't far apart." Langston Hughes



Dr. Nikki Taylor - History & Education
*"Every human being has, like Socrates, an attended Spirit;
and wise are they who obey its signals." Lydia M. Child*

2009 LEGENDS WEEKEND
AFRICAN AMERICAN LEGACY PROJECT

Art Tatum Celebrating 100 years of Toledo's Jazz Great!

Special to The Truth

The Toledo-Lucas County Public Library is proud to present a celebration to honor 100 years of Toledo's own jazz great Art Tatum, scheduled from 7-11 p.m. on Saturday, October 10 at Main Library, 325 Michigan St.

The event will feature noted pianist/vocalist Johnny O'Neal. O'Neal portrayed Art Tatum in the Hollywood film *Ray*, starring actor Jamie Foxx. In the movie, Foxx's Ray Charles character goes to a nightclub to see the legendary Tatum played by O'Neal. During filming, O'Neal's tune *Yesterdays* made it to the silver screen.

The Library's Art Tatum celebration will also feature special en-



Johnny O'Neal

American Resource Center at Kent Branch Library.

Ticket information:

- Tickets are \$30 per person and \$50 per couple
- VIP Tickets with Johnny O'Neal are \$45 per person/\$65 per couple (7-7:30 p.m. in the Main Library McMaster Lobby)
- Tickets available at all Library locations beginning on Monday, September 14

For more details, please call 419.259.5340 or visit toledolibrary.org

Facts about Art Tatum Did you know?

• That Art Tatum, Jr. was born in Toledo, OH on October 13, 1909?

• That there is only one full-length biography book of Tatum's life? It is titled *Too Marvelous for Words* by James Lester?

• That Tatum's mother played piano and that his father, Arthur Tatum, Sr., was a guitarist and an elder at Grace Presbyterian Church in Toledo, OH?

• That Tatum was blind in one eye and partially blind in the other? (He suffered from cataracts of disputed cause which left him blind in one eye and limited vision in the right eye. Surgeries improved his condition only slightly and the benefits were reversed when he was assaulted in 1930 at age 20).

• That in 1927, Tatum began playing on Toledo radio station WSPD as 'Arthur Tatum, Toledo Blind Pianist', during interludes in Ellen Kay's shopping program which led to his own program?

• That Tatum and Toledo singer Jon Hendricks played together at the local Waiters' and Bellmen's Club?

• That Art Tatum was largely self-taught, but had some formal training with Overton G. Rainey at either the Jefferson School or the Toledo School of Music? (Rainey was also visually impaired and only taught piano in the classical tradition).

• That the music of Fats Waller had a strong influence on Tatum's music?

• That in 1932, singer Adelaide Hall brought Tatum to New York to be her accompanist?

• That Tatum recorded his first four solo sides in New York on the Brunswick label in 1933.

• That when Oscar Peterson heard Art Tatum play, he thought it was two people and he considered him the best jazz instrumentalist of all time?

• That legend has it that classical pianist Vladimir Horowitz was so awed by Tatum's wizardry that it brought him to tears?

• Although only a small amount of film showing Tatum playing exists today, several minutes of professionally-shot archival footage can be found in Martin Scorsese's documentary *The Blues*?

• That Art Tatum died on November 4, 1956 of uremia, a term used loosely to describe the illness accompanied with kidney failure?

Sources:

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The New Grove Encyclopedia of Jazz, by Felicity Holett, J. Bradford Robinson (1995)

Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia (Art Tatum, Jr.)

tertainment guests Charles McDaniel, and Keith Bernhard & More Jazz Messengers.

So... put on your jazzy attire and join Your Library for this very special celebration featuring live music, refreshments, dancing, fun activities and more! Proceeds benefit the Art Tatum African

Achieve Career Preparatory



Achieve Career Preparatory Academy Provides Tools for Academic and Career Achievement
With today's economy and the job market, many are retooling and retraining for new jobs in emerging industries such as healthcare and "green jobs." New Toledo high school students have a chance to focus on preparing for their career goals while getting a quality high school education. Achieve Career Preparatory Academy is a charter school promoting academic success as well as preparation to enter the workforce upon graduation. Located in the Hamilton Building on Collingwood Boulevard, this charter school is managed by The Luma Group, LLC.

Achieve Career Preparatory Academy serves students in grades 9-12. Once a student has attained junior level high school ranking and at least a 2.0 grade point average, they are able to participate in the Career Rewards Program. The internship program provides the student an opportunity to apply the topics learned in the high school curriculum in a "real world" work experience. Achieve will follow the basic philosophy of the charter school system which uses direct instruction with "hands on" exercises to reinforce the learning. Career Rewards participants will have the ability to integrate the educational setting with the work force.

The members of the board of directors for Achieve Career Preparatory Academy are Clifton Beasley, Andrea Eaton, Crystal Harris, John Hopkins and Cathy Iann. Enrollment is ongoing. For more information or to enroll, call 419-243-8159 or online at www.achievprep.org

Board of Directors with students (front row): Dontae Myers, Tyson Riccardi, Demond Lofton and Trevon Perrin

Johnny O'Neal Honors the Master Once Again

By Fletcher Word
Sojourner's Truth Editor

For Johnny O'Neal, the opportunity to come to Toledo, from his hometown of Detroit, in order to celebrate the great Art Tatum's centennial is more than an honor, it seems just and fitting.

O'Neal, who portrayed Art Tatum in the film *Ray*, starring Academy Award-winning actor Jamie Foxx as Ray Charles, pays homage to Tatum in all of his performances these days. O'Neal's musical career, which had been successful prior to the movie in 2004, really took off after that film portrayal and he has been called on countless times since then to reprise his interpretation of Toledo's jazz great.

"It has been the most defining moment of my career, playing the part in that movie and in the tributes over the years," said O'Neal recently

in a telephone conversation with The Truth. In fact, O'Neal performed during this past Labor Day in Chicago at another centennial celebration of Tatum's life and music.

A number of people have asked O'Neal over the past five years since the film was released what record of Tatum's he was pretending to play. But, in fact, that was O'Neal himself playing the piano in the film. However, as much as he is called upon to replicate Tatum's jazz style, O'Neal does not make the mistake of thinking he has the master down pat. "I cannot play like Tatum, but I can conceptualize like him," said O'Neal of his approach to copying his pianist idol. "He whips my butt every time I try to play along."

O'Neal's fascination with Tatum began when he was



just a boy and his father instructed him to sit down and listen to the pianist.

"He is my greatest influence - one of the greatest pianists who ever lived, be it classical or jazz," said O'Neal. "Everything he played, he wrote, because no one has been ever able to match his skills. A lot of pianists consider him to be the greatest but they won't listen to him because he is too good."

As a musician, O'Neal is more than an interpreter of his idol's skills. He has been a widely respected pianist and singer for more than 25 years. His talents caught the attention of jazz icon Ray Brown in the early 1980's and led to the release of his debut album *Coming Out* in 1983.

After that, he played with such jazz giants as Brown, Milt Jackson and Art Blakey's Art Messengers. He has also performed with Dizzy Gillespie, Joe Pass, Nancy Wilson, Anita O'Day,

Lionel Hampton, Kenny Burrell and Clark Terry among many others.

A singer as well as a pianist, O'Neal's tributes to Tatum have also included his vocal stylings. Tatum, explained O'Neal, had great appreciation for lyrics and often played in a manner to emphasize the words of a particular song. One of Tatum's favorite pieces was Eubie Blake's "I'd Give a Dollar for a Dime," which O'Neal often sings in the Tatum style, he said.

So much has just seemed to mesh for O'Neal since his movie portrayal of Tatum. It has to be more than mere coincidence. It has to be fate, karma... call it what you will. And if you don't believe that, consider this. O'Neal will be in town for the October 10 tribute to Tatum. Guess when O'Neal will celebrate his own birthday?

"It really is an honor for me to celebrate my 53rd birthday on October 10 at the Art Tatum performance," said the musician.

Conference at UT to Address Local, National, International Prostitution

Special to The Truth

Did you know that Toledo is one of the nation's top cities for the recruitment of children into prostitution and trafficking?

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The international conference will bring researchers from around the globe together to lay the groundwork for future collaborative work, advocacy and program development.

Celia Williamson, Ph.D., UT professor of social work and a founder of the conference, said these two days are a great way for the people of Toledo to learn about why prostitution is so prevalent.

"We have people coming from all over the world and the United States. There will be speakers from Germany, Bangladesh, Nigeria, Sierra Leone and more," Williamson



said.

Conference speakers will address issues on human trafficking, and the needs and risks of those victimized by the commercial sex industry.

Sessions available to attendees will include why human trafficking networks succeed in the 21st century, opening a safe house for trafficked youth, and how street-level prostitution affected a survivor's life.

The conference is open to survivors, researchers, practitioners, activists, and workers in the social service, criminal justice and health-care fields.

Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m., and sessions will run from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

For conference fees and more information, contact Williamson at 419.530.4084 or visit

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The Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union

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Deborah Barnett Honors Breast Cancer Survivors During Birthday Party

By Artisha S. Lawson
Sojourner's Truth Reporter

Most people who celebrate their birthday host a party with family and friends. However at Deborah Barnett's 60th birthday, the celebrant honored her girlfriends who have survived breast cancer.

On Thursday, September 24, a room full of girlfriends filled the American Family Activities Club in Holland, Ohio for two hours. Barnett, who has been personally touched by the devastation of breast cancer since a family member and three girlfriends were diagnosed with the disease, wanted to salute those close to her who have won their battles against cancer.

"I want to thank you for helping me celebrate my birthday in this way. I have thought about what I should say to you, all of my girlfriends. Please join me in saluting their determination and victory," said Barnett.

Each of the honorees and several more were each asked to step forward as their names were called, and each wore pink corsages to identify them as breast cancer survivors. "Here are my girlfriends: Menthal, Carol, Nola, Sheryl, Dianne and Gloria. Connie could not be with us today, she is in the hospital under observation. We have to be proud of these women, they are victorious. Thank you for allowing us to celebrate you on my birthday. I also want to salute Mary, Jackie and Pat—other survivors here with us today," said Barnett.

Ten breast cancer survivors were honored during Barnett's 60th birthday party: Jackie Adams, Menthal Bowden, Carol Gwin, Constance Hudson, Nola Hunt, Gloria Pace

Barnett. The celebration closed with a room full of girlfriends interlocking hands and praying for each other to remain close friends, for Deborah because

women should take these four actions to reduce their risk of succumbing to breast cancer: learn about their family history, speak with a health care provider about screening tests

available, become familiar with the look and feel of their breasts and make healthy lifestyle choices.

Those wishing to donate to Koman for the Cure can do so

at the office located at 3100 W. Central Avenue, Suite 235 in Toledo.



Barnett and survivors: (l. to r.) Mary Chris Skeldon, Sheryl Riggs, Nola Hunt, Carol Gwin, Barnett, Jackie Adams, Gloria Pace King, Menthal Bowden, Pat Sullivan



she had brought them together and for Connie who is hospitalized.



Phyllis Wadley, Sheryl Riggs, Michelle Clarke, Lillian Spaulding, Barnett

King, Sheryl Riggs, Mary Chris Skeldon, Pat Sullivan and Dianne Virgil. The party's theme was "Celebrating you, girlfriend, a sweet friend from God is like chocolate for the soul."

Party guests were asked to donate towards the Susan G. Komen for the Cure and participate in the 16th annual Northwest Ohio Race for the Cure on Sunday, September 27 instead of presenting Barnett with birthday gifts. "This was just a small gesture for me, you don't turn 60 everyday. God has blessed me, just wanted to pay my blessings forward. We need to stop sitting on the sidelines and do what we can to help in this fight against breast cancer," said

"Bless God for sisters in Christ, because of girlfriends and sisters like this – the blessings are all around us," said Sullivan.

Barnett also thanked The American Family Activities Club, Blessed Blossoms, Affairs of the Heart, Devine Printing, Midwest Urban, The Sister's Table and Food Designers, The Sojourner's Truth and all her girlfriends. "So to you, my girlfriends, thank you all again for being my girlfriends," said Barnett.

September is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and, according to Susan G. Koman for the Cure's website www.komen.org,

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16th Annual Race for the Cure Brings out 18,000 Participants

Sojourner's Truth Staff



More than 18,000 gathered in downtown Toledo on Sunday, September 27 for the 16th Annual Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure that began around 9 a.m. Approximately 5,000 runners took part in the five-kilometer run and another 13,000 walked the one-mile family route.

The annual race raises thousands of dollars for breast cancer research and education.

Wingate's Annual Fundraiser for Mary Immaculate

Sojourner's Truth Staff

Toledo attorney Ronnie Wingate and his wife Kelly hosted the ninth annual Celebrity Wait fundraiser for Mary Immaculate School at Georgio's last Thursday evening as the restaurant's staff and a number of "celebrity" waiters served several hundred diners who gathered for the benefit.

Among the guests was a table comprised of ProMedica's Tedra White, the Toledo Lucas County Library's Rhonda Sewell, the Neighborhood Health Association's Doni Miller, attorney Keith Mitchell, Toledo Public School's Charlene Roberts and Buck-



Ronnie Wingate and Georgio's co-owner Chef George Kamilaris

eye CableSystem's Florence Buchanan who had their own celeb waiter.

Diners selected from a menu with choices such as Norwegian salmon in dill

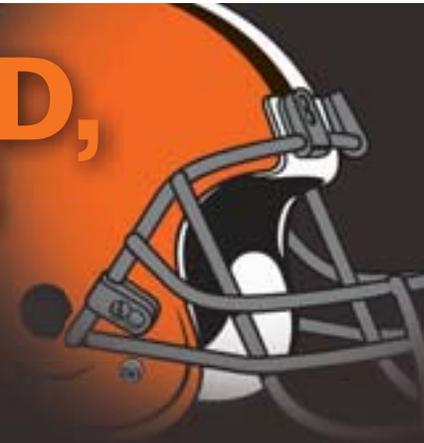
sauce, beef Wellington with a mushroom marsala sauce and sea scallops in a white wine, mushroom and cream sauce. The dessert tray included items such as chocolate mousse and raspberry cheesecake, among others.

Mary Immaculate Catholic School, a private school sponsored by the Sisters of Notre Dame, was established in 1960 for children with special learning needs. Mary Immaculate specializes in providing a learning environment ideal for those who do not experience success in the traditional classroom.



Keith Mitchell, Florence Buchanan, Charlene Roberts

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UT Honors Freedom of Speech During Oct. 1 Banned Books Week Vigil

Special to The Truth

“Read, Know, Speak” is the theme of the 12th annual Banned Books Week Vigil, which will take place Thursday, Oct. 1, on The University of Toledo’s Main Campus.

UT faculty members and students, as well as librarians and authors, will give short presentations from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on the second floor of Sullivan Hall. Sullivan Hall is located between Academic House and Horton International House on the west side of campus.

“The battle for the First Amendment is never won,” said Paulette D. Kilmer, Ph.D., UT professor of communication and one of the organizers of the event. “Every fall, we

join with libraries, educational places and civic centers across the nation to recognize the role of reading and thinking freely in our democratic society where everyone matters and knowledge is often the key to making a difference.”

Kilmer and event committee members Linda Smith, Ph.D., UT senior lecturer in the Honors Program, Brian Hickam, UT assistant professor of library administration, and Elaine Reeves, UT lecturer and information literacy librarian, have met off and on for the past year to coordinate the event.

In the fourth week of September for more than two de-

acades, the American Library Association, the Book Sellers of America and hundreds of other sponsors of Banned Books Week have inspired citizens across the nation to plan events celebrating intellectual freedom.

During UT’s event, banned books, T-shirts, mugs, coupons and other items will be given as door prizes throughout the day.

Benefactors of the free, public event are the Society of Professional Journalists, the University Honors Program, The Independent Collegian, University Libraries, UT Department of Communication, UT English Department, and the UT Theatre and

Film Department.

Sponsors who contributed door prizes and food include Barry Bagels, Curb’s Candle Co., Dunkin’ Doughnuts, Glacity Theatre Collective, People Called Women,

Rite Aid Pharmacy at Westgate, Toledo Free Press, UT Bookstore, UT Business Technology, UT Career Services, UT-MUO Federal Credit Union, UT Starbucks, and UT Theatre

and Film Department.

For more information on the free, public event, contact Kilmer at 419.530.4672 or paulette.kilmer@utoledo.edu.

United Way Matching Grant for NODA

Special to The Truth

United Way of Greater Toledo is awarding a \$40,000 grant to Northwest Ohio Development Agency (NODA) to help prevent homelessness. This grant is in addition to the \$80,000 grant released to NODA from the Ohio Department of Development (ODOD) for the same purpose.

These grants are intended to aid families in northwest Ohio struggling with critical home repairs. Keeping homes in stable conditions is part of a strategy implemented by NODA to prevent homelessness.

“Families struggle with

financial difficulties and many health hazards when faced with unsuitable living conditions,” said Jane Moore, executive vice president of United Way of Greater Toledo. “Investing in this strategy will help alleviate these problems and allow for safer lives.”

Households aided by this grant make 35 percent or less of the area median income, and are located in distressed areas in central city neighborhoods. Many of the families assisted are senior citizens living on Social Security and single mothers.

“Not only does this grant fix leaky roofs and broken furnaces, but it prevents bro-

ken families,” said Tiffany Zinn. “Children living in houses considered unlivable are removed from their families. By ensuring houses remain in stable condition, we prevent the separation of families.”

Approximately 25 area families will be assisted by this grant. The home repairs promise a positive impact on the lives of families and in their neighborhoods.

To learn more about United Way’s work in our community or make a contribution to help support grants like this one, log on to

www.unitedwaytoledo.org.

New Life Productions Brings “Wake Up” to Maumee Indoor

Special to the Truth

New Life Productions presents, JaJuan Turner’s “Wake Up,” a dynamic new stage play about the dangers of domestic violence. It’s a gripping tale of a young couple in an unhealthy & unbalanced relationship.

Kamesha Atkins is a hard working woman in love with a former athlete, who’s abusive and indifferent to her and her needs.

Kamesha is played by Nikesha Russell and Turner plays the role of Andre. Additional cast members include, 92.5 Kiss F.M. radio personality Hurricane Catrina, Jessica Knight, Courtney Turner, Jamal Knight, Jerrell Mayo, Dora Manu and Joshua Bey.

The play is written, directed and produced by JaJuan Turner, a native of

Flint, Michigan.

“Wake Up” will be play at The Maumee Indoor Theater, 601 Conant St., Saturday October 3rd. Doors open at 7 and the show begins at 7:30pm. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 the day of show. Ticket’s are available @ The Maumee Indoor Theater (419) 897-8902 or by calling New Life Productions at (419) 467-3281.

Mackenzie Phillips Is Wrong: Children Cannot Have Consensual Sex With Parents

*By CeCe Norwood
Guest Commentary*

Most of America has heard at this point Mackenzie Phillips’ statement that she was sexually abused by her father when she was 19 years of age and she felt it was consensual. Mackenzie is wrong!

She also has said her father gave her and her brother drugs as young as 11 years of age. She, like many people, believe that because she was 19 years of age SHE should have known better, SHE should have objected, and therefore, her participation in sexual acts with her father was consensual.

This is so far from the truth if you understand the true dynamics of incest and child sexual abuse. The so-called “consensual” statement and the questioning of whether her being on



drugs makes her less credible is all you hear about in the media. We hear nothing about the impact it has had on her life or how legally and morally wrong it is for parents and other authority figures to suggest and/or have sex with children. This major omission of

information disgusts me because it totally gives the wrong understanding of what is entailed in sexual abuse of children. These omissions are another form of letting perpetrators off the hook for their sexual violation of children. It’s another way of

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Book Review

Open Me Up by various authors

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By Terri Schlichenmeyer
The Truth Contributor

This year, your mom sent you to school with a big box of tissue, just like every other year. You keep it in your desk or locker, in case of sniffles.

Except this year, you've also got a bottle of hand-sanitizer, a bottle of liquid soap and you might be wearing a mask before springtime. You don't want to get sick, so maybe you're getting a flu shot, and you take a vitamin every morning with breakfast.

But you're wondering. What's going on inside your body, anyhow? How do germs you get on your hands make you sick in your stomach? Read the new book *Open Me Up* by various authors and you might be surprised.

We humans are pretty cool creatures. We feel a wide range of emotions and can think complex thoughts, make art, understand science and create ways to communicate. We are able to adapt to any climate. We may look basically alike – with two eyes, one nose, two ears, and

so on – but we're very, very different in many ways. Your face and your eyes, for instance, are so unique to you that either can be used as "passwords."

But as fascinating as your outside is, your innards are doubly so...

Take your appendix, for instance. It's off to one side and doctors used to think it was a useless organ. They know now that, even though you can live quite nicely without one, your appendix actually works to keep you healthy!

Other parts of your body make sure you can stand, sit and walk. You would collapse if it wasn't for your skeleton. If it wasn't for the muscles that make up your butt, you wouldn't be able to run or jump. Your brain can hold phone numbers, read maps, count coins and understand language, of both the oral and body types. What your tongue tastes can trigger memories in your mind, and

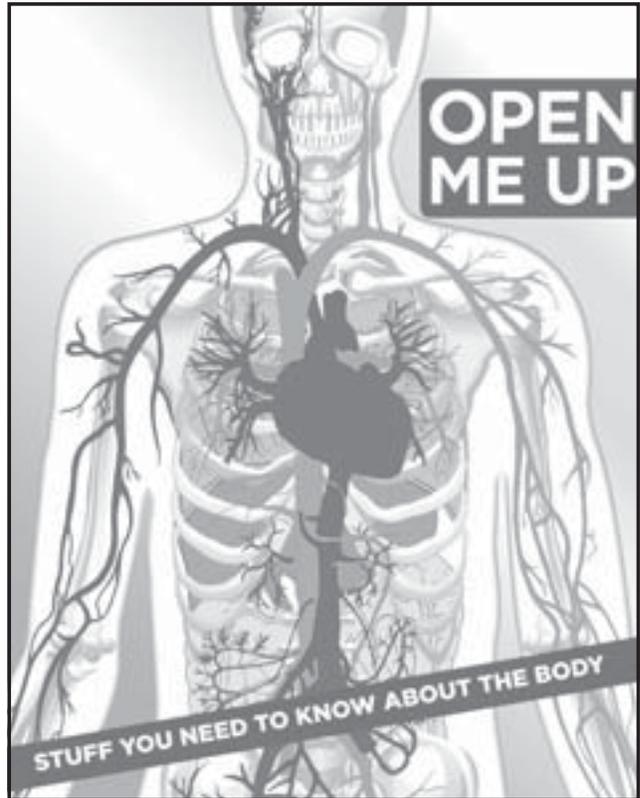
your eyes work with your ears and your feet to keep you from falling.

If you're thirsty, hungry, or tired, your body will tell you. And if anything goes wrong, your body will tell you that, too, with fever, sneezes, and more.

Make no bones about it, your body is pretty impressive!

With all the reports of H1N1, MRSA, and the alphabet soup of illness this fall, it's easy to see why kids might get worried about what could happen. *Open Me Up* demystifies the human body and makes health issues easier to understand.

Starting with an overview and a look at medicine from centuries ago, this book lightly covers human anatomy and physiology, bodily quirks, cool science, the workings of doctors and other medical professionals, and new things on the horizon. Kids will also find tidbits and cartoon drawings that



make this book seem less like learning and more like fun. Excellent for middle-school readers, this is a good

book to have around to answer questions that will inevitably come up in this season of Big Flu. *Open Me Up*

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Owens Black Student Union Raises Diabetes Awareness During Second Annual 'Red Carpet Fashion Show', Oct. 2

Area residents are invited to experience the latest in glamour, fashion, dance and music in support of diabetes awareness and research as Owens Community College's Black Student Union presents its second annual "Red Carpet Fashion Show" on Friday, Oct. 2. All proceeds raised from the event will benefit the American Diabetes Association.

The Black Student Union's "Red Carpet Fashion Show" will occur from 6-9 p.m. in the Center for Fine and Performing Arts' Mainstage Theatre on the Toledo-area Campus. Owens is located on Oregon Road in Perrysburg Township.

"Owens Community College's Black Student Union is delighted to once again offer an evening full of glitz, glamour and fashion to benefit diabetes awareness and research,"

said Shawanda Johnson, Owens Black Student Union Advisor. "There are nearly 24 million children and adults in this country who are afflicted with diabetes. Our goal is to help in the fight against this terrible disease by raising funds for diabetes research, which will hopefully lead to a cure."

Attendees will have the opportunity to view an array of clothing during the "Red Carpet Fashion Show". Themed fashion scenes taking place throughout the evening will include winter/fall, Caribbean island, children, hip hop, tuxedo wear, swim wear and red alert in recognition of diabetes awareness. Featured "Red Carpet Fashion Show" models will be students attending Owens, Toledo Public Schools and Winterfield Venture Charter Academy as well as community members.

Entertainment will be provided by the Owens Dance Express Team and the nationally-recognized performance groups House of Adonis of Toledo and All-Stars of Boston, among many others. Nationally-known comedian Darrell Banks will serve as the event host.

Additionally, Toledo's Glass City Church of Christ Rev. Robert G. Birt Jr. will share personal accounts about his struggles with diabetes.

Tickets for the "Red Carpet Fashion Show" are \$8 for the general public and \$5 for Owens students. To purchase tickets, contact the College's Student Activities Office at (567) 661-7583 or 1-800-GO-OWENS, Ext. 7583, or access the College's Black Student Union website at www.owens.edu/bsu/index.html.

Detroit VS. Toledo ... The Show Was a Mixed Blessing.

By Michael Hayes
Minister of Culture

We had just a few regulars go up for the open mic portion of the night, but since we had nine headlining acts we wanted to get the show started. D'Nay from S.O.U.L. Campmusic (Detroit) and Big Marc da General from U.G.E. (Toledo) were the only two headliners to get going when.... sound system went out.

Later that night it was revealed that someone outside of our crew had gone up to the equipment and fumbled around earlier during sound check... possibly setting the system into safe mode, but nonetheless... all that hardwork, all the rehearsals,

audience that we were having sound issues, I told them we are really gonna prove this is The LISTENING..LOL.

I am amazed that our audience is so loyal and supportive. I am amazed that we had well over 100 people in a building with no AC, and everyone was relaxed and enjoying themselves even as a few of us were losing our minds trying to handle the sound issues and get the show back going as planned. We had an awesome night, and although many of the performers on our label just ended up not performing and the Detroit performers rocked out at the after party instead... I asked a few



Solo, Fletcher Word, Michael L. Hayes (my dad), LilD, Christina Spears and others who supported and contributed to this event from jump.

Shouts:

Tracy, Flow, Chief, Mally, DReda/k/a Desiree Madrigal, Brittany M. Jones!

Charles Johnson and his lady Sierra, Jelise Roberts, Cuntry, Paul/Blueprint, D.J. Big Lou The Mayor, Tiffany Spencer, Christine Quinn, Shante, Rena Renay, Mario Lee, B. Wills, Embrace, J.B., Melvin Johnson, C.C., Lisa

Johnson, Nancy O, Caitlyn, Shiya, Bobby Lucas, Anastasia Moorehead, Tosha Jones, Vickie Porter, Rome, L. Boogie, Damn Near Crazy, Chrispy, Frankz,

Dante, Shea, Nash, Anonymous, April & Lee!! (love seeing yall), and I know I'm forgetting some folks but please don't blame my heart. All are appreciated.

U.G.E. & FAM:
Lavale "Adonis" Stewart, Darron Scott, Aye Dee, T. Diamond, Leigh Ashley, B.M.G., Thee Untouchable, T Lynn, Chayse Evers (plus our others)... There is no other label/crew that is like us...and it's evident in our music and movement.

Ups and downs... y'all are the absolute best. But damn... we need to make a living from this asap... The Diamond Girlz: Porshia Knighten, Brandy Parker, and Diamond Girl helper... Shere'e Robinson... I love having y'all around, THANK YOU for EVERYTHING. Apple Bueza and Natasha Mitcham... been holding us down for years, we love y'all. Thank you all...once again... The Listening is every Saturday 9pm 1811 Adams:

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Brittany if you are reading this, I wanna get your work in the gallery one day, keep it up) Thank you all for reading, supporting and even those who hate.. thank you too! Speaking of which: T. Diamond's video shoot for "Haterz Get Mad" will have a

professional director and all local on screen talent: YOU! Casting call for lead roles and extras, cars and etc... soon! Youtube search : Darron Scott Autumn Day... and see your city in true Fall splendor. facebook search or email me: glasscitytruth@yahoo.com



and a packed house eager to be entertained and all the performers eager to get open all had their spirits crashed along with the system. We tried bringing new mixers, new speakers...nothing.

But the amazing thing about all of it, even with the logistical nightmare of having people from all over the area converge under one roof... the most amazing thing about that night is that U.G.E.'s crowd remained seated even after the show halted. However, the show never quite halted... being raised by artists has taught me:

The Show Must Go On.

So, the sound went out but seeing as how we were at an open mic night we just improvised. Instead of the planned out, full blown sets with break downs and posters and all this stuff (which was going to be amazing, trust!)... one after another headliners and audience members got up and performed spoken word, showed lyrical skills or sang legendary cover songs - all a *cappella*. No music, just talent.

When I got up to tell the

people and most said they enjoyed the night despite the setbacks.

Jaye Hayes & Kailah Hayes (I love you both mom & sis). Terry Martin of S.O.U.L. Camp Ent for all your work and integrity.

D.J. Kaution (huge help sir, thank you), Gutta Dave, D.J.



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Wrong

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telling victims it is their fault because they could have stopped it.

Let me share with you some truths:

• Sexual abuse is any behavior with a child where the intent is to control or sexually arouse them.

• Sexual abuse is a betrayal of trust involving overt or covert sexual actions – direct or indirect, verbal or physical – be-

tween a child and a trusted adult or authority figure.

• Sexual abuse between a child and adult or authority figure is against the law and morally wrong.

• Sexual abuse involves some type of power and control. Parents, still have power and control over their 19-year-old children!

• Sexual abuse perpetrated by a family member or known adult is usually progressive in nature.

Meaning it can start as “innocent” hugging or kissing and slowly lead to penetration.

• Consent includes more than saying “yes.” It includes the ability and/or power to say “no” and enforce it.

• Consensual sex must involve equal power.

• Considering the above truths, Mackenzie, although she states it, did not have “consensual” sex

with her father. I can’t imagine who is counseling Mackenzie and would allow her to blame herself for her father, a parent and authority figure, taking advantage of his parental role with her. As a survivor of incest and child sexual and in my work with survivors over the last 20+ years, I have heard many women like her say they were responsible, they could have

stopped it. My immediate response is “you were absolutely not responsible!” I let them know that maybe, just maybe they could have uttered the word “no” but because of the authority and power differences they did not have the power and ability to enforce that “no.”

Incest and Child Sexual abuse of children in our society is a public health problem. In my opinion it

is at an epidemic level. Statistics tell us that 1 in 4 children will be sexually abused by the time they are 18 years of age. 1 in 4! If you want to prevent and eradicate incest, child sexual abuse, and sexual violence in northwest Ohio, join me and other concerned contact Nirvanana Now! At (419) 729-0245 or www.mynirvananow.org.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

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

JOB NO.: 29087
PROJECT NAME: Installation of Gutter Guards at Ravine Park Village
WALK-THRU DATE: Wednesday, September 30, 2009 @ 10:00am
BID OPENING DATE: Friday, October 9, 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 Modernization Department, at 201 Belmont Street. Contract documents and technical specifications/drawings will be available from the Modernization Department, and will be provided upon request. This project information can also be accessed on our 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.

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.

LUCAS METROPOLITAN
HOUSING AUTHORITY
MODERNIZATION DEPARTMENT

Notice to Bidders: Inquiry # FY10-033,

(Project #0054-10-641) for McComas Village Fire System Upgrade for the University of Toledo. Sealed bids for this project must be clearly marked with the project number on all inner and outer envelopes and/or shipping containers. Bids must be addressed and delivered to the University of Toledo, Facilities and Construction, Plant Operations, Room 1100, 2925 E. Rocket Drive, MS 216, Toledo, Ohio 43606 before 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 21, 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 \$40.00 will be charged per set. Any further information may be obtained from David Desjardins of JDRM Engineering at 419-824-2400.

One Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Wednesday, October 14, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in the Plant Operations Building, Room 1000, at the University of Toledo, 2925 E. Rocket Drive, Toledo, OH 43606. Total Bid Guaranty and Contract Bond are required per section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code.

EDGE Participation Goal: 5%. Project Estimate: \$225,000.00; Breakdown: Electrical: \$225,000.00.

The University of Toledo PCN: 996084 ~ Assistant Director of Financial Aid

The Assistant Director of Financial Aid will provide accurate, timely, and quality service and information on the full spectrum of student financial aid resources to students and applicants on the Health Science Campus (HSC), as well as to academic and business units across the HSC and the University. The successful candidate is required to possess a Bachelor's degree; 5 or more years in financial aid or a related field required with experience and understanding of federal regulations regarding aid eligibility and processing. Experience with medical student financial aid or with graduate and professional level students preferred, experience understanding the availability of alternative loan programs relative to graduate medical students preferred, advanced computer knowledge and accounting experience desired; Strong written and verbal communication skills required; Strong organizational skills required. Exceptional customer service skills required. Please visit our website for further information on this position at <http://www.utoledo.edu/depts/hr/main/employment/career.html>.

To apply, submit a cover letter (include position title and job), a resume, as well as three professional references to: The University of Toledo, Human Resources Department, Toledo, Ohio 43606-3390; Fax (419) 530-1490; or email recruit@utoledo.edu, which is preferred. Use only one method of application. Resumes must be received by October 2nd, 2009. **The University of Toledo is an Equal Access, Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action Employer and Educator.**

The University of Toledo PCN: T98850 ~ Science Education Coordinator:

The Science Education Coordinator will be responsible for working with the faculty members and community resource people in the creative process of grant writing and facilitating the implementation of the educational outreach components of grants. This position requires the following: a Bachelor's degree and preferably a Master's degree in a science teacher education field; past experience as a K-12 science teacher; past experience working with science education faculty and programs; past experience in writing successful grants; the ability to work well and collaboratively with many groups of people from diverse backgrounds; the ability to multi-task and to meet deadlines; project management skills; the ability to write clearly, both in written and oral form; and basic computer skills in word processing, Excel, PowerPoint and email. Web page skills are an asset. Please visit our website for further information at <http://www.utoledo.edu/depts/hr/main/employment/career.html>

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3. Must have proof of 4 years employment in the commercial/industrial electrical construction industry.

The Greater Toledo Urban League, Inc.

has a number of employment opportunities in their Workforce Development department in support of a Stimulus funded youth job training and development program. All positions are temporary and will last through December 2010.

Administrative Coordinator – This part-time position (30 hours/week) provides administrative support to the program including clerical duties, data collection and report development, assisting in program expenditure tracking, and other duties as assigned. This position requires a High School Diploma/GED, two years administrative support in an office setting, highly proficient in Microsoft Office products including Word, Excel, and Access, and the ability to work in a fast-paced office environment.

Employment Specialist – This full-time position works directly with program participants to help identify employment opportunities based upon their skills and abilities. This position requires a Bachelors Degree in Business or a related field plus two years related experience OR Associates Degree in Business or a related field plus four years experience, highly proficient in Microsoft Office products including Word, Excel, and Access, and a proven record of success in job placement and retention. Demonstrated experience working with youth ages 16-24 from diverse backgrounds in a job training and development environment required.

Educational Specialist – This full-time position works directly with program participants providing classroom instruction of job training, search, and development topics including Resume Writing, Interviewing Techniques, and Effective Job Search Techniques. This position requires a Bachelors Degree in Business or a related field plus two years related experience OR Associates Degree in Business or a related field plus three years experience, highly proficient in Microsoft Office products including Word, Excel, and Access. Demonstrated experience working with youth ages 16-24 from diverse backgrounds in a job training and development environment required.

Employer Specialist – This full-time position works directly with employers in the community developing opportunities for program participants to gain employment directly following program training. This position requires a Bachelors Degree in Business or a related field plus two years related experience OR Associates Degree in Business or a related field plus three years experience OR equivalent combination of education and experience, proven track record of success in job development and retention in a program setting, and highly proficient in Microsoft Office products including Word, Excel, and Access. Demonstrated experience working with youth ages 16-24 from diverse backgrounds in a job training and development environment required.

Qualified candidates should submit a resume and cover letter which includes salary requirements electronically to humanresources@gtul.org no later than October 9, 2009.

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Notice to Bidders: Inquiry # FY10-037,

(Project # 0108-09-596) for Savage Hall, Phase 2 - Indoor Practice Facility-Bid Package 3 - Chilled Water Outdoor Loop, Chilled Water Modifications and Landscape for the University of Toledo. Sealed bids for this project must be clearly marked with the project number on all inner and outer envelopes and/or shipping containers. Bids must be addressed and delivered to the University of Toledo, Facilities and Construction, Plant Operations, Room 1100, 2925 E. Rocket Drive, MS 216, Toledo, Ohio 43606 before 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 21, 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 Becker Impressions, 4646 Angola Road, Toledo, Ohio 43615. Call 419-385-5303 for an appointment to pick up bid package. A cost of \$95.00 will be charged per set. Any further information may be obtained from Chris Ewald of SSOE, Inc. at 419-255-3830. One Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Wednesday, October 14, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. in the Plant Operations Building, Room 1000, at the University of Toledo, 2925 E. Rocket Drive, Toledo, OH 43606. Total Bid Guaranty and Contract Bond are required per section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code. EDGE Participation Goal: 5%. Project Estimate: \$633,000.00; Breakdown: Mechanical: Chilled Water Outdoor Loop: \$585,000.00 and Chilled Water Modifications in Savage Arena: \$19,000.00; Landscape: \$29,000.00.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority is seeking bids from qualified contractors to furnish all labor, materials, and equipment for the following project(s): There are four (4) jobs being bid:

Job #	Description	Walk-Thru Date	Bid Opening Date
29086	Renovation of #8 Birmingham Terrace	9/24/09	10:00am
10/07/09	11:00am		
29081	Tree Trimming of West Region Sites	9/22/09	10:00am
10/02/09	11:00am		
29082	Tree Trimming of East Region Sites	9/22/09	10:00am
10/02/09	11:00am		
29083	Tree Trimming of Central Region Sites	9/22/09	10:00am
10/02/09	11:00am		

All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in the 2nd Floor Conference Room on the dates shown above, in the Modernization Department, at 201 Belmont Street. Contract documents and technical specifications/drawings will be available from the Modernization Department, and will be provided upon request.

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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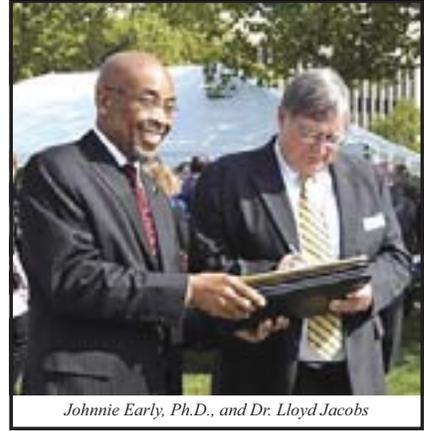
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The University of Toledo's College of Pharmacy broke ground for its new \$25 million facility on Friday, September 11 on the Health Science Campus. The building will be located between the Block Health Science Building and the Health Education Building.

The building, which will open in the fall of 2010 will include laboratories, lecture halls and offices to provide more space for the College of Pharmacy.

Johnnie Early, Ph.D., dean of the College of Pharmacy, said the expansion is a natural extension of the college's research and academic partnerships on UT's Health Science Campus and it will enhance current collaborations in the fields of cancer and dia-



Johnnie Early, Ph.D., and Dr. Lloyd Jacobs



betes treatment, immunology and transplantation, and neurodegenerative disorders.

for teaching and research in pharmacy, the pharmaceutical sciences and patient care," said Early.

"The new facilities will improve the human condition by creating the rare opportunity of occupying two modern facilities and offering state-of-the-art infrastructure

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