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The Candidates



Mercy knows *me* by heart.



Vote YES on Issue 3

Issue 3 is a proposed constitutional issue that, if passed by voters, will bring four casinos to the State of Ohio – one each in Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati and Toledo.

It's remarkable that Toledo, so often the red-headed step-child of the state's metropolitan areas, is included in the company of the three "C's." For this, and a number of other reasons, we urge a YES vote on Issue 3.

We are not particularly enthusiastic about legalized gambling, or adding an-

other form of gambling to those already present in Ohio, as the case may be. We urged a no vote last year on a proposal to build a single casino along the Ohio River.

And admittedly this constitutional amendment is certainly far from perfect.

For one thing, it is a constitutional amendment. What a cluttered document that is getting to be.

We find fault in the fact that the amendment will create monopolies within each of the four cities for

the chosen casino operator – in the case of Toledo that would be Penn National Gaming, Inc.

We do believe, however, that the positives far outweigh the negatives. And we do believe that casinos are inevitable for Ohio – this may be as good a deal as we will get.

First, the casinos will keep a substantial amount of revenue from pouring into neighboring states, most of whom have some kind of gambling. It has been estimated that Ohioans spend over \$1 billion in these trav-

els. Second, the casinos will create thousand of new jobs. While our skeptical side will admit that the claim of 34,000 new jobs is undoubtedly an exaggeration, the impact on job creation, both during construction and long-term, will be immense.

Critics are claiming that most employees will be imported from other established casino operations. We don't believe that any business operator, in any type of business, would go to the expense of importing vast numbers of employees from other locales, or that other locales would have all those employees to spare.

Would high-level managers be relocated here? Of course, but there is nothing

disturbing about people moving into the state – we've lost so many over the last several decades.

Third, the casinos will generate a huge amount of tax revenues to be shared by all 88 Ohio counties. In those counties such as Lucas – where the primary city has a population of more than 80,000 – 50 percent of the county's distribution will go to that city. That's in addition to the portion that will go directly to the school districts in proportion to each district's respective student population.

And, lastly, the operator of the proposed Toledo casino, Penn National, has gone on record to re-assure this community on a number of issues: that hir-

ing practices, both during construction and long-term will have a keen eye on diversity; that the casino will operate transportation between the casino and other activity centers, such as the Arena and the Marina District, in order to support local business and that a casino hotel will not be built unless the town's current supply of hotel rooms cannot accommodate the extra visitors the casino brings to the area.

Issue 3 may not be perfectly constructed but it is more than sufficient to ensure that more dollars will stay in Ohio, that thousands of jobs will be created and that Toledo will a piece of the pie.

Vote YES on Issue 3.

Vote FOR Issue 4

This one is about as easy as it gets.

Issue 4 is a request for a replacement levy for the current Senior Services Levy that expires on December 31, 2009. It is a five-year, 0.45-mill levy to continue funding to care for the area's elderly population. We urge voters to vote FOR Issue 4.

The levy – again, a replacement levy, not a new tax – will cost the owner of a \$100,000 home \$13.78 per year or about

four cents a day and with those funds the Area Office on Aging will be able to continue to supplement federal and state dollars and assist Lucas County's 81,000 seniors.

The monies will help with services for persons with Alzheimer's Disease and dementia, will provide meals for the homebound and frail elderly, will help the elderly with medical transportation, home modifications and

chore services, will support senior centers in Lucas County and will bring home care services to help seniors remain independent and at home.

The Area Office on Aging provides invaluable services for Lucas County's elderly and their families – services that virtually every family in the county has or will need. The agency does so responsibly and effectively.

Vote FOR Issue 4.

Vote FOR Ian English for Municipal Judge

Trying to find one's way through the maze of open judgeships during an election can often be confusing especially since candidates themselves are constrained from campaigning in the free and open manner as are candidates for other positions.

This year at least, the choices are simple. In the City of Toledo, there is only one judgeship on the ballot – the one for Toledo Municipal Court.

And there is one candidate who stands heads above the others – endorsed Demo-

cratic candidate Ian English.

English, a graduate of Macomber where he studied auto mechanics, would become the first in his family to attend and graduate from college, earning an undergraduate degree and his law degree from The University of Toledo. He has been in the Lucas County Prosecutor's Office for the past eight years, winning the respect of fellow prosecutors as well as that of opposing defense attorneys and judges.

During that time English


has written hundreds of motions and briefs and has tried nearly 70 cases, from shoplifting to aggravated murder. It's a resume that clearly trumps that of his closest competitor, the Republican-endorsed Bill Connelly, Jr., who is serving as a prosecutor in the relatively bucolic Woods County.

English's story is indeed compelling, but his experience in this race is unmatched. Don't forget to seek out that race for judge on the ballot and vote for Ian English.

Adam

Martinez

Democrat for Toledo City Council
- ProBusiness, Pro Neighborhoods, Pro Toledo -



“It is time to develop a long-term plan to help manage our government and to develop opportunities for individuals, including qualified women and minorities, to advance.”

Paid for by the committee to elect Adam Martinez
1232 Broadway, Toledo, OH 43609, Arturo Quintero, Treasurer

Adam Martinez

Community Calendar

October 30
Braden United Methodist Church All Saints Day Celebration: Party for children; 6 to 8 pm; Games, prizes, food and fun for children of all ages

November 1
Mt. Nebo MBC 79th Anniversary: 1:30 pm chicken dinner; 4:00 service with Rhema Word congregation as guests

November 2-5
American Baptist College – Toledo Extension Unit: Fall 2009" Lecture Series: "How to Safeguard Your Home;" Lectures 6 pm nightly; Worship service 7 pm nightly; Macedonia MBC: 419-243-6498

November 2-6
Shiloh MBC Fall Revival: Services 7 pm nightly; Rev. Charles Emery of Pilgrim MBC of Gary, IN is the guest evangelist: 419-693-6698 or 419-535-0615

November 3
Election Day!!

November 6-8
Sisters Touching and Raising the Standard (S.T.A.R.S.) Conference 2009: Conference Leader Evang. Cheryl Foster of Youngstown: 419-255-0097

November 7
"Strategies During This Recession Time and Era:" Seminar and discussion about survival tools for credit repair, budgeting and investment during these economic conditions; Presented by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc Zeta Alpha Omega Chapter; Speakers Judy Sparks of TUFCU and Lamont Stewart of Edward Jones; Ramada Inn on Secor; 10 am to noon

The Sojourner's Truth

Toledo's Truthful African-American Owned and Operated Newspaper

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Premature Maturation

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



"It is a weekend of community unity and a chance for us to matter to those who matter," said Ken Leslie, speaking of the 1Matters Tent City event he founded in 1990 for and with the "un-housed" that provides medical and other resources to those that need it.

Indeed, often overlooked in the aftermath of human suffering as a result of the current financial crisis is the toll inflicted on children including those who are forced to prematurely bear the weight of grown-up pressures.

Nearly 800,000 homeless youth including 1,300 in Toledo, are in schools attempting the nearly impossible feat of learning while simultaneously sharing in their parents' physical and mental anguish concerning how they will eat, handle illness, buy daily necessities and pay for utilities or housing.

"The impact on kids is devastating," indicates Barbara Duffield, policy director for National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth and author of the 2008 study The Economic Crisis Hits Home. "Because of the turmoil of homelessness and attempting to meet the most basic of human needs, the absenteeism and bouncing from one school to another will have a detrimental effect upon children," she adds.

Homeless children are more likely to perform poorly in school, have more health or mental health issues and developmental problems than those children with stable housing.

Expected shortly, according to Leslie, is \$700,000 in federal stimulus funding coming to the area for homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing. Duffield indicates that this funding is still woefully inadequate. "Before the stimulus, funds only reached nine percent of national school districts because the federal budget to address this problem was only \$65 million. Because we are now seeing a record number of homeless, even with stimulus money less than one in five school districts will get what they need because the proposed 2010 federal budget will keep the funding level static. In order to keep up with the increase in homelessness we will need to at least triple the present budget to over \$200 million. This population is (Continued on Page 6)

Call Me 'Nappy'....and It's On!

By Lafe Tolliver, Esq (A former user of Duke Pomade)
Guest Column



I read the review of Chris Rock's edgy documentary called Good Hair and...it's on!

The hot comb is on the gas stovetop burner and the conk grease (a.k.a. Vaseline) is massaged into the hair and scalp and its time to get out those kinks and burrs!

I am a veteran of the "good hairs" war. I have two sisters and a mom and I was a regular eyewitness to the Saturday night burn down and the smell of cooked hair. I can remember with much interest and comic relief, my sisters taking their turns on

the wooden stool in front of the gas stove. Mom, being the self appointed beautician, would fire up the stove and weave her magic and some 30 minutes later, my sisters would be "conked" out and have their pressed hair.

That heavy metal hot comb would sizzle and fry up some hair and the acrid smoke, as a result of the grease and the African hair being subdued, would fill the air with an odor that would, to me, bespeak cultural subjugation.

Now, don't get me wrong. If you are black and have naturally straight hair...that is fine and if God blessed you to have wonderful "kinks" and tight "curls," why are you messing with nature?

When I was growing up, you could get into a serious fight if you called someone "nappy headed"...even if they were, in fact, nappy headed! It was a snide connotation that said your hair

was coarse and a comb abuser and a not too subtle jab that you were both country and ugly to boot.

Ugly...according to the white beauty standards of the day. Let's face it. At one time there were no ads on television that showed the beauty of black women and much less showing their hairstyles including the au naturel.

White media outlets were not breaking down the doors to find positive black models and images to place on the TV or movie screens.

For you cultural novices, au naturel simply meant you did not straighten your hair but styled it without relaxing chemicals and heat treatments that did not leave it looking like a white woman's head of hair (or close to it).

The subliminal message that white hair (aka: straight hair) is best, left a lasting negative impression on some black women that the standard of what is "good (Continued on Page 7)

VOTE FOR LARRY SYKES For Toledo Board of Education

I have been involved in our children's education and Toledo Public Schools (TPS) for the last 36 years. I served on the Board of Education for 10 of those years, twice as the Board President. During that term, TPS went from a rating of academic emergency to continuous improvement. We became the leading urban school district in the State of Ohio in academic achievement.



While I was president of the Board, we adopted a policy of school uniforms and created nationally recognized innovative programs such as:

- Grove Patterson
Old West End
Stewart Girls Academy
Lincoln Boys Academy
Polly Fox School for Pregnant Teens
The Early College High School

GRADUATION RATES INCREASED FROM 54 TO 83 PERCENT WITH A HIGH ATTENDANCE RATE OF 95 PERCENT.

VOTE FOR LARRY SYKES Under my leadership, TPS was successful in being awarded three Knowledge Works Grants from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 each.

Under my leadership, and with the Toledo Public Schools Foundation, over \$7.1 million in scholarships was awarded to the Class of 2002.

Under my leadership, innovative programs including Project STAR and Freshman Academy were implemented.

My passion for impacting the lives of children in the community I grew up in is demonstrated by my commitment to Toledo and I will bring back institutional knowledge that is not currently present on this board. DEMOCRAT ENDORSED BY TEAMSTERS LOCAL #20



Larry Sykes

VOTE FOR LARRY SYKES

Vote for Keith Wilkowski for Mayor of Toledo

This is about as tough a call as we have had to make in an endorsement given the quality and the temperament of the two mayoral candidates.

We have a deep and abiding respect for Mike Bell, the independent candidate for mayor. Bell has a long history in Toledo and many years of outstanding public service – 16 of those years as the chief of the Toledo Fire Department.

We have every reason to believe that Bell would



Wilkowski's focus on the economy, especially his emphasis on solar and alternative energy enterprises, speaks to the fact that he recognizes the influence a government can have on developing a favorable environment for growing an economy.

Moreover, we have noted in the past six months of campaigning that Wilkowski has a keen sense of the priorities for economic development. Too often we hear people say that if we build, for

doesn't need more partnerships. TPS needs a clientele that will arrive ready and eager to learn.

That clientele will arrive ready and eager to learn only if the city embraces a culture of education – if parents learn how to speak to and read to their children from womb to three years old, if parents learn to remain involved in the ongoing educational process, if parents instill in their offspring the importance of higher education.

A mayor cannot dictate to TPS how to operate a school system but a mayor can, through the power of his bully pulpit and through his ability to reach out to organizations that already work with parents, nudge a city's population to enhance its appreciation of education.

Wilkowski has committed to turn Toledo into a community that values literacy therefore impacting the quality of education

on every level. We want to see him try that.

The other factor in our decision to urge a vote for Wilkowski is the fact that he seems committed to changing the way government operates.

Times could not be more difficult for the Glass City. We are the eighth poorest city in the nation among the top 300 in population. *The eighth poorest.* We are undereducated, we have relied for too long on a manufacturing base that is dwindling, we have not created a favorable environment for luring new businesses or for entrepreneurs to start businesses here, we are losing population – especially the best and the brightest.

We can no longer manage our government in the ways we have in the past. We have to make deep and systemic changes.

Bell continually emphasizes that his style of operating will focus on building coalitions, bringing

people together, getting a sense for what people need and want.

This is a process that does not lend itself to bold moves.

There is such a thing as too much compromise and coalition building and we fear that Bell's approach will lead to indecisiveness – that the process will take precedence over the results.

When we look at the public service experience of these two candidates, as we did at the start of the campaign, we would have said that the choice is a tossup. But campaigns are, in essence, job interviews and job interviews matter for those doing the hiring.

We think that Wilkowski's job interview has been a slam dunk and that his vision for the future is more in line with Toledo's needs.

Vote for Keith Wilkowski on November 3.

Wilkowski's focus on the economy speaks to the fact that he recognizes the influence a government can have on developing a favorable environment for growing an economy.

be a good mayor for the City of Toledo.

However, we also believe that Keith Wilkowski, the endorsed Democratic candidate, would be a better mayor for the city, particularly in these very difficult times.

We have based our decision on two factors. First we believe that Wilkowski has a better grasp of the issues facing Toledo. Second, we feel that Bell's strategic approach to solving the city's problems will not enable any real change to occur in the way the city is operated.

As to the issues, two in particular stand out as we compared the candidates – the economy and education.

It has become almost second nature for political observers to state that government cannot create

jobs – except for those created by government expansion.

Fair enough. However, government has enormous power to foster an environment in which job creation can be facilitated. Tax structures, regulations, bureaucracies, aid to small businesses – governments control many of the mechanisms which can make the difference when entrepreneurs and business operators are trying to make decisions about location and growth.

To say that a mayor does not create jobs is merely to engage in a useless game of semantics. Yes, the mayor is not going to open that pizzeria on the corner, but he or she does have the ability to pave the way for the opening.

example, an entertainment district, "they will come."

Wilkowski has correctly observed that a jobless society will not patronize an entertainment district – that there is a logical progression in the science of economic development.

As to education, for many years now we have written about the need to look at education comprehensively, which includes a community emphasis on early childhood education. Wilkowski appears to be committed to approaching education in this manner.

Bell has spoken about the need to create partnerships with Toledo Public Schools. We have to figure that TPS has about had it with these fickle partnerships that come and go in a heartbeat. TPS

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Endorsed Democrat for the Toledo Board of Education



Aji Green

2658 Merrimac Blvd, Toledo, OH 43606
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On November 3, vote for the one candidate that's best for you.

Re-Elect
Phil Copeland
for Council Democrat



Phil Copeland

Phil Copeland is an effective member on City Council. Rather than grabbing headlines, he's used his skill as a negotiator to work with all sides on Council to help our community, including:

- ▶ Keeping City Pools Open
- ▶ Fighting for jobs for Toledoans and not out of town contractors
- ▶ Maintaining police staffing for neighborhood safety
- ▶ Ensuring our community receives services like street repair and filling potholes

On November 3, vote **Phil Copeland, Democrat for City Council.** You know his name and you know you can trust him to deliver for our community.

Paid for by: Phil Copeland for Council Committee, 340 Sheldon, Toledo, OH 43605, Bernie Quilter, Chair, Monica Carter, Treasurer

My View

By Jack Ford
The Truth's Political Columnist



to go. Polly Taylor Gerken will be a real activist on City Council.

Unfortunately Taylor Gerken and Martinez are bumping heads for the sixth at-large seat.

Several people have used my name to seek election and re-election. Green and Councilman Joe McNamara asked me beforehand and I said OK. Larry Sykes, a candidate for the school board, is using an ad from 2003 or so in this year's race. He did not check with me to obtain permission to use the quote.

When you vote next Tuesday, remember to vote for judge. Three out of four voters forget or fail to vote for judge.

Among the newcomers on this year's ballot, I think that Aji Green for school board and Adam Martinez for Toledo City Council look fresh and ready

Bob Vasquez, president of the board and also a candidate for election, cut an ad with me several years ago but must not think it would help him in the black wards this time around.

Mike Bell's retort that a picture of him with a rich guy might make him rich was a good response to the Bush-Bell photo that is being pushed by the Keith Wilkowski campaign. I think the "Bell is Republican" line is going to backfire and raise questions of ethics against his opponent.

And what does it say, by the way, that the last two mayoral races have featured very well-known black men but neither secured or sought the Democratic Party endorsement?

It looks like the casinos are coming to Ohio. It has taken three or four efforts but Ohio voters seem worn down and ready to vote for it. Who will win in the long run? Out of town operators, Rossford and construction outfits.

The jobs created will be meager and a lot will be based upon tips. If gambling is so lucrative, why are Windsor and Detroit having problems with their gambling operations? The outcome of the mayor's race looks like it will pivot around voter turnout. Who has the most volunteers on election Day and Election Day weekend? Who will have the

phone bank in place to call into under performing voting wards early on election Day? Who will have the troops to be at the polls to greet voters?

A good Election Day operation costs around \$20,000. Who is ready and willing to put that much money on the table? This race is nip and tuck so

whoever is ready to rumble on Election Day will be the next mayor of Toledo!

Office of Affirmative Action/Contract Compliance Has Excellent Track Record

By Calvin Brown, Commissioner City of Toledo Office of Affirmative Action

In recent weeks, Toledo City Council member Steven Steel has stated that the City of Toledo MBE Program has been deficient in its efforts to include minority businesses in government-funded projects, programs and/or services.

As commissioner of the Office of Affirmative Action/Contract Compliance (AA/CC) since March 2007, I can without hesitation proclaim that the Office of AA/CC has an excellent record as it relates to minority inclusion.

The City of Toledo MBE Program is a goal-oriented, non-mandated program established by City Council legislation in 1988 (ORD. 803-88) which was repealed and re-established in 1991 as ORD. 838-91 setting the following goals:

Contracts/Agreements for Construction related projects 12.3%

Supplies/Goods/Services/Materials 7%

With the belief that the City should increase its goals as it relates to minority inclusion, in April 2008, the Office of AA/CC with the full support and approval of Mayor Carty Finkbeiner initiated an Administrative Policy and Procedure (APP#13) that increased MBE program goal. The new goals are:

Contracts/Agreements for Construction related projects 15%

Supplies/Goods/Services/Materials 10%

Accomplishments: 2007, the City of Toledo "let" approximately \$266,657,183 in construction contracts of which 20.2% or

\$54,051,411 was granted to minority companies.

2008, the City of Toledo "let" approximately \$40,183,344 in construction projects of which 25.5% or \$10,145,077 was granted to minority companies.

To date in 2009, the City of Toledo has "let" approximately \$40,414, 897 in construction projects of which 22% or \$58,604,979 has been granted to minority companies.

As a note, on November 13, 2008, the City of Toledo was one of four Ohio Cities honored by the Northern Ohio Minority Business Council for its efforts in expanding minority-based businesses. Mayor Finkbeiner represented the City at the awards ceremony held in Cleveland, OH.

Keep Steve Steel on Toledo City Council. Proven leadership we can count on. Paid for by Citizens with Steel, 6144 Rolland Dr., Toledo, OH 43612. Karen Poore, Treasurer.

TAKE CHARGE. KEEP OUR MONEY IN OHIO. CREATE NEW JOBS. VOTE YES ON ISSUE 3. "The election is an important one for you and Ohio. You can do something to get Ohio moving again. Issue 3 creates four first-class casinos, which will bring 34,000 new jobs for Ohio workers and keep \$1 billion right here in Ohio. But you have to vote. Take Charge. Vote Yes on Issue 3." Lynette Jones, Toledo. WHAT ISSUE 3 MEANS TO TOLEDO: Keep \$1 billion working in Ohio's economy and create jobs here instead of in neighboring states. Create 3,958 new jobs for Ohio workers in Lucas County. \$8.7 million annually in new revenue for Lucas County Public Schools. \$6.3 million for Lucas County in new annual revenue. \$11.3 million for Toledo in new annual revenue. TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3 For more detailed information, visit www.YesOnIssue3.com

Open Letter to Superintendent John Foley, TPS Board President Bob Vasquez and Chief of Police Mike Navarre.

Who is going to stand for children?

Yesterday, October 22, 2009, while sitting in front of Libbey High School waiting for a student, I witnessed four to five people escorting a youth out of the school building. I recognized two of the people as being a black female security guard and one was Gail Schaber, the principal/school leader of Libbey High School. The other three were white males who I would recognize if seen again. At first I thought the student was handcuffed but realized that he wasn't because I could see his hands.

The first thought that went through my mind was, "what had this student done that his school day had been aborted by being escorted out of the school at the end of the day." The scene was quite confusing because there was no conduct exhibited by the student that would make me think that he was being disorderly, the adults were rubbing his arms and his back, yet he was surrounded by people who seemed to be detaining him. He offered no resistance and began to cry.

I won't relay the entire scene but he was eventually knocked down by the four adults and at that point he began to struggle because four people were sitting on him. I imagined that he couldn't breathe. Unable to just witness a child being brutalized in this manner, I got out of my car, went to where he was and snapped a picture with my cell phone, thinking that the TPS school officials would stop.

Eventually the police came and arrested this student. He offered no resistance, was handcuffed and taken away by the police car.

I found out his name and contacted a person in my saving children networking group, who went to the student's house to find out why this child had been arrested. The parents had never been called by the school and had no idea that the child that they had sent to school that morning was now in the custody of the police.

The person I had called went to the Juvenile Detention Center to find this child but was given no information. Shortly after that the student was brought home by the police. He had not been taken to the Juvenile Detention Center which would be normal procedure after arresting a juvenile but had been taken to the Scott Park Police Center.

I have since talked to the student and his family, which revealed that the student is a full junior, has passed all of his OGT's (on the first try) and is scheduled to graduate next school year.

There are policies and procedures in place in the Toledo Public School System that establishes due process when a student is disciplined. Toledo Police Department has policies and procedures in place that establishes how a student is arrested. None of these policies or procedures were followed by TPS or TPD.

When you send your child to school, they become a student, when they are arrested at school they become a criminal. Why weren't the parents called? Parents are the first line of defense against unruly children. Maybe the aberration was that this student was not being unruly.

Toledo's children are in danger, Mr. Foley, Mr. Vasquez and Mr. Navarre, when these types of behaviors are allowed to take place in full view of the community. When schools become the pipeline to prison you need to take the name off of the door and stop calling them schools.

Twila Page

Premature

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mostly invisible and doesn't have a voice so we are scrambling," says Duffield.

The failure to increase funding to keep homeless children and youth in school - which is their legal right and best hope of escaping poverty - is a glaring indication of the low priority of children and youth in our society. Through media portrayals of young persons as dangerous and troubling and by repeating the mantra of personal responsibility ad nauseam, the nation has been able to privatize social problems and make it socially acceptable to bail out those already economically advantaged at the expense of disadvantaged children.

Young people represent only 26 percent of the population but 39 percent of the poor. The United States, according to reports, ranks first in billionaires and in military expenditures but 25th among industrialized nations in infant mortality. Over nine million children are without healthcare and not included in most health reform bills while millions more lack affordable child care and qual-

ity early childhood education.

What shall we do?

We simply, must leave no youth or child behind. The most immediate solution is to prevent children and families from becoming homeless. United Way 211, although handling over 65,000 calls last year is the best community intake source for those facing the possibility of homelessness and other housing issues.

We can also volunteer and donate funds, clothing, or time at IMatters Tent City held downtown at the Civic Mall this weekend.

In addition, as outlined in *The Economic Crisis Hits Home*, we can contact our elected officials to let them know that we are the voice of homeless children and youth in search of solutions and funding to keep homeless children in school by increasing availability for low-income housing, expanding Head Start and Child Care and by ensuring that all families are eligible for federal homeless assistance.

We can further advocate by contacting the homeless

liaison at our public schools district offices or the State Coordinator for the Homeless Children and Youth Program, Thomas Dannis at the Ohio Department of Education, 25 South Front Street, Mail Stop 404 Columbus, OH 43215-4183; Phone: (614) 466-4161 Fax: (614) 752-1622 or email: tom.dannis@ode.state.oh.us.

However, to do nothing is to encourage youth rebellion and dysfunction due to the renegeing on society's promise to offer the hope of a bright future to our children. It also means that the normal stage of innocence has been stolen from our young people by causing them to shoulder not only homelessness but poverty, unemployment, crime, drugs, violence and other effects of economic disaster rather than providing access to the jobs and material resources possessed by previous generations. This premature maturation is what ails our society.

Contact Rev. Donald Perryman, D.Min., at djperryman@centralohioepiscopal.org

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Wilkowski Chips In to Provide Haircuts for Youth

Sojourner's Truth Staff



Democratic mayoral candidate Keith Wilkowski stopped by Poor Clark's last week to donate \$100 to the Adopt a Haircut program and expand a bit on his educational platform.

"This is the kind of charitable, civic thing we need to promote in these times," said Wilkowski of the program. "Things are not always going to be coming from the government; we need to help each other."

The Adopt a Haircut program began two years ago when Rev. Cedric Brock, pastor of Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church, approached Henry Clark, owner of Poor Clark's, and the Toledo Lucas County Public Library to implement a program that would provide free haircuts to young African-American boys.

A boy in need of a haircut simply has to go to the Mott Branch Public Library and check out a book. From there to Poor Clark's where he shows the staff the book and receives a free haircut.

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Call Me

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hair" continues to drive a large segment of the black hair care products/services.

When I was growing up, physical education was a required course in school and that included swim lessons. A black girl would rather face detention or run extra laps than get her hair wet in the school pool (if your school even had a pool) and then face the "trauma" of her hair going "bush" (an instant Afro) for the rest of the school day.

And please do not be caught out in a light rain. You would rather miss a Stevie Wonder concert than to get your hair wet!

How many times have you heard some grandma or naive young girl state about a baby or a toddler... "girl, he/she has got some good hair"! Translation: their hair is straight or "kink" free or naturally wavy.

That "hair thang" controlled a lot of what some black women and men thought about themselves and what constitutes healthful images of beauty.

If having "good hair" was deemed important as a beauty standard, then some black women would burn and frizzle their hair to accommodate.

If "good hair" were important to some black men, they would seek out women, black or white, whom had straight hair. You know, the kind that you can jauntily whip around in a carefree "Clairol" moment.

Sadly, the message did not get through to enough black kids that there is no such thing as "good hair." All hair is good. Good hair was a fictitious scam perpetuated to keep black people in personal contempt of themselves and regrettably the black hair care products industry still promotes that nonsense because hair straightening/products is still part of the purported \$9 billion black hair care/products industry.

The same goes for some black men who would ply their hair with that horrid Jeri-Curl activator/sheen mess which would stain your clothes, pillows and "stink

up the joint" and corrupt your image of what a man should have on the top of his head.

Some black men were also going for the okey doke with the image of being super fly and trying to imitate Hollywood's example of a leading white man who always had straight hair.

Totally corrupt images that some of us too willingly absorbed in our misguided attempts to escape what and who we were and are.

If there is one sure way to be an enemy of a person for life it is to talk about their hair. Even if their hair is a veritable rat's nest or is sporting the latest fad (don't get me started about black women wearing extensions or dying their hair blond or red...don't even go there) or is just not right. Shut up and talk about the weather or how much weight Oprah is putting back on.

Even the "black shows" on television invariably have all of the black actresses with processed straight hair and the clips that are shown of black

beauty parlors invariably show hair being straightened, extended or dyed (blond or red...again, don't get me started!).

Would someone tell me why accommodating your naturally birth-given hair is a no-no or why you can not see yourself in a mirror with a hairstyle that is not the result of a hot comb or a chemical wash or a head full of polyester extensions?

Listen, I tried. I have one daughter and I tried to get her to go natural with her hair and styling...even wearing colorful bandanas when so needed. You would have thought that with such suggestions, I was hammering hot needles under her fingernails.

So, I will continue to wage a losing campaign of trying to figure out why some black women and men want to fry, conk and chemically straighten their hair when there are so many other issues that are far more worthy than spending all of that time and money on what is, "hair today and gone tomorrow."

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Judge Connie Zimmelman Swears In 36 Advocates for Abused Children

Special to The Truth

The Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Department of the Lucas County Juvenile Court announced the graduation of 36 CASA/GAL (Court Appointed Special Advocates / Guardians ad Litem). Juvenile Court Judge Connie Zimmelman swore in the newest class of CASA/GAL volunteers in Courtroom 2 at the Juvenile Justice Center on October 8.

CASA volunteers are ordinary citizens from all walks of life who are trained by the Court to advocate for our community's abused and neglected children. The CASA volunteer does an independent investigation by interviewing the child victim, parents, relatives, school officials, doctors and others involved in the child's life who may have facts about the case or the child's well being. The CASA volunteer remains on the case, making recommendations to the court and advocating for the child until a safe, permanent home is found for the child.

Because nearly half the youth in foster care in Lucas County are African-American



or bi-racial, the CASA Department works hard to recruit minorities to serve as CASA volunteers. CASA is proud that 46 percent of the all 2009 training are minorities including C. Jerome Graham, Carlis Stevens, Christina Hadley, Crystal Oliver, Cynthia Wright, Deirdre Kelly, Rose Cannon-Rankins, Suzanne Brown and Tonya Davis.

This training class boasts a lot of talent and includes two retired Toledo Public School teachers, a nurse, a retired Lucas County Children Services caseworker, a retail sales clerk, a number of

homemakers, several attorneys, a correctional officer, and students, parents and grandparents, among others.

Highlights of the training included presentations by Randall Schlievert, M.D., local pediatrician and Medical Director of the child abuse program at UT on child abuse and neglect; Larry Hamme, Ph.D. on cultural competence; Leslie Witherell, MSW, LISW, on sexual offenders; Hancock County Juvenile Prosecutor, Kristen Johnson, J.D., on the art of interviewing children; Tina Hall, MSW, LISW on domestic violence; Eileen Rood, MA, LSW on

child development and professionals from Lucas County Children Services on safety assessment, case plans, and the agency's role in protecting children in our commu-

nity.

The class also received training about legal report writing, advocacy skills, substance abuse, poverty and confidentiality. The new

CASA volunteers learned about local service agencies, attended a mock hearing, and toured Lucas County Children Services.

Haircuts

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Once at the shop, the boys will be asked to read a bit from the book or, at times, the staff will read with them.

Brock and Clark have asked the public to fund the program and those donations have been sufficient to provide more than 300 boys with haircuts over the first two years of the program.

For Wilkowski, who donated the money from his personal funds, the visit to Poor Clark's was also an opportunity to stress his own commitment to education.

"We need a city-wide reading program," said the candidate. "I want to take down those signs that say 'Toledo Pride' and put up ones that say 'Toledo Reads.'"



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Talkin' Bout Good Hair.... The Xinos Gave It Five Stars!

By India Santos
 Special to The Truth

Chris Rock's documentary, *Good Hair*, sought not to answer the question of what is "good hair," but rather to chronicle his quest in finding out exactly how to get it.

That's right, it is no longer a matter of being born with "that Indian hair." Women of color (and as quiet as it is kept, Caucasians too) can simply buy it.

Rock enralls his viewers by taking them on a journey and detailing the lengths and measures that black people will go through to obtain "good hair." But at what cost?

In order to begin his research effectively, Rock visited the place that he described as being the guide to all things black, especially hair and fashion – Atlanta.

The documentary surrounds the Bronner Brothers' 60th Annual Hair Show. The winning stylist receives a cash prize of \$20,000 and a prize fighter belt. The Bronner Brothers' research and media team finds and selects four of Atlanta's top stylists, to compete in the event, one of whom, ironically, was a Caucasian man by the name of Jason Griggers. Not only was Griggers a phenomenal stylist, but he was

known to have what "sistas" commonly call "growing hands." Simply put, he weaned his patrons off of weave.

With the four stylists being the supposed main attraction, it was clear that the vendors were the money makers of this annual event. Packing an arena-sized venue were rows and rows of black hair care supply vendors.

Sadly, only two rows were representative of the BOBSA (Black Owned Beauty Supply Association). According to BOBSA, African-Americans represent only 12 percent of the population but purchase 80 percent of all hair products sold. Yet, who is profiting from that 80 percent?

Back in the days of Soul Train, advertisers such as Dark n' Lovely and Revlon were commonplace. Unbeknownst to many consumers, many of our black-produced and black-owned hair companies are a thing of the past.

Today, L'Oreal, Alberto-Culver and Proctor and Gamble are the top sellers of black hair products.

Reverend Al Sharpton, one of the celebrity observers, said that we wear our oppression, literally, on our heads. His com-



ment meaning that as long as we continue not to support our own people in something as mundane as our hair care, we should not complain about being oppressed in this economy.

Black-owned companies such as Dudley, Luster, Bronner Brothers and Isoplus continue to produce and distribute black hair care products.

Who else profits from this \$60 billion dollar industry? The industry of our hair care prod-

ucts? We know exactly who – Asian-owned suppliers and retailers.

Whether they are Chinese or Korean, Asians are in control when it comes to the supply for what African-Americans demand.

According to BOBSA, Asian suppliers decline to sell to business owners who are non-Asian. This practice impacts black and Caucasian business owners. For example, phones are answered in their native language, supply order forms are written in their language as well. For non-Asian business owners, it is close to

impossible to order from Asian retailers. Hence, their profit stays within their network.

Why can't we do that? How many Toledoans actually patronize our black-owned hair store? Products are important, but even more so is the actual hair. Celebrities like Raven Symone, Megan Goode, Lauren London and Nia Long commented about how much they were willing to spend for some "good hair." Good weave.

From \$1,000 to as much as \$13,000 (not a year, but per style), women of color are spending mega dollars to have it. Chris Rock traveled all the way to India, which is where most hair for sale originates. In a sacrificial ceremony known as Tonsure, women shave their heads. God is not pleased with vanity, say the interviewees. By shaving one's head, you are ensuring that countless blessings will come your way. The temple then sells the hair to licensed vendors. In India, hair is worth more than gold, so there is, of course, a thriving black market for hair. Many young girls fall victim to their hair being cut and taken against their will. A young Indian girl's loss is the retailer's, and eventually the consumer's, gain.

Rock's documentary also highlighted the dangers of continually exposing the scalp to sodium hydroxide (the chemical in relaxers), as well as common side jokes – from a man not being able to run his fingers through a black woman's hair to not knowing if he can afford to maintain a relationship with her, based on the style of her hair and the cost of maintaining it.

The members of Beta Gamma Xinos and their moms critiqued this film and, if nothing else, left the cinema with plenty of food for thought. To perm or not to perm? Continued non-support of black-owned hair product distributors and supply stores? Paying mega dollars for superficial gains?

Black women (and some men) are seeking and getting "good hair" but, again, at what cost?

Ed. Note: Xinos is a national youth organization sponsored by the Phi Delta Kappa Sorority, Inc. The local Phi Delta Kappa chapter is Beta Gamma, hence Beta Gamma Xinos. The members are high school-aged young ladies, representing Start, Woodward and Scott High Schools. Xinos have been active in Toledo since 1948.

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The arts Commission of Greater Toledo presented its ninth Meet & Greet on Friday, October 16 – a bus tour connecting 18 Warehouse District, downtown and Uptown galleries.

From 6 to 10 p.m., the galleries remained open and visitors were able to see and buy art in most forms – paintings, sculpture, fashion, blown glass, multimedia, ceramic and performance.

The Truth Gallery presented displays of African fashion and wood sculptures among its collection of the art of local artists. The evening's highlight at The Truth was provided by Toledo song stylist Charlene Ransom who thrilled the dozens of visitors with her rendition of Etta James' "At Last."



Charlene Ransom

Chris (Birdman) Gregory and Mary Gregory admire bust at The Truth Gallery



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Book Review

Dream Big! O's Guide to Discovering Your Best Life

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By Terri Schlichenmeyer
The Truth Contributor



What makes you happy? In the segment on happiness, you'll find secrets from happy people, as well as a transforming and empowering story from actress Angela Bassett that will make

life of quiet spirituality, or read the defining moments that taught several celebrities and authors about their faith.

Are you a good friend? Find out by taking the "Good Friend, Bad

Are you a good friend? Find out by taking the "Good Friend, Bad Friend?" quiz.

you want to go out and seize your dreams.

Or, if you'd rather stay in with your thoughts, read about one woman's

Friend?" quiz. Then take a look at your pals and see how they influence your

life in the "talking and listening" section.

Speaking of which, you can make friends with your money by reading this book. You can find a more meaningful long-term friendship through a new relationship. And, just in time for the holidays, you make friends with your body with sensible diet and exercise tips.

Dream Big! O's Guide to Discovering Your Best Life is a compilation of 75 of the best articles drawn from Oprah Winfrey's magazine, all with an eye toward inspiring readers in the way that Oprah seems to do best.

There are several things I liked about this book. It's completely use-

ful and decidedly unfluffy. The articles aren't cut with ads or silly filler I don't want, and there are no "continued on page..." annoyances. Each article is short enough to read quick but long enough to impart good information. And some of the articles were written by celebrities from whom I enjoyed hearing.

If you love O: The Oprah Magazine, or if you're looking for something more substantial than check-out-line tabs, pick up this book. Dream Big! O's Guide to Discovering Your Best Life is a relaxing book to spend time with.

Fifteen minutes. That's how long it took you to read the magazine you bought at the check-out counter. Oh, sure, you know all about some starlet's beach vacation. You're well-versed on the latest Hollywood gossip. Other than that, you learned nothing and you threw out a few dollars' worth of paper.

So how about this: next time, look for Dream Big! O's Guide to Discovering Your Best Life, the fourth volume of the Best of O, The Oprah Magazine. This is like a magazine you'll want to put on your bookshelf.

What would you do if nothing was holding you back? Oprah Winfrey asks

that in her introduction and this book helps you with an answer.

From the time we were little girls, our mothers told us certain things about our bodies. In the Beauty and Style section, two O staffers take on some long-held beliefs and self-images and - at the same time - show you that what Mama said back then has nothing to do with now.

Psychologists say that women have a hard time saying "no", and if you fit that profile to a "T", then check out what O says by reading "53 Ways to Say... NO!" Follow it up by reading about a year of saying YES! on the following pages.

20 North Gallery Presents 17th Annual Holiday Show The Art of Giving Benefits Local Artists and The Toledo Zoo

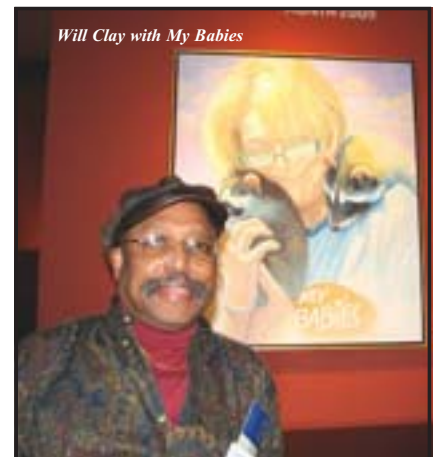
Special to The Truth

On November 6, 20 North Gallery will present their 17th Annual Holiday Show The Art of Giving. The exhibition will include paintings, photography, glass, ceramics and jewelry—with each work being a perfect choice for a holiday gift.

Among the many artists exhibiting are: painters Anne Abate, Wil Clay, Steve Conine and Dean Davis; photographers Mike Basista and John Dooner; ceramicists Edith Franklin and Julie Schnell-Madden; glass art-

ists Sharon Frankel and Robin Schultes; and jewelers Kimberly Arden, Dr. Nancy Carroll, Regina Jankowski, Julia MacLachlan, Rhonda Oertli and Jackie Rousseau Werner; as well as selected works by the artists of Shared Lives Studio, the art staff of Lott Industries.

As part of the giving season, 20 North Gallery will donate 20 percent of all art purchases made at The Art of Giving exhibit to The Toledo Zoo by purchasers who mention their Zoo membership.



People wishing to join The Toledo Zoo may do so at 20 North Gallery and receive a 10% discount on their memberships.

Join 20 North Gallery and the exhibiting artists in celebrating The Art of Giving at the Opening Reception on

Friday, November 6, from 6-9p.m. The event is free and open to the public. Gallery visitors will be able to speak one-on-one with the artists, while enjoying light refreshments and a great opportunity to shop for unique fine art gifts for the holidays.

Advertisement for Mercy Women's Heart Action Kit featuring a woman and text: "My heart needs me to eat better" and "When I learned heart disease is killing more women than any other disease, it hit home..."

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Peacock Tribute to Crawdaddy

Sojourner's Truth Staff

The Peacock Café presented a tribute to Ron "Crawdaddy" Crawford on September 26 and brought together musicians from all of the city and the area to honor the former blues singer. Crawdaddy died on September 19 at Toledo Hospital.

The free concert was an appropriate commemoration for an artist who hosted numerous benefit concerts, from Hurricane Katrina relief to Coats for Kids Bluesfests.

Crawdaddy was born in 1953 in Tuscaloosa, AL He graduated from Scott High School and was a Jeep employee for almost 30 years.



UT Art Students Design Exhibition, *Paris: City of Art*, at TMA

Special to The Truth

Taking advantage of a rare institutional partnership between higher education and a museum, the art history program at the University of Toledo and the Toledo Museum of Art are inaugurating a new curriculum in art museum practices.

As part of the new curriculum, University students are currently creating an exhibition, *Paris: City of Art*, which will be on view at the Museum from Nov. 6, 2009, through March 14, 2010.

According to Richard H. Putney, the University's director of art history, a major goal of the program is for art faculty to work with Museum professionals in providing hands-on training for University students in the design of art exhibitions. The latter will make use of the Museum's collections and be installed in its Hitchcock and Stevens Galleries.

It is hoped the curriculum also will strengthen the existing partnership between the University and the Museum. The UT Center for the Visual Arts, designed by Pritzker Prize-winning architect Frank O. Gehry, is home to the University's Department of Art and the Museum's Art Reference Library. Structurally connected to the Museum's main building, the UT CVA provides students an invaluable opportunity to incorporate one of the nation's finest art collections into their studies.

A class of 37 undergraduate and graduate students are designing *Paris: City of Art* with the help of Carolyn Putney, the Museum's head curator and interim deputy director, and Richard Putney.

Making use of numerous works selected by the students from the Museum's collection, the exhibition will focus on three major themes: the city itself and

its evolution; the people of Paris from diverse eras in the city's history, and Paris as an innovative center for the creation and exhibition of works of art.

Many works being exhibited are not regularly seen in the Museum's galleries. Installation of the works, which will be complete by early November, will be followed by installation of interpretative materials by mid-December, Richard Putney said.

The exhibit will be open to the public free of charge. Admission to the Museum is always free.

The exhibition is made possible with support from members of the Toledo Museum of Art and the Ohio Arts Council, which helps to fund programs with state tax dollars to encourage economic growth, educational excellence, and cultural enrichment for all Ohioans.

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Dr. Pat Celebrates a Milestone in Ministry and Marriage

By Artisha S. Lawson
Sojourner's Truth Reporter

Pastor Pat McKinstry, better known as Dr. Pat, celebrated 50 years of Christian ministry, 40 years of marriage to Luther McKinstry and 20 years in the pastorate this past weekend.

The Worship Center, at the corner of Collingwood and Bancroft, housed a four-day celebration entitled 'The Life, Legacy, Ministry of Dr. Pat McKinstry.' Over 300 church members, officials and guests filled the cream and purple-colored sanctuary for the special occasion.

The celebration began on Wednesday, October 21 with a Family Night, which included Christian fun for the entire family. Festivities continued on Thursday with a Bishop's and Pastor's Night, and Saturday with a celebration which included several different local ministries and national gospel recording artist Vicki Winans.

The week's guest list included: Bishop Duane Tisdale of Friendship Baptist Church in Toledo, Bishop Edward Cook of New



Rev. Pat McKinstry

Life Church of God in Christ in Toledo, Bishop Liston Page, Sr of Greater Highway Deliverance Temple in New York, Bishop Clifton Jones of Agape Love Ministry in Sandusky, Bishop Iona

Locke of Abyssinia Christ Center Ministry in Southfield, Michigan and Bishop Delano Ellis of Pentecostal Church of Christ in Cleveland.

Friday's service opened

with The Worship Center's Davidic Praise who sang several uplifting worship and encouraging up-tempo Christian selections which continued to welcome guests and members into the church.

Former Toledo Fire Chief and current mayoral candidate Michael Bell thanked Dr. Pat for her many years of good will in Toledo.

"As a former fire chief, I can tell you there's a fire in here tonight," said Bell. "It's a pleasure to be here with your pastor, she's done so much for the city. As I sit here and listen to the music and feel the energy in the room, I wish I could take that passion and share with the rest of the city. You have reached out and helped others. I'm humbled to be in your presence, Dr. Pat."

Bishop Eric Mitchell of Detroit served as the service master of ceremony and introduced the ministries in the program. The 10-member T-N-T Dance Team of Worship Center, dressed in military attire, danced and brought the congregation to their feet during their fast-paced, up-beat routine.

Cornerstone Church began their presentation with a guitar solo and gradually the 30-member choir joined with harmonious vocals. The 75-member choir called Legacy Mass Choir sang

three selections; one was led by local song-writer and musician, Chris Byrd, who also organized this choir with Minister Mark Williams.

Minister Jeffery Smith, the pastoral assistant of Cornerstone Global Network, called Synergy, sent greetings to Dr. Pat on behalf of his senior pastor Bishop Michael Pitts, who was unable to attend.

"It's a joy to be here. I've heard so much about how beautiful sanctuary is, and it's true," said Smith. "I'm honored to be here on this occasion to honor this sent

ing to Winans, she had to meet the women who said, "tell your neighbor, the devil is a liar."

"I believed her," said Winans.

"Praise God for the Angel of this house, she looks as good as the day I met her. I love you, Dr. Pat, your spirit is beautiful, a wonderful example for women," said Winans.

Winans began with her new song, "Release It and Let It Go," a song that was inspired in part by situations that she had to overcome.

"I cried so much because



Davidic Praise

woman of God. She's been sent by God to this house. I'm excited to see what God will do for you next, Dr. Pat."

Featured gospel recording artist Vicki Winans sang two selections from her new album.

Dr. Pat and Winans first met several years ago through a mutual friend Bishop Locke and, accord-

I let my past dictate my future," said Winans. "I sat in my studio for four days straight alone, I cried so much and got frustrated. People hurt me, dogged me and I used to be concerned what others thought about but now I don't care. I let my ways please the Lord and let the chips fall where they may."

Following that selection, Winans sang "How I Got Over" which combines traditional church hand clapping and foot stomping with a new age jazz beat towards the end with her nephew. She then concluded with a crowd-requested song, "We Shall Behold Him."

Dr. Pat is a graduate of Davis College in Toledo, Case Western Reserve in Cleveland and Vision International University in Cali-

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Class President Kim Boyd, Reunion Co-Chairman
Felissa Parker Green

In 1979 several significant events occurred. The U.S. House of Representatives began broadcasting on cable television on Monday, March 19, the movie *Alien* opened in theatres on Friday, May 25 and 270 students graduated from Jesup W. Scott High School on Friday, June 8, 1979 at 7:00 p.m. at Centennial Hall on The University of Toledo campus.

Now 30 years later, they gathered again from Friday, October 23 until Sunday, October 25. Festivities began with a mixer event of about 75 in attendance on Friday at Trunk, a club owned by fellow classmate and reunion co-chairman Felissa Parker Green.

On Saturday at 1:00 p.m., alumni gathered at their Alma Mater at the historic bell in front of the school for pictures, memories and updates on the renovation of the high school. Almost 100 gathered again at 7:00 p.m. at the Hilton Hotel in Toledo for their ReNEWion program gala.

Many of the graduates went on to attend college, begin families, start businesses and became grandparents.

Senior class president and reunion committee member Kim Boyd feels that his duties as class president continue after graduation day. "It's an on-going job; I need to make sure it (class reunions) continues to happen. I was active in school: Homecoming Court member, marched in band and played alto saxophone, sang in symphonic choir, was elected 'All Male Scott,' which was very special to me. Since high school, I've lived in California for 24 years. We all come together to plan these reunions to form the committees, because we all care. It's not just one person doing everything."

Lisa Parker-Haynes also graduated that day and has since married, had two chil-

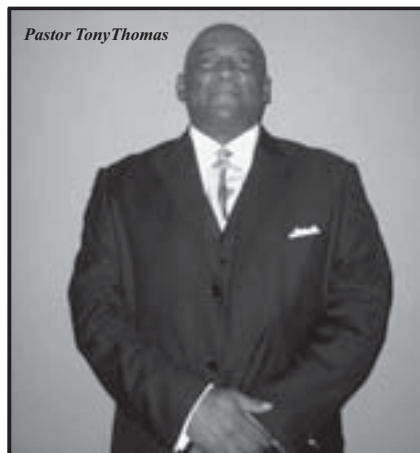
dren and became a youth leader. "I was the senior class secretary at Scott. Now I've been married for 21 years, have two wonderful children - I'm truly blessed, and the youth leader of Youth for Christ. I still plan to record inspirational messages and songs, and work on my wed-

ding coordinating business."

Along with Boyd and Haynes, fellow classmate Arneitta Poss, also known as Michelle during high school, has accomplished much since June 1979. She has worked for the county as Visitation Manager for the past 10 years, recently purchased a new automobile on her last birthday, has two children, two grandchildren and donates clothing and shoes monthly. "I love the Lord and my family. Since graduation, I've learned to be patient and become a better listener," said Poss.

Zadie Smith, another classmate has worked for TARPS for nine years, is the mother of two children and was recently inspired with the election of President Obama.

"I like to treat others as I should be treated, it's been a true blessing to see the election of President Barack, and I'm looking to open a center for youth that will teach values to children because some seem lost," said Smith.



Pastor Tony Thomas

Since the former classmates visited the building which is due to be completely renovated with students walking the halls by 2012, several had opinions on which direction the school should have been taken in the first place.

Poss felt the building should be demolished like the other TPS schools, while Smith felt differently.

"It was a beautiful gesture (to renovate the current building), but they should have rebuilt it from the ground up like the other schools. I understand it's historical, but the other schools are getting new computer labs. The memories will still be there, but it's a fresh start," said Poss.

"When I first heard (about the renovation or demolition choices) is when they were selling memorabilia to alumni. It just needs a repair, not to be torn down. It's historic, and a part of my life. I can't wait to see it when it's finished," said Smith.

Saturday's gala begun with a registration and social hour, which gave classmates the chance to recall memories and former high school nicknames. Pastor Tony Thomas of St. Stephens Church of God in Christ of Toledo and former quarterback of Scott High School's football team in the late 1970's led the opening prayer and was the featured speaker. He spoke about dreams.

"There may be people here with a disrupted or lost dream, but it doesn't matter how long it takes to complete the dream - just keep dreaming," said Thomas.

He went on to tell a story about a South African man

who had to take 35 years to complete his dream of freedom and learning how to read. "He never lost vision of his dream; he was handpicked by Nelson Mandela, went to England to obtain and education and still went back to his home to education others," said Thomas.

The reunion committee announced the formation of a scholarship for a graduating senior of Scott High School.

"This reunion is focused on giving back; this scholarship will become annually available to seniors. It's an opportunity to reach out to our community. It will be established tonight and begin during the 2009-2010 school year," said reunion co-chairman Yvonne Anderson Colbert.

The evening continued with a solo by Smith, a 30th reunion group shot, special prayer and recognition of

deceased classmates, also guest speeches from former cheerleading advisor and retired teacher Avie Dixon, and her husband the former band director and retired teacher Edward Dixon.

The weekend's agenda ended on Sunday with worship at St. Stephen Church of God in Christ and brunch at Hometown Buffet.

The reunion was organized by co-chairmen Colbert and Parker Green, and members Vernice Bailey, Kim Boyd, Barbara Dickerson, Sandra Galloway, Sharon Jeffries, Perry Pearson, Carmen Richardson Davis, Kendall Riley and Tammy Stewart.

This wasn't the first reunion for this graduating class - their 10th year was held from August 18-19 in 1989, 20th year was held from August 20-22 in 1999, and 25th reunion from August 20-22 in 2004.



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Dr. Pat

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ifornia. She earned a bachelor's degree in theological studies and a master's in psychology and also was awarded two honorary doctorate degrees from the Pentecostal Bible College in Alabama.

She was an evangelist in the Church of God in Christ, a Memphis-based Pentecostal denominational with 6.5 million members under the pastoral of the late Bishop William James, founder of Toledo's St. James Church of God in Christ.

She was named pastor of Upton United Methodist Church almost 20 years ago, and now is senior pastor of Worship Center.

Dr. Pat was named one of America's 10 Most Dynamic Female Pastors by Gospel Today magazine. She is a



published author of books and pamphlets about prayer, praise and worship; she also assisted Davidic Praise Team's release of three worship CDs.

She has been married to Luther McKinstry for 40 years and is the mother of one son named Prophet Luther McKinstry III.

"Thank God for Vicki. This night was all about healing, we've shouted, laughed, and sung. This building you're sitting in is debt free. This is a harvest season for the church, I thank God for all of you for sowing your service and volunteering into the ministry," said Dr. Pat.

The celebration concluded on Sunday with a morning worship service.

Why I Am Running for The Toledo Board of Education

By Aji Green, Candidate

I am running for this elected position because I believe that the leadership for our schools has let this community down time after time by failing to address pressing concerns that are vital to the success of this district, our children, and overall this community.

For example many of the students attending central city schools continue to be outperformed academically by students in other schools around the district. The district has failed to address high dropout rates and low graduation rates year after year.

In addition, the voices of many parents have been marginalized, and the many concerns of the community have fallen on deaf ears. This school district is made up of diverse backgrounds from students that are black and white, to families that are rich and poor.

From parents who care so much about their children's education to parents who care so little. From children that are considered to have good behavior to those that are considered troubled.

It is the job of the board to assure that all students and all schools get equal treatment, equal resources, and overall a comparable education to their peers in other schools.

I realize that many of the problems associated with preventing this district from achieving its full potential can't really be put on the district's leadership. In understanding this I believe that the district must work with community agencies in order to benefit from the social services that they may be able to provide to parents and students. In addition, it is essential that the district do a better job on working to recruit parents in order to get them involved in Parent Teacher Organizations, and getting them to volunteer in their children's schools.

One way that I plan on addressing this concern is by putting resources into training Parent/Teacher organizations. I plan on strengthening relationships with commu-

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An Interview with Joseph Marrow Teens of the Future

By Michael Hayes
Minister of Culture

Joseph Marrow runs an organization called Teens of the Future which creates jobs for youth ages 11 to 19. The youth then provide yard services and other home chores for the city's elderly. The organization provides over 800 such services annually and has been in existence for 19 years.

Michael: What exactly is Teens of the Future?

Joseph Marrow: It's a program for youth between the ages of 11 and 19 years old to create jobs for them but also to provide services to the senior citizens of inner city Toledo at no cost.

Cut grass, rake leaves, shovel snow, clean windows and other minor house labor to put some work ethic back into our young men and ladies.

Michael: So they get paid, even though the economy is struggling..you're able to hire and pay teens?

Marrow: Yes. In this situation we show them how to do a lot of the work and then they understand that if you work you get paid. And that hopefully deters them from going out into the street and doing negative things for money.

Michael: This is amazing, sir. How long have you been doing this?

Marrow: Roughly 19

years.

Michael: How are you getting the word out about this program?

Marrow: Word of mouth, the kids tell their friends when they get a job.

Michael: How do seniors sign up for these services?

Marrow: The City of Toledo, the Area Office on Aging and people who donate money to the program...they have parents or loved ones who they would prefer not to have to go out and shovel their own snow.

Michael: You mentioned you have donors, have you found any grants that could help fund this program or is it just donations?

Marrow: We raise our money going door to door and people just contributing to our program. See...we are doing two things at once. We are helping senior citizens and putting teenagers to work.

Michael: When you envisioned this program 19 years ago...what issues in the community were you trying to address?

Marrow: Putting money in teens pockets and encouraging them to get an education.

We've had 15 or 16 teens go on to college, some have become entrepreneurs or have found careers in the military... we also tell them to be self-reliant and to count



on themselves. This all started one day when I was sitting on my porch and this 11 year old

named Andre came to my house and asked me for a dollar and I said "Why don't you get a job?" and he said "I'm not old enough."

And so I said, "well, would you rake my yard for a dollar?" and he said "yeah". So I said "Why do you want a dollar?" and he said "I just wanna buy me some ice cream."

contribution towards the program.

In 19 years that's all I've ever got. We are a 510(c)3 but we've never had any grants.

Just raise our money door to door in the communities around Toledo.

The teens go out with a door-to-door supervisor and we raise our money.

Which helps the teens learn how to communicate effectively and that helps them in life.

Michael: How many teens do you have working right now?

Marrow: We have 30 teenagers right now, they are all working on various days this week. They also have to maintain a C average in school and if they are failing or get suspended then they can't come to work because in the real world if you get in trouble or get arrested, you may lose your job.

Michael: That's excellent and, maan, you are employing 30 Toledo area teens right now!

The recession is so bad, jobs that have typically been youth-oriented jobs... a lot of

Adults have been applying for those jobs.. even me, I've applied for them.

The times are so rough and it's beautiful you are protecting their ability to work.

Marrow: If adults ask me

if I'm hiring I tell them "no."

We are trying to impart something to these children's character.

Michael : You are addressing social ills and providing economic stimulus to an under served segment of our economy. But what role do you see the parents of these teens playing in trying to impart wisdom? Because I've worked with youth and whatever you teach has to be maintained in the home in order for it to really work.

Marrow: That's a big problem right there because sometimes when you have kids that are in a certain environment 18 hours a day and they may only be around me three or four hours a day. Some of the kids really want to get out of that environment.

Michael: If you had to send a message to the parents of these teens in Toledo.. you've seen some of the situations that they the kids come from.. like, what would you say to the parents of these teens who are on the brink of making big mistakes in life?

Marrow: First thing I'd tell them is, "it's your fault!"

If you take time out to see what your kid is doing, take time out to talk to them...then you would know your kid. I'm not a babysitter.

A lot of parents need to discipline their kids.

Stop treating your kids like they don't do wrong.

Michael: If you could speak to all the teens in our area, what would you say?

Marrow: Respect your authority figures, get an education.

Take responsibility for your education.

Michael: How do the senior citizens of Toledo react to Teens of the Future?

Marrow: They love it! The only problem I have is
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the seniors want to feed the kids.

But it helps the seniors realize 'hey, all teens aren't bad.'

It helps the teens realize 'hey, old folks do know something.'

And the seniors may get out and show the teens, 'okay, this is how you plant a flower' and what not.

Michael: What do you need from the community to keep this program going?

Marrow: More dona-

tions or if I could find a grant writer...I'd be appreciative.

If I'm putting 30 kids to work now, with some more help I might be able to put 30 more kids to work. We could also use a van or other vehicle to transport the kids.

Michael: This is a wonderful program sir, thank you for your time.

Marrow: Thank you.

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Green

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nity partners to work with parents. In addition, I plan on working with other board members in order to add additional resources to the office of the ombudsman so that it may be able to assist in addressing community concerns.

I believe that underperforming schools need the most experienced teachers, and unfortunately the perception is that tenured teachers don't want to

go into those schools. I greatly believe that teachers throughout this district want the same thing that this community wants, and that is higher performing schools. But, the challenges of teaching in some of our central city schools are very complex, and if people feel that it would be less stressful by going somewhere else then what's to stop them. I am committed to working with the administration and the union to de-

velop a plan that will get the best and brightest teachers throughout the district into the schools that are performing the worst academically.

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NOTICE OF CITY OF TOLEDO REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS AND PROPOSALS

FOR LEASE AND MANAGEMENT OF THE OTTAWA, DETWILER AND COLLINS PARK MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSES

The City of Toledo ("City") issues this Request for Qualifications and Proposals (RFP) for the lease and/or management of the Ottawa Park, Detwiler Park and Collins Park Municipal Golf Course properties located in the City of Toledo, County of Lucas, State of Ohio ("Subject Properties"), for the purpose of operating and maintaining the municipal golf courses and making capital improvements thereto. Details of the RFP will be officially available on the City's website, www.toledo.oh.gov <<http://www.toledo.oh.gov>> on November 2, 2009 or interested proposers may request an RFP packet from the Department of Neighborhoods, Division of Recreation. RFP packets will not be available until November 2, 2009. Proposers may request an RFP packet in writing to:

City of Toledo
Department of Neighborhoods
Suite 1800
Toledo, Oh 43604
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Why I Am Running for The Toledo Board of Education

By Aji Green, Candidate
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parochial schools in hopes of finding a better place to learn. We continue to lose families to surrounding cities because of the shape that our schools are in as a whole. The lost of students translates into the reduction of funding, and given the outlook of TPS's financials for the next five years this district is in trouble.

It is of the utmost importance that the Toledo Board of Education act with all expedience to develop a plan right now to recruit the children that we have lost, and to retain the children that we currently have because more students means more funding. It is a sobering reality that given how far this nation have progressed over time that our schools are still funded based on the number of pupils each district has and how much money each district can raise through tax levies. So by putting a plan together to address the basic issue of recruitment and retention now, we may be able



to lessen the damage of going into the wallets and pocketbooks of the voters in Toledo.

I believe that it is the job of the board to strive as an institution to look past those differences in order to achieve the very essence of what it was created for, "To Serve The Public" however diverse it may be. I am not only committed to making sure that this happen, but also passionate about fighting for the futures of all of our chil-

dren, this community, this school district, and overall the City of Toledo. It is my hope that the voters of this city would vote for someone who truly have the interest of our children at heart. Someone who will work hard to bridge the gap and strengthen the relationship between the district and the community. I have a B.A. degree in Human Resources and Management, and I am working on a Dual Graduate degree in Law and Political Science. I have researched Education Finance, Teachers Unions, and Education Reform in Urban Communities. With my passion for fighting for working families and children, coupled with my education if I join the Toledo Board of Education I will be their voice that this community so desperately needs.

On November 3rd I ask the voters of this city to vote for me because I will be that person, and I will lead this community.

Owens Community College's Student Government Offers Free "Halloween Alternative" for Area Children, Oct. 30

Friendly ghosts, skeletons and witches will abound as Owens Community College hosts a variety of free games and activities as part of its fourth annual "Halloween Alternative" for children ages 12 and under on Friday, Oct. 30.

Sponsored by the College's Student Government, the child-friendly haunted evening will take place from 6-8 p.m. in the Student Health and Activities Center on the Toledo-area Campus. Owens is located on Oregon Road in Perrysburg Township. All activities are free and area residents are welcome to attend with their children.

"Owens Community College's 'Halloween Alternative' is a wonderful opportunity for families to enjoy an evening full of fun and entertainment in a safe, warm, indoor setting," said John Byers, Owens Manager of Student Activities. "Halloween is considered a very special day by many children. The College's Stu-



dent Government is proud to provide an event for the Northwest Ohio community that captures the Halloween spirit and excitement."

Children attending Owens' "Halloween Alternative" will be able to participate in a variety of arts and crafts during their visit, highlighted by coloring festive Halloween pictures, creating their own ghosts and drawing on keepsake pumpkins. Attendees also will be given a trick-or-treat bag to decorate with their favorite colors and unique Halloween designs. Throughout their haunted adventure, children can trick-or-treat for candy from Owens students and

travel through a haunted house.

Additionally, "Halloween Alternative" will include various refreshments and snacks for all attendees.

The College's Student Government is comprised of individuals who serve as the student body's voice on the Toledo-area and Findlay-area campuses. Balancing their time between school and work, Student Government members are constantly initiating new projects and events that cater to the interests of Owens' student body.

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