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This Strikes Us ...

A Sojourner's Truth Editorial

Now that the casino issue has won the approval of Ohio voters, what sort of dangers are presented by opening up gambling on a scale unprecedented in our state and region?

One of the great tragedies of our time has been our almost total abdication of the concept of accepting personal responsibility for our actions – in just about every conceivable aspect of our lives.

Part of that outcome comes about as a result of the rise of the modern welfare state. Part of that outcome is a price we should be willing to pay – it may be a small price to pay, in fact.

We long ago accepted the fact, to varying degrees depending on our political persuasions, that our governments exist, in no small part, to make the lives of all of their citizens better. We differ on just how much better we want some to benefit at the expense of others.

The 70-year old debate on universal health care, for example, which has obviously intensified over the last year, has certainly challenged our core beliefs in the role of government.

Let that go for the moment.

There is another role that government plays, along with several other institutions such as our churches, in monitoring and controlling, at least trying to control, our behavior.

Traditionally, it is the role of churches to comment on behavior and to instruct us in ways to control it – the Golden Rule, the 10 Commandments, etc, have always served as pretty useful guides in this respect.

When we take a look at all the vices, or potential vices, available to us these days, however, the question arises – just when do certain activities rise to the level of vice? For example, drinking a glass of wine with dinner is not a vice, most people would agree. Having a couple of shots and a beer for breakfast, every day, well ... now, that's a horse of a different color.

Similarly, gambling is not necessarily a vice. Gambling to excess most certainly is.

There were lots of reasons not to vote for the casino issue. Are casinos really going to bring in 34,000 jobs, should these two gaming operators – Penn National in Toledo and Columbus, Dan Gilbert in Cleveland and Cincinnati – have monopolies, do the chosen sites make the most sense, are the operators paying enough in taxes and fees?

But as for the aspect of personal responsibility, how much of our behavior should be dictated by our government entities?

It has been suggested, even in these pages on occasion, that church pastors should have rallied against the casino issue as part of their own responsibility to their congregations. There are attendant ills, after all.

But that's where we contend that personal responsibility should take center stage.

We supported Issue 3 because of the boost that casinos will bring to the local economy. We believe that folks are already gambling in a variety of forms – in other states, on state-run lotteries, at race tracks, illegally in many forms. We believe that a casino in this area changes the economic and entertainment dynamics enough to more than offset whatever attendant ills may follow.

We also believe that while pastors have a responsibility to counsel members of their congregations about the impact of their behavior, it is not the responsibility of the church to try to influence legislation in order to relieve their members of the consequences of free will.

Where would we stop if we tried to use such tactics to create a perfectly orderly, and sin-free society?

Do we urge shutting down bars, banning rock concerts, short skirts?

Does our society need to become the Western version of the Taliban? Do we cover women in burkas or decree that sporting events have no place in a society tightly controlled by religious zealots?

In all fairness, a call to pastors to urge members of their congregations to vote against casinos is not nearly at the level of the Taliban's excesses, but we certainly see a slippery slope of government and church control when we try to eliminate personal choices through an excess of legislation.

Community Calendar

December 7

Sexual Abuse PATH Coalition Meeting: 11:30 am to 1 pm; UT Scott Park Campus, Conference Rm 3920: 419-729-0245 or cece@myrnirvananow.org

December 12

Joy of Giving Dance: Hosted by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc Toledo Alumnae Chapter; Hot Peppers; 9:30 pm to 1 am; Food, cash bar and prizes: 419-530-3850 or ambershaun@yahoo.com

Holiday Concert: World Healing Center; 5 pm: 419-322-1199

December 13

Sixth Annual Messiah Sing-A-Long: Christ the Word Presbyterian Church; 7 pm; Soloists include Curtis Cook, Celesta Kirk, Sarah Dionne, Robert Fredrick and Don White; Toledo First Seventh Day Adventist First Church(419-329-1100

Nurses Guild Annual Candlelight Service: New Prospect Baptist Church; 4 pm; Speaker is Rev. Casey Diggins: 419-241-2624

Beulah Baptist Church's Friends and Family Day: 11 am; Mn Brandon Tucker Guest Preacher; Christmas dinner at 1 pm: 419-283-1028

The Josh Project 2nd Soufood Extravaganza: Sommerset Hall; 1 to 5 pm: 419-973-1383

December 16

Monroe St. Neighborhood Center Holiday Fun Fest Reading Program: 3:30 to 4:45 pm; K thru grade 6; Reading, storytelling, crafts, refreshments: 419-473-1167

December 18

St. Paul MBC Faith Friday: 7 pm; Speaker Rev. Allen Smith, associate minister

December 19

Holiday Toy Giveaway: Sponsored by Instant Tax Service; 10 am to 3 pm; Toys for children up to age 12: 419-725-2552

December 25

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December 26 – January 1

Kwanzaa 2009: "Hope, Change & Unity;" Wayman Palmer Community Center YMCA; Doors open 5 pm nightly: 419-471-1912

December 27

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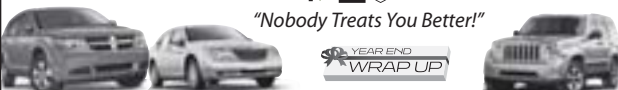


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How Personal Is Personal?

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



That is a question that I have been mulling over for the almost two weeks that rumors surrounding Tiger Woods' car accident and reported affair(s) began, culminating in wife Elin Nordegren's vacating the couple's mansion and his acknowledgment that "he let his family down with certain transgressions and 'personal failings' which should be shared by his family alone."

Given our fascination with sex and celebrity and a salacious appetite for the tawdry, unquenched by an endless supply of extramarital affairs and other scandals committed by athletes, preachers, politicians and public figures it is tempting (particularly for one with a religious title) to unleash a barrage of holier-than-thou accusations and stones of morality at Woods. However, his deeds, like those of everyone else, speak for

themselves.

What also should be readily apparent, despite carefully crafted corporate personas tied to endorsement mega-dollars, is the increasingly transactional nature of gender dynamics in the sports and entertainment world whereby sex is traded for celebrity.

What is not clear is who actually gains. Often, according to the 1999 movie, *Pimps Up, Ho's Down*, opportunistic groupies have always served as "payola for male accomplishment from the sanctity of the church pulpit to the basketball courts." Using a strategy of ego-intoxication and presenting themselves as a "metaphor for male sexual prowess," these groupies hustle and "collect public figures like baseball cards where there is always a story behind the acquisition."

Yet beyond the garish tabloid details of celebrity gossip and another cheating husband caught in an adulterous affair there are a few powerful gems that can be gleaned from the Woods spectacle by an African-American community where marriage has become a vanishing institution and the viability of its family life is severely threatened.

Here are a few pearls to take from the emerging scandal:

1. The low marriage rate in the African-American community is primarily fueled by the attitudes about sex outside of marriage held by black men but has a disastrous effect upon women and children.

Although Tiger Woods' wife and children, because of his enormous wealth, are not likely to descend into the abyss of abject poverty, the lack of strong and stable family systems makes African-Americans, and African-American children (whose fate is directly tied to black females) much more vulnerable to the devastating effects of poverty, disease and despair.

2. Media representations of women continue to embrace stereotypes about race and sexuality which portray sexual scripts for African-American women differently than those of the majority culture. Whether scandalous schemer or just a person who does not think twice about sleeping with a married man, individuals from one group are able to profit handsomely by writing or interviewing about the experience. The other group, while engaging in similar behavior, are often are often blamed for the nation's budget problems and labeled Welfare Queen, Baby Mama, Jezebel, Freak or Gold Digger according to

Freaks, Gold Diggers, Divas, and Dykes: The Sociohistorical Development of Adolescent African American Women's Sexual Scripts (Stephens and Phillips, 2003).

3. With a declining marriage rate and increasing divorce rate in the African-American community, we need fewer black male "players" and more "stayers" who will not only make the commitment to stay with their family but also be loyal in keeping the commitment.

4. If infidelity is the chief problem in African-American relationships, as scholar Orlando Patterson asserts, then black institutions, including but not limited to the church, must address the issue by emphatically "sending the message that fidelity in marriage is the expected norm" and that children raised in homes headed by their biological parents who are married are more likely to succeed than those who grow up in those where parents were divorced early on or never married.

5. While promoting the ideal of marriage, the pos-

sibilities for purposeful, healthy living for those not married should be stressed simultaneously.

6. High-profile sexual misconduct sends the message that infidelity and lack of responsibility is normative behavior. Therefore and perhaps most important of all, if African-American families are to be strengthened then those in leadership, with high visibility or who serve as role models should put their own house in order and keep it 'tight'.

7. Black women need to always have a plan.

8. Finally, to bear the weight and consequences of someone else's indiscretion(s) is especially painful but eventually visits

us all. However, there also comes a time to forgive, turn the page, close the book, move on, start over anew and survive.

Are Tiger Woods' personal discretions personal? Absolutely not. They affect many of us adversely and deeply. They affect his family, his accomplices, the general public and all of those who look up to him. Most of all, Woods - whose success has played a larger-than-life role in the pride of a despairing people - has allowed his indiscretions to affect the black community whose collective family system is in a struggle for its survival.

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Ricci Gardner: City's Economic Development Director at a Loss Over Second Port Rejection

By Fletcher Word
Sojourner's Truth Editor

"Some of the things I read were really disheartening," says Ricci Gardner, director of Economic Development for the City of Toledo for the past several months, former global logistics vice president for Dana Corporation and, earlier this year, one of the candidates for the presidency of the Toledo Lucas County Port Authority.

During the interview process for the Port Authority post, Gardner was told, as was the general public, that he was one of three finalists for the presidency. His competitors for the job were Sean Connaughton, a former maritime administrator for the U.S. Department of Transportation, and Michael Stolarczyk, a former executive with Excel, Inc. in Columbus.

Connaughton removed his name from contention as another position close to his Washington, D.C. home opened up, leaving Gardner and Stolarczyk as the top two candidates ... or so Gardner, among others, was led to believe.

Stolarczyk won the nod of the board of directors but even as he entered contract negotiations with the board, one of the board members, says Gardner, asked him to stand by, just in case negotiations with the top candi-



date reached an impasse.

In the event, the contract negotiations proceeded smoothly and Stolarczyk became the Port Authority's president – for a period of about six months. After that short period, a seemingly mutual agreement was reached for Stolarczyk to leave and, almost overnight, the board reached out for and appointed Paul Toth, vice president for finance, to the top post. Toth had previously served as interim president during the six-month search that culminated in the Stolarczyk appointment.

The hasty appointment surprised many, including the board's only African-American member, Bernard

"Pete" Culp, who voiced his considerable displeasure at the board's decision not to post the opening and accept candidates for the position.

Culp's reaction led Bill Carroll, chairman of the board, to re-cast the final order of candidates for the presidency. Carroll denied, in a statement to The Blade, that Gardner was one of the two top candidates.

"No one ever said Ricci Gardner was number two," Carroll told The Blade. "And so I don't know where [Culp] is getting that."

"That was a 360 degree turn from what I had been told," says Gardner reflecting on conversations he had as the board entered nego-

tiations months ago with Stolarczyk. "Back then, I was told 'stick around, these things don't always work out – if they don't we'll get back to you.'"

Gardner, who had been with Dana Corporation from 2002 to 2008, was by then reluctantly looking around the country for a job during the months after he was denied the Port Authority position. Reluctantly, that is, because of his family connections to the Toledo area – two daughters in nearby colleges, one – a talented and accomplished athlete – at a local high school entering her final year.

Then, with four months left in his administration, Toledo Mayor Carty Finkbeiner named Gardner as his director of economic development and Gardner put the Port Authority issue well behind him. At least he had put it behind him until he read the board members' more recent comments in the paper about his candidacy, most of which were at great variance with what he had been led to believe back in February.

"At some point, they have lied and challenged my character," he says.

Now, as he looks back on the process, Gardner, who will serve as economic development director, as of January 4, at the pleasure of the new mayor, Mike Bell, has some considerable misgivings which he had, for the most part, buried.

After the process was over, for example, he was told that the same board member who told him to "stick around," informed his fellow board members that Gardner had used profanity in his conversations with

the staff of the Port Authority in his meetings with them. That allegation, said Gardner, is unfounded.

And then there is the fact that Gardner never really had a chance to have any substantial interaction with a number of board members who were not on the search committee. Had they already made up their minds, he now wonders?

However, of the greatest concern to Gardner is his belief that he was actually a stronger candidate for the chief executive position than was Stolarczyk, who ultimately got the job.

"I felt I was a better-rounded executive, both in operations and in administration, than the other person," says Gardner. As Gardner evaluated his resume and that of Stolarczyk, he feels that Stolarczyk had more experience in shipping, but the presidency required someone with a broader perspective.

In fact, that is precisely what Carroll said the Port Authority needed back in January and what he said the three finalists possessed. In comparing the three to Toth, Carroll said they all possessed "broader experiences" than the interim president, Toth.

"My understanding was that they would want someone to take the operations into a difference direction, which would require more than one skill set," says Gardner, who speaks of his experience, on the vice president level, in logistics, human resources, product development and strategic planning compared to Stolarczyk's more limited experience in shipping.

Even when comparing

apples to apples in their respective resumes, Gardner, as noted by a third party whom The Truth asked to analyze the paperwork in an article three weeks ago (November 18), had international responsibility dwarfing Stolarczyk's. Stolarczyk ran an operation for his company that managed logistics in the Czech Republic. Gardner had global responsibilities.

"I can say without fear of successful contradiction that Ricci Gardner is the better choice on paper, by far," said George Wilkinson, president and COO of Walker International Transportation and former executive with General Motors for global logistics.

When The Truth attempted to speak with Carroll about the Toth appointment, the paper received a written statement from his office emphasizing the urgency of filling the post "swiftly" with "an experienced leader to stabilize the situation." Toth, who was judged to have fallen short in experience just 10 months earlier, was now termed "highly qualified," according to the statement.

In the wake of the initial hiring of Stolarczyk and the more recent appointment of Toth, the questions that trouble Gardner are: Was either process fairly handled? Was the board ever really prepared to appoint an African-American candidate to such an important position? Did the board overlook – twice – the more qualified candidate?

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Anita Lopez's Third Annual Fundraiser Held at Sofia Quintero Center

Sojourner's Truth Staff

Lucas County Auditor Anita Lopez held her annual fundraiser on December 3 at the Sofia Quintero Center. Nearly 250 people – supporters, family, friends, elected officials, Democratic Party members gathered to feast on a Mexican buffet and mark the unofficial kick-off of Lopez's 2010 campaign for re-election.

Lopez was first elected to the Auditor's office in 2006 after serving as Lucas County Recorder. She was first elected to office as a member of the Toledo Board of Education in 2001.



Jim Gant, Anita Lopez, Jimmy Jackson



(l. to r.) Gary Johnson, Adam Martinez, Mark Sobczak, Anita Lopez, Keila Cosme, Calvin Lawshe

Jesse Jackson Returns to The Glass City

Sojourner's Truth Staff

The Rev. Jesse Jackson returned to Toledo last week to press his calls for mass action to put an end to rampant foreclosures and high unemployment.

"We need to put Americans back to work," said Jackson during a news conference at his first stop at Jones at Gunckel Park Middle School. "Unemployment and poverty are rising, foreclosures are rising, student debt is rising. There must be a recommitment to these causes."

Jackson, introduced by seventh-grader Cardez Gregory, then addressed an audience of students in the school's gymnasium where he took them through his familiar call and response approach to warn them of the danger of getting caught in a cycle of drugs and violence.

"Kids still can dream," he had noted earlier. "They must not be diverted by danger or self-destructive ten-



dencies."

After Jones, Jackson headed to a gathering at the United Auto Workers Local 12 Hall and an audience of about 90 union members, elected officials and ministers where he asked those in attendance to help "Save the workers and save the families."

Jackson, founder and president of the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition, mentioned the war in Afghanistan on several occasions during his meeting with reporters, say-

ing that "we should do the same thing at home as in Afghanistan – secure the people."

Jackson noted the cost of continuing the battle in Afghanistan – approximately \$1 million annually per soldier – and suggested that this nation's priorities should be first directed internally.

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Local NANBPWC Club Hosts Holiday Celebration

By Artisha S. Lawson
Sojourner's Truth Reporter

December, of course, is when holiday celebrations begin. To join in this festive time of the year, the Maumee Bay Club of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. hosted Celebration of Praise, a program that featured several area youth-oriented ministries of various ages on Saturday, December 6, 2009 at the Maumee Indoor Theatre.

"Tiffany [Dunlap] and I have always been involved with dance, mostly hip hop, but there still needs to be time set aside for praising God. It doesn't have to always be about rap, there's nothing wrong with it – but there are also other forms of talent in Toledo. These youth here today are heading in the right path," said Shavaughn Archer, event chairman/club youth advisor.

Archer and co-chairman Tiffany Dunlap opened the program with an interpretive praise dance to a traditional church-beat dressed in all white attire with a hint of red. Total Praise of St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, which is located at 1502 N.



Detroit and under the pastor leadership of Rev. James H. Willis, was the first group presented. They had five praise dancers who offered

gifts as they danced during the performance. All Saints Episcopal Church of 563 Pinewood, under the pastoral leadership of Rev. Beverly Pasey, presented their youth praise dancers called All Saint Dancers and featured 10 ladies of various age groups who danced to an upbeat selection filled with energy.

"If you look at the faces of these young ladies and gentlemen here today on this stage, you can tell this isn't a performance, but true praise and worship," said Valerie Thompson, event mistress of ceremony.

Judah Dance Ministry of St Paul AME Zion on 954 Belmont included five ladies



who danced to a slow tempo selection. Solo mime Daniel Rice of Bibleway Temple of 2335 Collingwood, under the pastoral leadership of Bruce Mitchell brought the audience to their knees and brought tears to their eyes

during his inspirational interpretation. "That was for me, thank God for that. God knows I've been through so much, that message was for me," said Thompson.

Phillips Temple CME of 565 Pinewood, under pasto-

ral leadership of Chester Hicks featured their youth ministry called Hands of Praise which used signs and symbols to an upbeat selection. The four ladies from Mime in Motion from Indiana Avenue Missionary Baptist Church, located at 640 Indiana and under pastoral leader Rev. John E. Roberts, D. Min., incorporated mime movements to an upbeat Christian selection. Director Sheila Gibson's Positive Force Christian School of Dance featured eight ladies.

"Thank you for your support of this event, and look forward to this showcase next Christmas," said Trevor Black, club president.

The program also raffled off over a dozen door prizes to those in attendance including a luxury romantic basket. Nationally, NANBPWC Inc. was founded in 1935 by seven women business owners and has since emerged as a national non-profit organization in light of the need to promote and protect the interests of women business owners and professionals.

Locally, Maumee Bay Club President Trevor Black and 19 other members have adopted the theme: "Think Globally, Act Locally."



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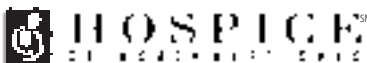
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Program (UMADAOP) of Lucas County; the Reverend Kenneth Rupert of the Toledo Correctional Institution and Harry Barlos, former Lucas County Commissioner and mayor of Maumee.

fears, barriers and obstacles to successful fatherhood.

"Too many people underestimate the important role that fathers play as parents," says Dean Sparks, executive direc-

toren who grow up without fathers end up at greater risk for a variety of ills, including violence, academic difficulties and drug abuse. Our community needs to do more to encourage fathers to be involved in their children's lives, and be there to help them when they need support," he adds.

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"Too many people underestimate the important role that fathers play as parents,"

Children Services) from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m.

WTOL-TV news anchor Jerry Anderson will facilitate the discussion. He will be joined by keynote speaker Bill Harris, a local financial consultant; a panel of three fatherhood advocates: Ernest Banks, prevention specialist for the Urban Minority Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Outreach

They will be joined by three fathers from the community. The discussion will include strategies to overcome the

tor of Lucas County Children Services. "They provide nurturing, guidance and inspiration in our children's lives, and chil-

FIRST LEGO Regional Tournament SMART MOVE Held Last Weekend

Special to The Truth

The eighth annual FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) LEGO League (FLL) Tournament was held this past Saturday, December 5, 2009 with 21 teams from northwest Ohio at The Toledo Technology Academy, 3301 Upton Avenue.

Teams were comprised of fourth to eighth graders and were judged in four categories: Design, Presentation, Teamwork and Robotics. The focus was on SMART MOVE missions, which is the theme of the 2009 FLL Tournament.

The winners of this year's event include: Against All Odds winner - Alpha Energy, the Rookie Award - Robohounds, and the Judge's Award - Springfield Middle School. The championship award went to the Transportation

Turtles and State Invitations were given to Titan Gold, Lego Tators, Whitehouse Warriors, as well as the Transportation Turtles. Titan Blue received the alternative award to attend states.


The December 5, 2009 tournament brought together public, private, charter and home-schooled students in teams of 10. Each student group presented twice in each category and the robotics competition was scored three times. The tournament was open to the public from 10-3 pm.

This is an international tournament, which was created 11 years ago by Dean Kamen, founder of the FIRST organization. This year the organizers celebrated its eighth year in Toledo, OH with teams ranging from Toledo Public Schools, Ottawa

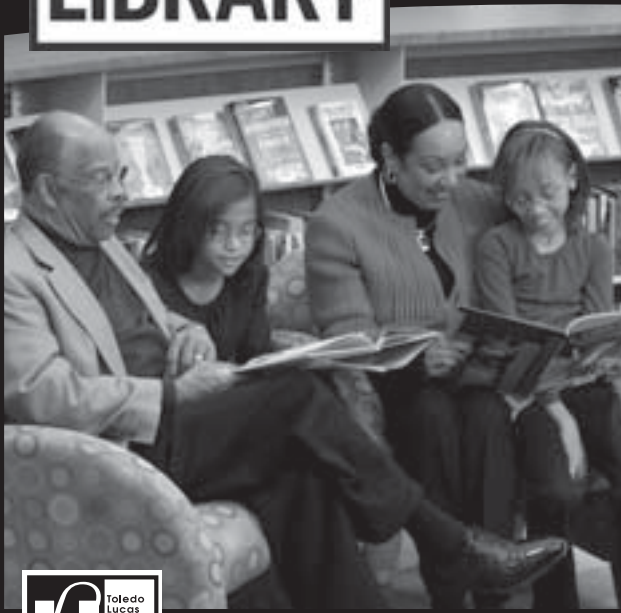
Hills, Private Schools, Springfield Public, and an all-girls team represented by the Girl Scouts of NE Ohio.


The funding for this year's tournament is made possible from a grant received from the Northwest Ohio Engineering and Technologies Education Foundation and is hosted by the Toledo Public Schools at the Toledo Technology Academy.

Partners In Education of Toledo is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization. The program Sponsorship of FLL are a part of the overall programs and services that Partners In Education provides to strengthen the academic success of all students by promoting success through community involvement.



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All Pro Dads' Day at Lincoln Academy

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Lincoln Academy for Boys held its first All Pro Dads' Breakfast on November 25. The breakfast brought together honor roll students and their parents for a bit of inspiration from the school's principal, Teresa Quinn, music by kindergartner Rasheed Spencer and an interactive session conducted by Mark Robinson.

"Let's continue to plant the seeds and support our boys so they can be successful and grow up to be productive citizens," Quinn told the parents in attendance.

Then young Rasheed dis-



Rasheed Spencer

played his drumming skills to the delight of his appreciative audience.

Robinson, who has been associated with the nationwide All Pro Dads, stressed the im-

portance of fathers and parents spending time with their children.

"Kids know how much importance you place in their lives by how much time you spend

with them," said Robinson.

The breakfasts for the event were provided by the McDonalds restaurant at Dorr and Collingwood.



Principal Teresa Quinn



Mark Robinson

Stewart Academy Re-opens Its Fifth Third Bank Branch

Sojourner's Truth Staff

The Fifth Third Bank branch at the Ella P. Stewart Academy for Girls is up and running for the second consecutive year.

Vice President Linda Ewing and Customer Service Representative Brooke Zientek were at the school on November 24 to help the students re-engage a process that saw as many as 33 students open savings accounts in the 2008-09 academic year for a total of over \$1,800 in the combined accounts. The ac-



Myrriah Russell and Monte Johnson

counts remained open over the summer.

On the opening day of this year's banking session, several dozen girls opened new accounts with the school's sixth grade service representatives.

"We are gearing kids up to understand the importance of financial management," said Ewing. "An understanding in the early years prepares them for high school and items such as credit cards. We've seen growth already. The sixth graders came in with goals such as knowing what they are saving for and they have written papers on how they want to help others."

The total number of depositors, to date, is 63, which includes a few teachers and staff at the school. Banking days are every other Tuesday.



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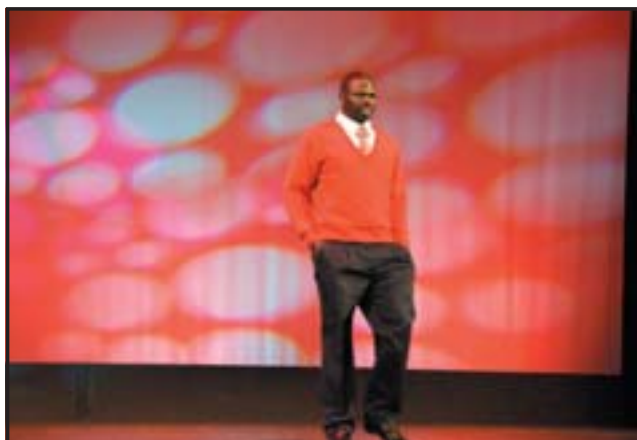
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Owens Black Student Union "Red Carpet Fashion Show" Raises Over \$750 in Support of Diabetes Awareness



L.B. Davis models red alert fashion in recognition of diabetes awareness during the fashion show at Owens.



"Red Carpet Fashion Show" models (L to R) Bridget Hanson, Charvette Benefield and Keyaira Smith pose for a photo prior to the start of the evening's festivities.

Hundreds of area residents recently experienced the latest in glamour, fashion, dance and music as Owens Community College's Black Student Union presented its second annual "Red Carpet Fashion Show." The evening festivities resulted in the student group raising over \$750 in support of diabetes awareness and research for the American Diabetes Association.

"Owens Community College's Black Student Union is proud to work with the American Diabetes Association and help raise

money for diabetes awareness and research," said Shawanda Johnson, Owens Black Student Union advisor.

Johnson added, "Our goal for the annual event is to help in the fight against this terrible disease. I want to thank all those individuals who made this year's 'Red Carpet Fashion Show' a huge success, and I encourage people to continue to promote and support diabetes awareness."

Attendees had the opportunity to view an array of clothing during the "Red Carpet Fashion Show" to sev-

eral themed fashion scenes such as winter/fall, children, hip hop, swim wear and red alert in recognition of diabetes awareness. Featured "Red Carpet Fashion Show" models included students at-

tending Owens, Toledo Public Schools and Winterfield Venture Charter Academy as well as community members.

Entertainment was provided by the Owens Dance Express Team and the nation-

ally-recognized performance groups House of Adonis of Toledo and All-Stars of Boston, among many others. Nationally-known comedian Darrell Banks served as the event host.

Additionally, Toledo's Glass City Church of Christ's Rev. Robert G. Birt Jr. shared insight into his own personal accounts with diabetes.

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University of Toledo Art Students to Present a City of Paris Exhibit at the Toledo Museum of Art

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This November a group of University of Toledo art students opened their exhibit, *Paris: City of Art* at the Toledo Museum of Art.

The exhibition will include artwork from the Museum collection depicting Paris as well as describing its history as an art capital of the world. Prints, paintings and sculpture by artists such as Honore Daumier, Charles Meryon, Edgar Degas and Toulouse Lautrec, as well as a never-before-exhibited World War II poster.

Paris: City of Art has been on view since Nov. 6 and will run through March 14, 2010 in the Works on Paper Galleries. Admission is free and open to the public, giving visitors a chance to "visit" Paris.

The students who curated the exhibition are members of a new Art Museum Practices course taught by Richard and Carolyn Putney. Both faculty members hold curatorial positions at the Toledo Museum of Art as well as teaching positions in the University of Toledo Art History Department. Their course was designed to teach the students how to create a museum exhibit as well as learn the history of Paris and the art of the city.

The students have spent the semester working with one another and the Museum to create their exhibit based on what they have been taught during the course. Visitors can watch how the installation is completed during the first few weeks of the exhibition.

The Museum is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday, Noon-6 p.m.; closed Mondays and major holidays. Friday evening hours are made possible by Fifth Third Bank. Admission to the Museum is always free.

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

Art Tatum African-American Resource Center's 20th Anniversary Celebration

Sojourner's Truth Staff



A Jazz Revue: "Tatum at Chicken Charlie's" was the highlight of the 20th Anniversary Celebration last Saturday, December 5, at the Art Tatum African-American Resource Center in the Toledo-Lucas County Library's Kent Branch.

Writer/Director Imelda Hunt, Ph.D., presented her tribute to Tatum by way of story-telling and music. The seamless production used the tales of Tatum's relatives and friends along with soundtracks of his recording to evoke an era of jazz innovation during which Toledo's best known musician dazzled audiences worldwide.

The afternoon celebration also included presen-

tations and recognitions by Margaret Danziger, deputy director of the Toledo Lucas County Library and by Melissa Jeter, librarian specialist of the Art Tatum African-American Resource Center.

Coming to the Kent Branch location are Kwanzaa: A Cel-

ebration of African-American Culture on Tuesday, December 15 at 6pm; Tatum Art Gallery Features - Ahmad Jacobs in December and the Omni Group in January and Edrene Cole's Oral History Collection on February 16 and March 9.



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Book Review

“GenBuY: How Tweens, Teens, and Twenty-Somethings are Revolutionizing Retail” by Kit Yarrow, PhD and Jayne O’Donnell

c.2009, Jossey-Bass \$24.95 / \$29.95 Canada 250 pages, includes index

*By Terri Schlichenmeyer
The Truth Contributor*

You’re not an old fogey. Far from it, but the young man walking in front of you at the mall the other day personified the words “generation gap”: specifically, a gap of five inches of fabric between the top of his jeans and the waistband of his drawers and there are two things you don’t understand. First, why can’t he pull up his pants? Secondly, why didn’t he buy those pants from you? You try to market to teens and 20-somethings, but they

walk in packs past your door without a glance and it doesn’t make sense. But when you read *GenBuY* by **Kit Yarrow, PhD and Jayne O’Donnell**, it will. No doubt, you’ve already noticed a dearth of youth in the aisles of your store, and

that’s a problem. According to Yarrow and O’Donnell, your “problem” is deeper than you think: Generation Y (everyone born between 1978 and 2000) is positioned to revolutionize the way shopping is done.

And, in a way, Baby Boomers gave them a push to do it. Unlike their parents and grandparents, Gen Yers are confident, the authors say, perhaps because they’ve been doted on by those same elders. They’ve never known a world without computers, so they’re incredibly “connected” and global. And because they’ve rarely had to wait for anything, they’re easily bored. “New” isn’t new enough.

These factors mean that Gen Yers don’t shop like anyone else in history. Shopping, for a tween, teen, or 20-something is a way of relaxation, a “vacation of the mind.” Gen Yers rarely shop

alone. And because they’ve grown up with brands, they’re fiercely loyal to their favorite ones.

But that doesn’t mean Gen Y won’t value individual style, and it doesn’t mean they won’t shop with budget in mind. Gen Yers love sales and, by the way, if your store champions a social cause, they’ll love that, too.

So what can you do to attract Generation Buy? First, fully embrace technology; Gen Yers can’t live without it. Recruit a peer champion; it’s better than advertising directly to Gen Y. Understand that what you did at that age is not even remotely like what Gen Y is experiencing. Keep things new. Get “real” and don’t force yourself on them. Suspend judgment. Engage and inspire.

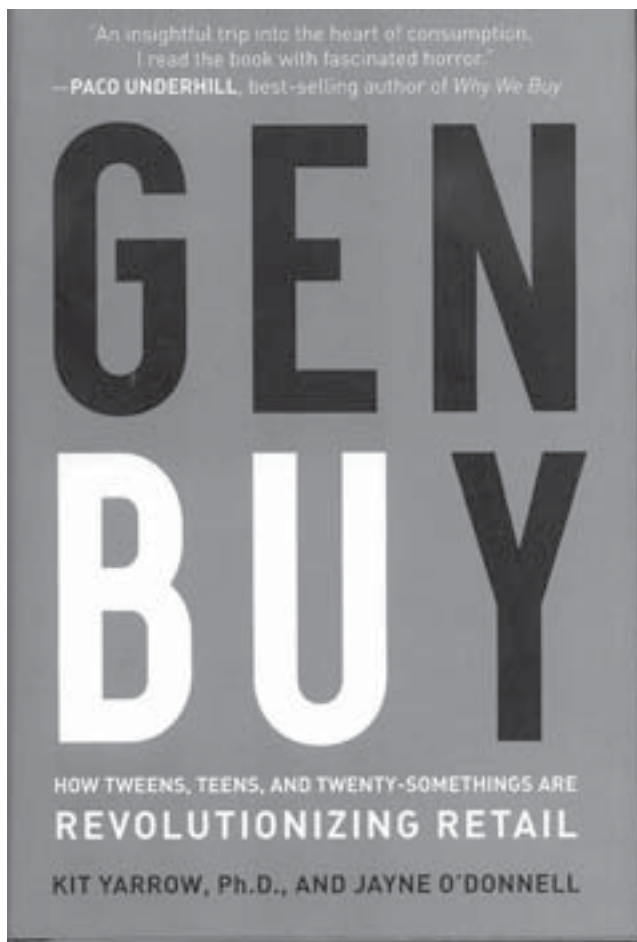
Remember when we were told to “never trust anyone over 30?” Well, guess what...

Using one-on-one interviews, mall visits, surveys, personal observations and expert opinions, authors Kit Yarrow and Jayne O’Donnell pulled together an eye-opening, light but informative marketing atlas for retailers wanting to tap into this emerging dynamic of shoppers.

I was fascinated by what the authors had to say, and very surprised. This tribe of consumers has already unobtrusively (yet, not-so-quietly) changed shopping, almost without the realization of the average Boomer or Gen Xer.

And there’s more to come.

This book is a shout to retailers wanting to stay in business and if that means you, then you need a copy of it. *GenBuY* will make you want to pull up your sleeves and make change.



INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority is seeking bids from qualified contractors to furnish all labor, materials, and equipment for the following three (3) projects. These jobs will be bid individually and should be identified by their job number. The walk-thru for all units will be on **Tuesday, December 15th, at 10:00am**. Interested parties should meet at 1151 Brooke Park. All bid openings will be held on **Wednesday, December 23, 2009 at 11:00am**.

Job Location	Job Number
1151-1157 Brooke Park	29115
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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.

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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You Need a Few More Holiday Shopping Tips? Buy More Books, Pt. 3

By Terri Schlichenmeyer
The Truth Contributor

You're still on a mission? Need a few more suggestions about holiday shopping?

You've been doing a bit of spying and stealth is the name of your game. Bravely, you've ventured forward in search of your prey, always aware, eyes constantly roving. You're not sure what your target looks like, but you're confident you'll know it when you see it. Able to leap tall trees in a single bound, speedier than shoppers at a buy-one-get-one bin, more powerful than a 75-percent-off sale, you're invincible.

Whew. Holiday shopping is hard work.

So how about some relief? How about one-stop shopping at your local bookstore? Here are some more great suggestions to get you going (and to shorten your gift-buying load)....

BUSINESSBOOKS

Someone on your gift list is always coming up with great ideas. Nurture those notions by wrapping up *The Genius Machine* by Gerald Sindell. This book is all about turning simple ideas into money-making blockbusters. Hint: wrap it up with a nice journal and watch what happens.... Also look for *How to Salvage More Millions From Your Small Business* by Ron Sturgeon. If your giftee wants riches, this book is a great place to start.

How does a businessperson get noticed? You can help by wrapping up *Step Into the Spotlight! A Guide to Getting Noticed by Tsuffit*. Using show biz analogies and amazing real-life examples of big corporations who've stepped out on a limb to do something different, this book offers a step-by-step method of making a splash in business and in life. Bonus: it's easy to read and fun, too.

In this economy, it's no surprise that someone on your list is thinking about starting a new business. Show your support by giving *The Accidental Entrepreneur* by Susan Urquhart-Brown. This book is filled with Wish-I'd-Know-That hints and tips from people who've been there and will definitely help on the business-building journey. Also look for *Profits Aren't Everything, They're the Only Thing by George Cloutier*. This book offers "rules" to follow to ensure that your business grows and succeeds in all the right places.

If your giftee is in advertising – particularly if she's a woman in a man's world – she'll enjoy reading *Ad Women by Juliann Sivulka*. This book is about women in advertising and how their decisions affect us all. It's a great book for businesspeople, as well as anyone who's fascinated by how ads influence consumers. Also check out *Rubies in the Orchard* by Lynda Resnick (with Francis Wilkinson), a book about branding and finding "hidden gems" in your company.

All business owners want people to talk about their company – in a good way. Wrap up *Satisfied Customers Tell Three Friends, Angry Customers Tell 3,000* by Pete Blackshaw, give it to the businessperson on your list, and ensure that the good stuff happens. Along the same lines, look for *It's Not What You Sell, It's What You Stand For* by Roy M. Spence, Jr. This book is meant for anyone who wants their business to excel and make a difference.

Believe it or not, your favorite entrepreneur has all he or she needs to be rich. Find out more by giving *Cash in a Flash* by Mark Victor Hansen and

Robert G. Allen. This is a book about filling the bank account when the economy and business is slow. There are lots of good ideas in here, and this book will make someone smile (and make them money). Take it a step further by wrapping up *Who's Your Gladys* by Marilyn Suttle and Lori Jo Vest. That's a book every businessperson needs, because it's how to turn all customers – even the most trying ones – into big fans.

New managers will enjoy getting *Leadership and the Sexes* by Michael Gurian with Barbara Annis. This book explains the science of gender and how knowing it can lead to success. Also look for *The Big Leap* by Gay Hendricks. That's a book about overcoming fears and getting ahead in life and in business.

If your giftee has experienced a lot of change this year (or anticipates some in 2010), wrap up *Managing Transitions: Making the Most of Change, 3rd edition* by William Bridges, Ph.D. Revised to reflect a new work environment, this book includes thought-provoking quizzes to get that businessperson back on track in the new year.

If you're looking for a gift for someone who once loved to play the stock market, then wrap up *F Wall Street* by Joe Ponzio. This is an in-your-face, common-sense book about investing, and it includes lots of good ideas.

Any businessperson who needs motivation must have *I Am Potential* by Patrick Henry Hughes. Born with a rare genetic disorder, the author of this book doesn't let anything stop him. Not only is this a book that puts things into perspective, but it's also a darn good story. Also look for *Happiness from the Inside Out* by Robert Mack, which is about living a better life by knowing yourself from within.

Every business owner loves it when those "EUREKA" moments happen. Help your favorite businessperson to get more of those by wrapping up *The Eureka! Enigma* by Ron G. Holland. This book unlocks the keys to complete

success and is easy to read with small chapters. Also check out *Coaching and Mentoring* by Jane Renton because giving is a good way of getting.

Because doing business means crossing the ocean sometimes, somebody on your gift list would appreciate a little help in that department. So here's something to wrap up: *Africa: Strictly Business* by Rosalind Kilkenny McLymont. This serious book is a look at how business cultures work in Africa, including agriculture, technology, and medical advances. Hint: wrap this up inside a nice, airport-safe briefcase. Also look for *How to Say It: Doing Business in Latin America* by Kevin Michael Diran, Ed.D. This book is a must-have for anyone in business; it's small enough to tuck in a briefcase or pocket, it includes etiquette and cultural things you should know, and it's written in an easy-to-use format.

The inventor on your gift list will truly appreciate getting *The Genie in the Machine* by Robert Plotkin. This provocative book promises to explain the new revolution in artificial invention (you read that right) and

CANADIAN AUTHORS
Everybody loves trivia, and *The Big Book of Canadian Trivia* by Mark Kearney and Randy Ray will be well-thumbed-through when you give it as a gift. This huge book is filled with tidbits of knowledge, quizzes, information, and it's a lot of fun to read.

Where does country music come from? If that's a question that needs answering this holiday season, look for *Whispering Pines: The Northern Roots of American Music... From Hank Snow to The Band* by Jason Schneider. This fascinating book is a look at how music has "crossed the borders" and back, and your giftee will recognize lots of names in this book.

Does someone on your list long for a vacation retreat? He or she might think twice if you wrap up *The Weekend Effect* by Robert William Sandford. This small book – a

plea, really – packs a lot of big ideas; mainly that we need small towns and undeveloped areas. Hint: wrap it up inside a backpack because it might inspire someone to go hiking.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS
Do you have a star-gazer on your gifts list. If so, wrap up *Out of This World* by Jacob Berkowitz. Meant for young astronomers ages seven to 11, this book has pictures and loads of information sure to put stars in their eyes.

What three-year-old boy isn't fascinated by big machines? If your little guy loves big tractors, then he'll love *John Deere Big Book of Tractors* by Heather Alexander. This gigantic book is filled with photos and a surprising amount of read-aloud for kids up to age six.

If you've got a girl age six to 12 on your holiday list, you know how much she wants a horse. Give her the next best thing by wrapping up *The Mystery Stallion* by Sharon Siamon. In this, the first in the Wild Horse Creek series, 13-year-old twins Sophie and Liv are spending spring break in Arizona, taking care of their grandparents' herd. But mystery is afoot and your young horse-lover will want to read all about it.

Junior scientists will love to read *Hoaxed! Fakes & Mistakes in the World of Science* by the Editors of YES Magazine. Are crop circles real? What about aliens, Bigfoot, the "missing link" and Pilt-down Man? Kids want to know. Wrapping this book up as a gift is no mistake. Also look for *The Handy Answer Book for Kids (and Parents), Second Edition* by Gina Misiroglu. This easy-to-use book – a supplement to the first edition – will satisfy your child's curiosity (and yours!)

Big dreamers will enjoy reading *If America Were a Village* by David J. Smith, illustrated by Shelagh Armstrong. What would your town look like if America was boiled down to just one town? The possibilities are fascinating, and kids ages seven-to-12 with big imaginations will enjoy reading what's inside this book. Also look for *How to Build*

Your Own Country by Valerie Wyatt, illustrated by Fred Rix. Along the same lines, this is a great book for royalty-wannabe's.

If you've got a baseball fan who also likes creepy things, look for *The Prince of Fenway Park* by Julianna Baggott. In this novel for (mostly) boys ages 10 and up, there's a curse on the Red Sox and Fenway Park. It's up to an orphan with guts to fix the problem. Another book for baseball fans is *Full Count* by Brad Herzog, illustrated by Bruce Langton. That's a book for littler ball fans, ages three to eight.

Another book that boys will want to read is *Swords by Ben Boos*. This beautiful book is filled with drawings and information about these ancient weapons. Also look for *X Doesn't Mark the Spot* by Ed Butts. This book is about pirates, gold, buried treasure and loot!

It's hard to find books for teenage boys sometimes, but *Stepping Up* by Mark Fink fills the bill nicely. This book about "average" Ernie is about life and basketball (not necessarily in that order) and is great for boys 12-to-15.

For kids who love silly rhymes, you can't go wrong with *My Teacher Dances on the Desk* by Eugene Gagliano, illustrated by Tatjana Mai-Wyss. Kids seven-to-10 will enjoy the poetry in this book, and the drawings only add to the fun.

For late-grade-schoolers who love camping, wrap up *Touch of the Tide Pool, Crack of the Glacier* by Mike Graf, illustrated by Marjorie Leggett. This book, set in Olympic National Park, is another in the continuing adventures of the Parker twins and their parents, and includes real useful information for your adventurer. Also look for *Get Out!* by Judy Molland, which is a book about ways your child can enjoy nature and "go green".

If you're looking for a gift for a little one who's just learning about books, here's a trio of great possibilities: *The Little Green Pea* by Alison Barber, illustrated by Paige Keiser is a rhyming story of a pea who

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Is The Music Industry Ready For Adam Lambert? Are WE?

By Michael Hayes
Minister of Culture



Coming out of the closet before even coming out with a single, American Idol runner-up Adam Lambert has entered the world of the major music industry amid a torrent of controversy.

The music world has seen openly gay male performers before, but that has usually been after they have established themselves as musicians first.

Honestly, Elton John's catalog of music is so important that I don't think anyone would even care if dude was a Martian... much less a homosexual.

However, Adam Lambert is challenging pop fans and to some extent the larger American society to embrace him, his sexuality and his music all in one fell swoop.

I write this article as if I'm speaking to friends, so you guys should know me well enough to know I judge artistry first.

From a producer's standpoint Adam Lambert displayed nearly perfect vocals on Idol. Hitting notes in full voice most singers can't hit falsetto.

He had just natural vocal superiority over most other contestants, and I wanted him to win for that reason. When Kris Allen was declared victor, loyal Adam supporters voiced outrage all throughout the blogosphere.

Now here's the question, were people feeling upset because he was obviously the better singer?

Or were people feeling like he would've won based on talent, but him being a gay man just wasn't in American Idol's best interest so they gave it to the less talented but heterosexual other guy?

I honestly didn't know until he came out and admitted it after Idol was over. Fast forward to the

American Music Awards in late November 2009.

I was shocked that they let Adam Lambert close the entire show seeing as how we was the runner up (not the winner) on Idol and once again he still has no charted single or album successes to his solo career.

But shocked as I was when Ryan Seacrest announced him, the shock exponentially rose while watching Adam Lambert's performance.

A man rubbing another man's face in his crotch.

A man mouth-on-mouth kissing another man on stage.

Adam Lambert's leather and whip-filled performance was more than just edgy. Some found it offensive, some found it distasteful.

Some found no problem with it whatsoever.

Days later, his scheduled performance on Good Morning America was banned. Weeks later he performed and was interviewed by Ellen Degeneres.

Once again, from an artist's perspective FIRST and foremost, I hated his song "For Your Entertain-

ment" on the AMA's.

I know he's trying to be the uber-glam male Lady Gaga, I understand Shock-Pop... but it was a horrible, horrible song.

Now... his song "Whataya Want From Me?" on Ellen, was brilliant!

Beautifully sang and I love the production and lyrics.

Okay, outside of the music... there's a larger issue being addressed.

If Madonna & Britney can kiss during the MTV Awards and no one says a thing, does that give someone like Adam Lambert a right to claim discrimination?

If music videos, pop culture and now teen culture can graciously accept gratuitous female-on-female sexual innuendo, does that mean our entertainment world has to now accept male-on-male stuff, too?

Is it intolerant to say that... for instance, I'd rather see

Beyonce & Shakira roll-

ing around on the floor together in a video rather than...hell, I don't know... any two men ever?

Is that intolerant?

Is the issue of gay rights the same issue as civil rights?

If racial minorities can have a legitimate claim of discrimination and have a way to demand fairness in treatment, can alternative lifestyle minorities do the same?

From the looks of things this guy is going to continue to push the envelope until our comfort zone has been breached.

His CD cover alone is a blatant "look at me, I'm gay...deal with it" message.

I'm not picking sides. I'll remind you again, my FOREMOST interest on the Adam Lambert subject is purely, can dude make good music or not.

Because before all this came out, I didn't watch Idol but when he was on I'd at least turn it up and hold off channel surfing for

a minute or two.

Either way, America is going to have to decide if we are ready for an openly gay male pop star.

But on a personal note, I wasn't mad at Madonna and Britney... not at all!

Around Toledo:

Once again, the local music/entertainment scene is having issues. Some really quality people are considering retirement, or leaving because of the lack of professionalism by those in this city who call themselves a part of the music scene. I'm fed up with the lack of professionalism here. There's gonna be a time soon, when we draw a line in the sand... anyone on some dumb mess, you will be black listed. (certain people reading this, I know y'all feel the same way... and it's time for us to make a collective stand before these other fools ruin what those before us took many years to build).
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Books

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wants to be a tree. For kitty-cat lovers, *Where to Sleep* by **Kandy Radzinski** is a cute bedtime story. And *Moose on the Loose* by **Kathy-jo Wargin**, illustrated by **John Bendall-Brunello** is a silly story, also in rhyme, about having an antlered one around the house.

Being a kid isn't easy, and bullying makes it doubly hard. If you've got a kid who's struggling, *I Am Jack* by **Susanne Gervay**, illustrated by **Cathy Wilcox** may make him (or her)

feel a little bit better. Jack is a boy who has it all, until a kid in school starts trouble. Hint: give this book to a teacher, too.

Kids love fun-to-know science and *You Are Weird* by **Diane Swanson**, illustrated by **Kathy Boake** has it in spades. This book is filled with freaky facts about eyeballs, teeth, why kids don't have tails, and what happens if they have extra body parts (or are missing others!).

If you're looking for a book that your younger child will

enjoy but that your older kid will want to read, too, look for *B is for Battle Cry: A Civil War Alphabet* by **Patricia Bauer**, illustrated by **David Geister**. This book about the Civil War is actually written in two parts: a picture book for kids two-to-eight and a history book for kids eight-to-12. Hint: you can't go wrong giving this to a grown-up Civil War buff, either.

If someone you know is getting engaged this year, here's a book for little sister,

cousin, or stepdaughter-to-be: *How to Get Married by Me and the Bride* by **Sally Lloyd-Jones** and **Sue Heap**. This cute book is about marriage, from the perspective of a little girl who has some pretty cute insight. Not only is this a good book for a little girl, it would also be a good shower gift for a big girl, too.

What's an allowance for, except to spend, right? How about spending it on *The Richest Kids in America* by **Mark**

Victor Hansen. This book is all about kids who had great ideas and who made those ideas pay off. Wrap this one up for your young future tycoon or the next generation of businessperson in your household.

If your fantasy fan isn't finding books fast enough, then try *Children of the Dawndland* by **Kathleen O'Neal Gear** and **W. Michael Gear**. This book, set in the Ice Age, is a good way to introduce kids ages 12-and-up to this genre and to these au-

thors. Hint: it's not just for kids. Adult fans of the Gears' work will love this book, too.

And there you are - something for pretty much everybody you need to buy for, at tiny non-budget-busting prices. And if none of these books are perfect, be sure to ask your favorite bookseller for his or her expert help because, hey! That's what they're paid to know, right?

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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):

Site Improvements at TenEyck Tower
Job Number 29111
Walk-Thru Date December 11, 2009 @ 10:00am
Bid Opening Date December 17, 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. The document can also be downloaded from our website at www.lucasmha.org, however, drawings will need to be picked up.

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.

The 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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The Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority is seeking bids from qualified contractors to furnish all labor, materials, and equipment for the following twelve (12) projects. These jobs will be bid individually and should be identified by their job number. The walk-thru for all units will be on **Wednesday, December 16th**, at 10:00am. Interested parties should meet at 4008 Isadore Lane, located off Sylvania Avenue. All bid openings will be held on **Wednesday, December 30, 2009 at 11:00am**.

Job Location	Job Number
4008-4024 Isadore Lane	29118
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4054-4118 Isadore Lane	29120
4124-4132 Isadore Lane	29121
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Job Location	Job Number	Walk-Thru Date	Bid Opening Date
Ten Eyck Tower (roof replacement)	29106	12/16/09 @ 10:00am	12/30/09 @ 1:00pm
Dorrell Manor (roof replacement)	29105	12/16/09 @ 12:00pm	12/30/09 @ 1:00pm
Ashley Arms (generator, parking lot)	29130	12/17/09 @ 10:00am	01/07/10 @ 11:00am

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Christmas Is For Archousai

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Black tie and evening gowns are always the proper attire for the Sigma Pi Phi Alpha Phi Boule's annual Christmas event. And, as always, the theme of the festivity is "Christmas Is for Archousai," as the Boule Archons honor their significant others during the holiday season.

On Saturday, December 5, two dozen Boule Archons and their Archousai, along with another 50 or so invited guests, kicked off the holidays at Central Park West with dinner, a recognition of past Boule leaders (Sire Archons) and lots of music and dancing, of course.

The evening's highlight was the special recognition of retired Judge Robert V. Franklin, a longtime Boule member who paved the way on the bench for



current judges such as Charles Doneghy and C. Allen McConnell. Both Doneghy and McConnell are also Boule Archons and they led the presentation to their long-time mentor.

"[Judge Franklin] has been a pioneer in our organization," said McConnell during his remarks.

"He was raised to believe that we are on this earth to share the blessings that God has given us," said Doneghy.

Calvin Lawshe has served the past two years as Sire Archon. Coming into that post is Sire Archon-elect Alfred A. Baker.

The rest of the Boule's officers are Richard E. Jackson, Grammateus; Thomas Winston, Thesauristes; Jason Ofori, Grapier and Derick L. Gant, Agogos.



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