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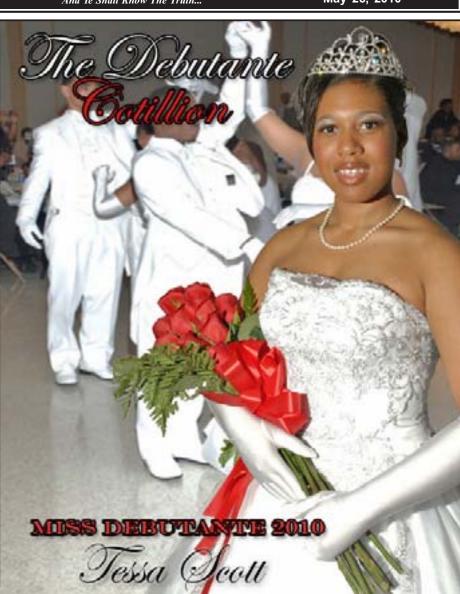
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This Strikes Us ...

A Sojourner's Truth Editorial

We always have to be able to put the performance of our public schools into some kind of perspective.

As recent events have shown us, the Toledo Public Schools district leadership is an absolute mess. Not much has gone right during the last number of months as the school board and the administration have made a mockery of how they have handled issues such as the budget deficit, the decision on whether or not to close Libbey High School, the failed tax levy and, now, the hiring of a superintendent.

Did the school board members really want to get that tax levy passed? What a dismal effort they gave on that one.

Now they are in the process of hiring a superintendent and asking for community input *after* they have stopped taking applications for the position.

Yet in spite of these difficulties, teachers – most of whom are very good at what they do – are still in the classroom. Students are still attending, even as the numbers diminish, and many will go on to institutions of higher learning although we would wish that many of that number were better prepared.

Regardless of the budget and leadership issues facing the district, the key issue has been, and always will be, academic achievement and, in that regard, Toledo Public Schools are admittedly found wanting.

But while there's so much to be done to improve our public schools, there's an even more important task facing Toledoans. That is the improvement needed, as a community, outside of the public school classroom.

Our public schools have our children from kindergarten to the 12th grade – if they are lucky – for five or six hours a day. The community must take responsibility for the rest of the educational process. That would include, first, preparing the very young to enter school.

The rest of the process includes ensuring that children attend school, that they understand why they are attending, that they understand the necessity of not limiting the learning process to those few hours they are in the classroom and that extra hours of instruction – either after school or in the summer time – are made available to them if they so need.

Head Start, for example, can help with the first part of the process – preparing the very young. Unfortunately, our Head Start in Toledo gets uneven reviews, in great part because kids start that phase of the educational process far too late.

Yes, three years of age is far too late.

Studies have shown that lower income kids by the age of three have, on average, a vocabulary of 550 words. Kids from upper income families, on average, have at the same age a vocabulary of more than 1,100 words. Parents in upper income brackets talk to their kids more, talk to them in complete sentences more often, answer questions more fully and, above all, read to them more often. These activities – starting in the womb, really – make all the difference in the early educational process.

Children from lower income families – again, on average, we emphasize – start school at a severe disadvantage. Can this disadvantage be overcome? Most certainly, but not, on average, within the framework of our current educational structure.

What we need, in this city and in most places around the nation, is a change in attitude and a change in culture.

We need, as Geoffrey Canada of the Harlem Children's Zone points out, to place our children on an educational conveyer belt starting during the prenatal phase of their lives and continuing through to their young adult years.

We need to develop the ability, as a community, to bring parents-to-be into the classroom and teach them how to teach their children during the early years. We need to get those kids fresh out of the womb and through their first three years into programs such as Early Head Start.

Then we need to continue to monitor progress of those children – all of those children. After school programs, summer school – year after year – just as if they were on a conveyer belt.

Here's the critical part, the community needs to do this. Businesses need to pitch in, volunteers need to step up, community organizations to coordinate activities among themselves, educational institutions need to work with the community to see to it that their resources – student teachers, research, e.g. – are made available.

We are not contending that our public schools should not be scrutinized. Indeed they should.

However, if we want our teachers to teach and not have to devote so much of their time to being surrogate parents, social workers and police officers in the classroom, we, as a community, must relieve them of a good deal of that burden.



Community Calendar

May 25-27

Macedonia Baptist Church Word and Worship Explosion 2010: 7 pm nightly; Speakers Pastor Clifford Mayes of Macedonia, Pastor Shane Rainer of Shiloh and Pastor Jonathon Tucker of New Life: 419-242-8700

May 26-28

Jerusalem Baptist Church: $60^{\rm th}$ Anniversary Celebration; Guest Revivalist Rev. Charles Emery of Gary IN; 7 pm nightly

May 27-28

Fifth Third Bank's Homeownership Mobile: Dorr Street Brownstones; 2 to 8 pm; Credit counseling, home financing and refinancing options, foreclosure prevention information:419-259-6988

May 28

Macedonia Ministry Appreciation Musical: 7 pm; Featuring Macedonia Mass Choir

May 30

New Prospect MBC Musical: Presenting various groups from around Toledo; 4 pm

June 1

City Wide Missionary Fellowship: Indiana Avenue MBC; 7 pm: 419-536-3887

June 3

Brighten Up Community Meeting: The Padua Center; 6 pm

June 4

Jerusalem MBC 60th Anniversary Celebration: Featuring the Bolton Brothers of Alabama, The Glorious Sons of Rochester, NY, Men Who Will of Detroit and Queens of Harmony of Toledo

June 5

Women Blessing Women Spring Blessings: Fashion show and luncheon; Keynote Speaker U.S. Rep Marcy Kaptur; Lourdes College Gymnasium; 11 am to 2 pm: 419-241-9789

Second Annual Urban Chicken Festival: Behind the Padua Center; Raffles, rummage sale, bargains and entertainment; BBQ chicken; 1 to 5 pm: 419-241-6465 or www.paduacenter.org

June 6

New Prospect MBC 45th Church Anniversary: 4 pm service; Guests Pastor John Harris and Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church

Isaiah Thomas Giving Foundation: A Walk to Remember; Ottawa Park @ The Big Shelter; 8 am registration; 9:45 am – walk begins; A walk to give remembrance to those who lost their lives drowning: 419-973-3975

Southern MBC Concert: In memory of the late Rev. Robert Wormely; "Heaven Is Where I'llBe;"6pm:419-244-2822

June 11

TPS Adult Education Graduation: "Knowledge Is Power;" Summit Annex; Practical nursing, barber academy, nurse's aide and aviation; 5 pm

June 12

Bereavement Meting: West Toledo Bereavement Support Ministry; Bethlehem Baptist Church; 10 am: 419-867-2122

June 14

Discussion Circle: Support and sisterly love for women incest, child sexual abuse and rape survivors; 5:30 to 7:30 pm; Elizabeth House; Learn about "The Acceptances, the Promises and Permissions and Trigger Busters:" 419-729-0245

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Take Your Place

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



My life, my real life, was in danger, and not from anything other people might do but from the hatred carried in my own heart.

-Haki R. Madhubuti

Popular film-maker Tyler Perry, through his comedydramas, has the unique gift of being able to identify and apply a soothing and healing touch to the most sensitive and painful parts of our communal life.

One of his most memorable scenes is taken from the 2006 production Madea's Family Reunion. At the reunion, held at the home of a 96-year-old matriarch, a verbal confrontation leads to a family fistfight. The fight is broken up when the family members convene outside an old shack the family's ancestors grew up in. The dismay of the older members at how the family has turned out is expressed by the elderly Miss Myrtle (Cicely Tyson), who sermonizes:

"Family reunions are about uniting the family. bringing together the young and old. As we marched up the road this afternoon, what we saw were young men gambling, fighting, cussing; Women with no clothes on, gyrating all over on this land. Is this what we died for?

"Do you see this shack? The man and woman who were born here gave birth to this generation. They were slaves. They worked this ground, but they bought it from the widow of the slave owner. That's the kind of blood we have running though our veins.

"What happened to us? What happened to the pride and the dignity and the love and respect that we had for one another? Where did it go?"

That was the question on

my mind as I tried to make sense of an incident reported in last week's Toledo Blade where a black teenager was charged by police with felonious assault and drug abuse after he allegedly pushed, choked and stabbed his mother with a butcher knife because she arrived home about 1 a.m. with food for herself but absent a cheeseburger or snack for him.

Is this - the black-onblack and family violence perpetrated primarily by angry young black males-what Rosa Parks sat down for? Or King, Malcolm and others sacrificially died? And what thousands marched for and millions more in various ways continued the struggle for dignity through the post-civil rights period up to this stillyet-to-be post-racial or posthuman rights era?

What happened?

Daniel Moynihan's historic 1965 War on Poverty Report posits the blame for African-American the community's problems upon the breakdown of the patriarchal nuclear family structure. Yet Moynihan does not account for the social conditions such as the denial of jobs and access to mobility which forced African-American men into degradation, the impact of slavery where it was illegal for blacks to marry and the later denial to black families of the legal rights and protections that others enjoved. He ignored even the success of alternative family structures developed by African-Americans. In fact, the patriarchal nuclear family structure can be calamitous if abuse or other forms of dys-

function are present. Yet according to scholars such as Lee Butler Jr., PhD. the main determinant for the rage and violence of many black boys may be the lack of an appropriate image of manhood or fatherhood. "The relationships between fathers and sons and men and boys lay the foundation for manhood," he states.

Professor Na'im Akbar (1991) adds, "There is a lack of proper information about our true heritage. There is an absence of images in the media and every place else which could begin to inform our children about their potential strength to change things."

What is currently needed for young black males whose vision of black manhood is often skewed by media presentations and who eventually become too large or physically strong for their mothers to adequately discipline?

Butler believes that men from the community, church, mosque or synagogue "must be responsible participants in the lives of sons and boys by teaching them the Ecclesiastical lesson of 'a time for everything under heaven and also how to take a stand for what is right, good, and true about themselves and the world in which we live."

What also is needed are "Institutions that re-define our reality," according to Akbar, with brother to brother, man to man conversations about what it means to be black and American men in order to replace the unhealthy media-generated ste (Continued on Page 12)

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Yes, We Can and, Yes, We Should...!

By Lafe Tolliver, Esq Guest Column



In light of the recent failure of the school levy, Toledo Public Schools have a Herculean job to accomplish. It will take a lot of moxie and verve for a new school superintendent to step into a milieu of mishmash created over the decades that has boxed in the public schools which are seen as a last resort for those who do not have the monies to bail out and take their child to a private or a successfully performing Catholic educational shop.

Let's not delude anyone. For any new superintendent to come to Toledo he or she must either be a glutton for punishment or he or she wants to brave a new world of educational innovations.

That is how grim the soup the local public schools are now stewing in. We need new wine in new wineskins.

The myriad of needed answers will not be an overnight wonder because the systemic problems were not created overnight but were decades in the making and a lot was due to simple neglect, ongoing petty school turf politics, power plays and unchecked egos.

So, with that said, I will give my recommendations as to what is needed to be done to start the process of getting the public schools to be competitive with any private, charter or parochial school.

(1) Reign in the union contracts, attendant benefits and bloated administration salaries. If you are serious about cost cutting, the union contracts and the benefits including fat cat pension payments must be re-considered and be on the chopping block. That also includes any nebulous consulting contracts and any sweetheart agreements with third parties and outside suppliers.

You simply cannot have the same administrative offices you had 10-15 years ago

enrollments, you still have the same offices and the same bloated salaries and office titles

legal services contracts to the lowest bidder. No single law firm should have a permanent chair at the money trough which is funded by the taxpayer. Open up the bidding process!

(2) Pay for Results: Give competent teachers who know how to teach scaled monetary increases for producing scholars and not just passing Shauntae and Demarcus on to the next level. No more "social promotions." No one benefits from that foolishness. School administrator salaries need to be readjusted...up and/or down depending upon overall productivity.

Local industry needs to mentor and adopt schools and interface with them to make sure that needed skills are taught and academic competence is the norm.

This stuff about schools being in academic emergency or academic watch for years and years is a ball and chain (Continued on Page 10)

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46th Annual Debutante Cotillion Introduces Girls to Womanhood

By Brittany Jones Sojourner's Truth Reporter



Every culture has a way of inducting young girls into womanhood. The Cotillion is one of those practices.

The National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Toledo Chapter Inc (NANBPWC) presented its 46th Annual Debutante Cotillion at the Great Hall of the Stranahan Theater on May 22 and family, friends and sponsors gathered to witness the parade of the "cream of the crop" representing high schools from Toledo and surrounding areas.

Toledo City Council President Wilma Brown, Cotillion chairman, said that, as always, forms were sent out to area schools and then the officials would find girls who qualify to participate.

With 11 weeks of rehearsal under their belts and multiple events they had to attend such as an "introduction to womanhood" workshop, a talent competition and a mother-daughter luncheon,

selves with instruction from Leola Haynes, Debs-in-Waiting chairman. The time arrived for the

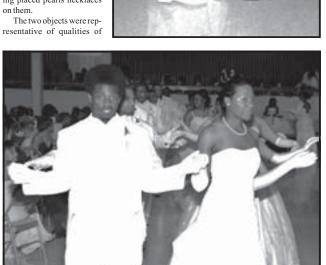
when they introduced them-

2010 Cotillion Court to be introduced. Dressed in full white elegant gowns, the debutantes made their way to the ballroom floor.

First, their fathers or male figures guided the girls around the floor then back towards the stage where they met their escorts, who were also dressed in white, and were presented with flowers by their sponsors.

Even though the symbolic arc disappeared prior to the start of the event, the girls stepped off the stage and entered womanhood.

After all 25 women were introduced, the Debs-in Waiting placed pearls necklaces on them.



womanhood. The pearls represent wisdom and the flowers represent the women's ability to succeed and bloom.

As tradition, the escorts and the debutantes performed the waltz to the song "What the World Needs Now." After the second time, the debutantes and their fathers waltzed followed by the escorts and the mothers of the debutantes.

Councilwoman Brown took on the task of the awards ceremony. The first was "Mr. Escort 2010" awarded to Erick Johnson and he won \$300.

For the first time in the history of the Cotillion, an award titled "2010 Escort Plus Award" was presented to escort Anthony Stanley who traveled from Columbus every Wednesday to rehearse the waltz with his sister, Tobria Layson.

"I love my sister and I wanted to show her what's real commitment," he said. "That's why I made that trip every Wednesday.

The debutantes themselves voted Tessa Scott "Miss Congeniality." She also won first place for "Outstanding Talent." Scott was received a gold watch from Henry's Jewelry. Second place was Santoria Sawver and third was LaKaléa Wilson

Next, four women were awarded University of Toledo scholarships. Those recipients were Isis Darks. Carmellia Moss, Carly Ross and Paula Williams.

The main event came for the crowing of "Miss Debu-tante 2010." Second runner up was LaKaléa Wilson and she received a \$1500 scholarship. First runner up went to Santoria Sawyer and she was awarded a scholarship of \$2000.

And the winner of the 2010 Cotillion was granted to Tessa Scott of St. Ursula Academy.

"A debutante is someone who goes out and tries to help the community, feels confident about herself and just try to reach goals that have never been reached before," Scott said. "Any young lady can be a debutante if they have belief in themselves.

The purpose of the Cotillion, according to the Club's literature, is to "present our outstanding young ladies clothed with the finer thoughts of living and endowed with a complete sense of responsibility. To accomplish the end, the areas of culture, charm, talent and

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president of NANBPWC Toledo, and Barbara Tucker, governor of the North Central district, this year's presentation commenced. "Remember today's preparation determines

tomorrow's achievement." said Tucker of the debutantes and their commitment to working hard.

the senior girls were ready to

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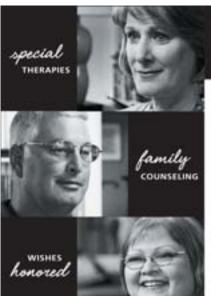
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be presented.

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First Vice President Denise Black Poon introduced last year's winner, Taylour Rodgers, who graduated from Notre Dame Academy. This was followed by the introduction of the judges and talliers by Beverly Tucker, Cotillion co-chairman.

The 17 Debs-in-Waiting. who were dressed in red, had their moment in the spotlight



St. Francis Student Wins Law Day Essay Contest

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Keon Pearson was recognized at the Law Day Luncheon Friday, April 30, for winning 1st Place in Division I of the Toledo Bar Association 2010 Caty Armstrong Memorial Law Day Essay Contest. The topic for Law Day 2010: Air – travel security and the Fourth Amendment. His essay titled "Let's not forget our right to privacy" was one of nine essays recognized at the luncheon.

The essays were judged based on format, clarity, style, reasoning, creativity and overall effort. He was awarded a \$300 U.S. Saving Bond for his essay. His teacher, Gary Miesle, who suggested he enter the contest, joined him at the luncheon. The keynote speaker was Dennis W. Archer, former Michigan Supreme Court justice, former Detroit mayor and former American Bar Association president. Read his winning essay

In the eight and a half years since the attacks on 9/ 11, our nation has been shocked by a few near-tragedies on airplanes. As a response to these threats, our government has established a systematic policy for detecting and preventing potential attacks. Because this new policy requires patdowns, strip-searches, and full-body scans, it is criticized as too invasive of privacy. Increasingly, the question has become, "At what point has a person's right to privacy been breached?" The ACLU has succinctly

stated that while the government must offer the best security, it also must protect Americans' civil liberties, I agree entirely. To permit unwarranted strip-searches and full-body scans would deny Americans their right to privacy, a right explicitly granted in the Fourth Amendment. which states, "The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated." I implore the U.N. to enforce international security systems that effectively screen passengers of airplanes, but do not offend their right to privacy. The system in place now provides a perfect balance between safety and privacy

It must be acknowledged that as world populations become increasingly mobile and interconnected, Americans will be targeted more frequently than in the past. The government uses this increasing risk to justify broader interpretation of the Fourth Amendment. After the Christmas Day bombing attempt, President Obama stated his goal to "take all necessary steps to protect the country." He is rightly concerned for the safety of our people in these times of increasing anti-American sentiment. However, as of yet, he has not detailed what exactly he thinks is necessary tion defense system must be based on effectiveness and legality. First, it must prove that invasive measures such as full-body scans are actually effective in decreasing risk to American lives. Scanners would detect containers and metals, but they would not detect specific chemicals like PETN, which was used Umar Farouk bv Abdulmutallab, the Christmas Day Bomber. These scanners do, however, reveal very private details of people's bodies. Many people justifi-

ably feel very uncomfortable

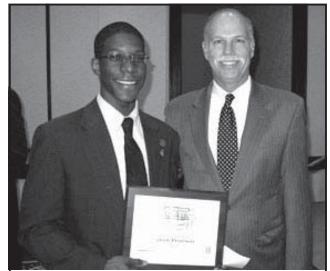
with strangers viewing their exposed bodies. Full-body scanners are ineffective in detecting some modern weapons, and they invade our privacy. Furthermore, it is unreasonable to conduct invasive searches on all passengers, because such searches are time consuming and unnecessary for most passengers. How can we justify the increased use of such measures? We cannot. To prove this point, I offer this: Even though our current domestic and international security regulations do not utilize invasive searches, there have been very few successful terrorist attempts in recent years

The current system of defense has been relatively effective at preventing attacks. This system has also protected our right to privacy. If the system is not broken, why

fix it?

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Wozniak Urges Community Groups to Apply For Vertical Growing Garden System

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Lucas County Commissioner Tina Skeldon Wozniak is urging community groups to promote healthful eating by competing for a vertical growing garden system, offered by Lucas County Job and Family Services.

"Through a state and federal partnership, we have an opportunity to provide five community groups with a no-

cost vertical growing system, providing nutritious, delicious food to a neighborhood for the entire summer," said Commissioner Wozniak. "All a community group needs to do is apply."

A vertical growing garden is a stackable system that is space-saving and the ideal form of gardening in urban areas due to limited space. A vertical grow concept uses up to 85% less water than traditional gardens, needs little to no herbicides, and lasts for a longer season, independent of soil quality or rainfall.

Each system will have an approximately 2,100 plant capacity, providing a large amount of food for a neighborhood. Last year, two vertical growing systems at Clay High School and the Eleanor Kahle Senior Center provided nearly 1,000 pounds of fresh produce.

To submit a proposal, community groups are encouraged to visit <u>http://co.lucas.oh.us/</u> bids.aspx?bidID=130 for more information. The deadline to apply is May 28, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.





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AKA's Award Scholarships to 10 Local High School Seniors

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AKA's and scholarship winners

Scholastics, articulation and community service are three of outstanding characteristics possessed by the 10 recipients of the scholarship awarded by the Zeta Alpha Omega Chapter, of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.

Congratulations and introductions to the general membership were conducted on May 8, 2010 at the Kent Branch library. Scholarship recipients are as follows: \$1000 has been

awarded to Tarlor Garrett, Central Catholic; Keith Johnson, Rogers High School and Sean Love from Central Catholic. Five hundred dollars has been awarded to: Matthew Boyd, Whitmer High School; Isis Darks, Start High School; Adrianne Harmon, Central Catholic; Tobria Layson, Start High School; Victoria Powell, Rogers High School and Santoria Sawyer, Waite High School.

Phillip Dunston, Bowsher High was also a

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\$250 book scholarship. Scholarship winners will be featured at the Showcase of the Arts in August as well as the New Year's Eve Masquerade Ball, the sorority's 2011 Scholarship Fund Raiser. Zeta Alpha Omega Chapter wishes these

award winning scholars, continued success in their personnel and academic endeavors

Paula Martins is the scholarship chairman and Clara L. Petty is president.

Girls 7 - 18 Practice on Wednesdays and Jhursdays at Gunckel Park from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

> June 9th through August 31st

Questions? Call Larrie Baccus at 419.244.1236

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity **Awards Merit Aid** Exceeding \$6,000 to **Deserving Toledo Students**

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All recipients 2010 Tim Matthews, Matthew Boyd, Jamieson Williams, Ch Jenkins, Jeremiah Edwards, and Boyce Swift

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Alpha Xi Lambda Alumni Chapter of Toledo, Ohio has awarded a total of six scholarships to deserving young men attending colleges and universities in the fall 2010. The students submitted applications and were interviewed for scholarships awarded annually. The following students were selected:

Jeremiah Edwards - St. John's Jesuit High School

\$1,500 recipient of the Alpha Phi Alpha Alpha Xi Lambda/United Way African American Initiative Scholarship

Selected College: Northwestern University

Selected Major: Engineering

- Matthew Boyd Whitmer High School
- \$1,500 recipient of Alpha Phi Alpha Alpha Xi Lambda Scholarship
- Selected College: Bowdoin College
- Selected Major: Biology

Jamieson Williams - Robert S. Rogers High School

- \$1,000 recipient of Alpha Phi Alpha Alpha Xi Lambda Scholarship
- Selected College: The University of Cincinnati
- Selected Major: Marketing

Boyce Swift - Toledo Early College High School

- \$1,000 recipient of Alpha Phi Alpha Alpha Xi Lambda Scholarship
- Selected College: The University of Toledo Selected Major: Education

Cheron Jenkins - Central Catholic High School

- \$750 recipient of Alpha Phi Alpha Alpha Xi Lambda Scholarship
- Selected College: Notre Dame College (Cleveland) or The University of Toledo Selected Major: Engineering

Timothy Matthews - Toledo Technology Academy

\$500 recipient of Alpha Phi Alpha-Alpha Community and Urban Redevelopment Corp Scholarship

Selected College attending: The University of Toledo Selected Major: Information Technology



Matthew Boyd: recipient of Alpha United Way Scholarship

The students and family members were recognized at a 1:00pm reception on Saturday May 8, 2010. The reception took place in the Waterford Room of the Ramada Inn Hotel and Conference Center



Positive Force Christian School of Dance Presents "Arise"

Sojourner's Truth Staff

It's that time of the year and I need to arise."

again! As June approaches, dance afficionados and fans of the Positive Force Christian School of Dance realize that the company's big event is almost at hand – the annual recital that features virtually everyone in the company.

This year's event will once again be presented at Owens Community College's Center for Fine and Performing Arts on June 19-20. The recital is entitled "Arise."

"That came to me out of nowhere," says Sheila Gibson, artistic director and founder of Positive Force. "Within me I feel that the Holy Spirit has arisen in me, As Gibson explains, that

internal feeling can be transferred to her students and, through them, to the audience at the time of performance. That, of course, has always been the purpose of Positive Force.

"There is still so much negativity around – that's why I opened Positive Force," says Gibson. "We need to focus on the positive rather than the negative. The world can be a different place, a better place."

The world or, at the very least, the Center for Fine and Performing Arts, will certainly be a better place the weekend of June 19-20 The vision

The vision that Gibson has nurtured so carefully over the years surfaces in every aspect of her endeavors as a dance instructor and choreographer – she has been teaching dance for over 25 years.

"I feel that it is the purpose of dance to give praise to God," she says. "I've always tried to walk the Christian walk."

For the third year in a row, there will be two performances of the recital – Saturday at 6:00 p.m. and Sunday at 3:00 p.m.

Some of the dancers, however, will approach the weekend with a few different experiences than they have had perhaps in past years. For the first time since she started Positive Force, Gibson entered one of her classes in a regional dance competition and, as one might expect, the dancers acquitted themselves well.

Positive Force's 10-yearolds - 13 youngsters - participated in the Detroit stop of the tour of Starpower - a competition that brought together several thousand dancers from the region. The team danced in the hip-hop and jazz portions and won the jazz category. Even more important than that success, says Gibson, was the experience of seeing other talented dancers. "The girls know what they have to work on.' says Gibson.

That group included the talented Nicole Herndon, who has caught the eye of any number of talent scouts in-



terested in getting her to move to New York or Los Angeles as soon as possible. Herndon, the rest of the

10-year olds and Positive Force's full array of approximately 100 dancers from five years of age to 18 can be seen soon during the annual recital. For ticket information call419-932-0593.



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Music by the River... *the Mighty Maumee River*

Special to The Truth



Join the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library as it presents **Music by the River** at the Maumee Branch Library, 501 River Rd, in Maumee.

This FREE series is scheduled at 7 p.m. on the following dates: June 8; July 13, and August 10 on the front lawn of the Maumee Branch. Music by the River will feature the lively sounds of the Maumee Community Band, a performing band supported and sanctioned by the City of Maumee. The band's all-volunteer membership is dedicated to making a positive contribution to the musical environment of the area it serves.

Bring a blanket or a chair and join the Maumee Branch for three evenings of fine music. Rain dates will be held on the following Tuesday of each scheduled date.

 Remember these dates:

 Tuesday, June 8
 (Rain date: June 15)

 Tuesday, July 13
 (Rain date: July 20)

 Tuesday, August 10
 (Rain date: August 31)

Arts Section • Arts Section •

May Art Walk Reception at 20 North Gallery

Annual Derby Days exhibit celebrates milestone 10th anniversary with the best in equine art Special to The Truth

On Thursday, May 27, 20 North Gallery will participate in the summer's first downtown gallery Art Walk event coordinated by the Arts Commission of Greater Toledo. For the event, the gallery will be displaying their 10th Annual Derby Days Exhibit, featuring the best in equine art by eleven local, regional and international artists: Walter Chapman, Marcin

Chumiecki, Patrick Dubreuil, Emily Fray, Scott Heacock, Jeri Hollister, Joyce Lister, Matthew S. Mickel, Kevin M. Shaner, Margie Shoop and Robert Shorter. Horse-themed artwork in a variety of mediapainting, photography, drawing, pastel, glass, sculpture and jewelry comprise this exhibit. Local artists and 20 North

Gallery will be welcoming

friends and collectors at the free Art Walk Reception at 20 North Gallery on Thursday, May27, from 6-9p.m. Visitors will enjoy light refreshments and the opportunity to cast their "People's Choice" vote for their favorite work in the exhibit. The artist of the People's Choice-awarded artwork will be invited to participate as a featured artist in the

raylorman's summer blast weekend







up-coming June exhibit, New Works / Old Friends at 20 North Gallery.

This year the exhibit also includes a display celebrating the life and times of the late Chick Lang who was the racing director of the Preakness Race, run each year at Pimlico Race Track on

the second race of the Triple Crown. The display also features the history of Bally Ache, the Toledo-bred winner of the 1960 Preakness, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Leonard D. Fruchtman. The "Preakness Wall" was originated by 20 North Gallery Art

the third weekend of May as

Director, Peggy Brennan Grant, the granddaughter of the late John T. Brennan, first superintendent of Pimlico Race Track

To view a virtual tour by 360ipt.com of the 10th Annual Derby Days Exhibit, visit www.20northgallery.net



Arts Section • **Book Review**

Satch, Dizzy & Rapid Robert by Timothy M. Gay c.2010, Simon & Schuster \$26.00 / \$34.00 Canada 349 pages

By Terri Schlichenmeyer The Truth Contributor

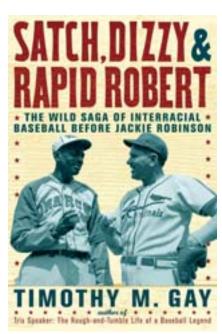
Much to your spouse's chagrin, you can't remember your anniversary.

When asked, you can rattle off your phone number if you think about it first. Your birth date is an easy one, but your kids'? Not so much.

Now, your favorite baseball player's batting average, you know that. And your team's league standing? Piece o' cake.

If you're a die-hard baseball fan, you probably barely notice what your player looks like, focusing instead on what he can do with a bat, ball, or glove. In Satch. Dizzy & Rapid Robert by Timothy M. Gay, you'll read about men whose careers proved that stats speak louder than skin.

Although Jackie Robinson is usually credited for breaking baseball's color barrier, the fact is that black ballplayers and



white ballplayers shared the field for years before Robinson's time. Traveling around the country to various communities, all-black "barnstormers" challenged all-white teams and drew crowds that were often bigger than Series attendance. And three headliners drew the biggest crowds of all.

Leroy "Satchel" Paige, one of the best (and perhaps best-known) pitchers of the Negro Leagues, was born into poverty. Because his family needed the income, Satch didn't go far in school; instead, he took a job that exposed him to baseball. Intrigued, and too poor to afford a ball, Satch practiced by lobbing rocks.

When he was 12 years old, Satch was nabbed for petty theft and sent to the Industrial School for Negro Children at Mount Miegs, Alabama. The discipline he learned there

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coaching he got there made his career.

Satch's foe and friend Jay Hanna "Dizzy" Dean also came from lean roots. Born of sharecroppers, Diz was too poor to afford shoes as a boy, and learned to perch on the pitcher's mound, barefoot. But once his talent was discovered. he never had to worry about shoes again. Dizzy Dean became a star, although not a humble one: he was known for driving his car around town, offering autographs. But as Dizzy and Satch

aged, there was a newcomer on the horizon.

Bobby Feller was applecheeked and perfect, every mother's dream. He was a baseball manager's dream, too, because Feller could pitch a ball so fast it almost sizzled. A life of baseball was what Feller had wanted since he was young. Signed

changed his life. The to play while he was still in high school, "Rapid Robert" couldn't wait to start barnstorming.

Does summer = baseball in your mind? Then Satch. Dizzy & Rapid Robert will be a big home run for you.

With a fans-eye view, fast-play excitement, and a casual 1930s feel, author Timothy M. Gay puts readers in the bleachers with this well-researched book. What I particularly liked is that Gay told the story of his three subjects, but he didn't ignore those of other key people of the era. That information sometimes goes missing in books of this genre, but not here.

If you're root-root-rooting for something good to read, catch Satch, Dizzy & Rapid Robert. For baseball fans, this is a book to remember.

PROMOTION

Win up to \$2 million in May 2010!

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Throughout the month of May 2010, add Power Play to your Powerball ticket and all non-jackpot prizes could multiplied up to TEN TIMES!

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Light Skinned Girls vs. Dark Skinned Girls

By Michael Hayes Minister of Culture



I remember the world premier of The Neptunes' video for "Frontin" featuring Jay Z.

Pharrell had three leading ladies - a chocolate sista, a caramel brown sista and a light-skinned sista. It was groundbreaking because mainstream rap is usually not so fair and balanced when it comes to which women of colorget exposure to millions. As a culture we have been

divided over this issue for hundreds of years.

Most of you know about the field slave vs. the house slave and how skin tone played a role in those times even leading up to the Jim Crow era and the "brown paper bag" rule.

As the millennium dawned it became apparent to me personally that the identity of black and bi-racial women is even more affected by this civil warinside our own ranks. When the standard of beauty on mainstream TV shows bias to blonde-haired, blue-eyed, statuesque standards it's easy for women of

dards it's easy for women of color to feel collectively left out. But it hits closer to home

when the people who look like you have their own bias.

STEREOTYPESABOUT SKINTONE

Do all light-skinned girls think they're the ish?

Are they all conceited? Have they been born into a life with slightly more privileges just because our society and racial culture puts a premium on brighter skin? Do they look down on dark-skinned girls?

Do dark-skinned girls secretly hate all light-skinned girls?

Do dark-skinned girls secretly hate themselves?

Has life been rougher for them growing up?

Do they have to work twice as hard to be considered beautiful/desirable? And what about us men?

Do we treat them the same?

Are we making it worse? All of these questions came up when I led a discussion group some time ago at UT. My second year in college I was faced with these type of questions on the daily because of matters in my own love life.

I had been with a girl for around three years, she was very dark skinned and absolutely gorgeous.

A point came where that relationship was not working any more and months later I re-connected with someone from my past and we started going together.

This girl was very light skinned.

Having only dated a small number of light-skinned women I had no idea what I was in for.

I learned that behind the scenes many light-skinned women feel unfairly attacked.

I learned that the issue of skin tone is damaging to both sides, especially women of color who have to deal with issues of self image regardless of whatever shade they may be.

In the theatre on Scott Park campus, my light-skinned girlfriend and I held a forum.

Girls expressed their frustration from both sides and the debate got heated and at the end of some middle ground was reached (but it did get petty at times because it was college).

Outside of conversations I have here and there on the



issue, that's really the last time I publicly addressed this subject.

But in my life now and in the world around me I still see a need for us to move forward and tear down what divides us, especially in terms of how we view ourselves.

WHY THIS IS IMPOR-TANT

These aren't just words I'm typing, I really want you reading this to think about this.

How we view ourselves, what we think when we look in the mirror, do we even look in the mirror – your opinion of yourself, how the world reacts to your appearance and the value of self esteem... all vital elements in life.

Of course physical beauty is a fraction that only means as much as we allow it to. We are so much more than

how we dress, how we look and what others think. But when an entire culture

(young, mostly black culture) pushes a certain concept of what is and is not attractive, the ripple effect reaches far and wide.

An eight-year-old girl shouldn't be concerned about whether she's sexy or

not.

She shouldn't develop an ego if she's light skinned and learns at an early age people treat her better and she shouldn't develop a complex if she's dark skinned and experiences at an early age that people overlook her.

But in order to raise kids with a balanced outlook, we ourselves have to have a balanced outlook.

Our whole framework is becoming more and more absurd when it comes to who and what we find desirable. Name brand clothes, credit scores, and ya boy Gucci Mane starting the new trend of having "yellow everything" trying to fight lightskinned girls in his "Lemonade" lifestyle.

It's bad enough we as black people turn ourselves and our lives into commodities when we were once a commodity ourselves. But to even further dissect who we are based on skin tone is going to destroy us.

Remember Spike Lee's movie *School Daze*?

And don't get me started on Rwanda, this ish gets deep. When it comes to beauty, our view will always be tainted by media and the kind of culture our society has created but inside of our neighborhoods and homes we must make better efforts to stop dividing our own people.

Thave my own preferences when it comes to what I'm attracted to and I'm allowed that but respect is given across the board. And as always I can't ask you all to do anything I myself won't at least try to do so just spread the word, the NEW thing among uspeople of color will be fairness and respect among the various shades.

Beauty is beauty and with six billion people on the planet, there are surely enough different standards that we can all feel good about how we look and have others feel good about it too. People of color, our own inner diversity should add to what makes us dynamic... not create more problems.

Because, honestly, we have much bigger fish to fry.

Next week, this year's message to graduating seniors. Peace.

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Yes, We Should...!

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around the image of To-

ledo. Teachers who are not performing or are just "watching the clock" and scratching their belly buttons, need to be written up and placed on probation, retooled or given a forced early retirement dinner party at Mancy's.

(3) All school board members, teachers, staff, principals and administrators must...I repeat, *must* enroll their school-age child(ren) in TPS. No exceptions. No waivers. No exceptions.

If the above-named parties do not believe in the mission of TPS and its academic soundness but nonetheless want a paycheck from TPS, tell them to hit the road and don't look back.

They want to teach and rule over your kids, but for their own kids, they take them elsewhere to be educated. What an odious hypocrisy! What does that tell you

what does that terr you how much confidence they really have in Toledo Public Schools being a provider of a quality education? They do not even trust their own fellow colleagues to teach their own children!

(4) Curb the voracious appetite of the infamous IBOR board of its insatiable desire to rid itself of minority intern teachers but at the same coddle white intern teachers. For the uninformed, that board can flunk out a teacher who is in training upon the mere word of a "No" vote from their mentor or their principal.

This is in spite of the fact that the IBOR members and the intern are both dues-paying union members! Go figure out that conflict of interest.

(5) Actively solicit and hire minority teachers including those who can teach but who come from a "non-teaching" background or other career path. There are both wisdom and

skill in people other than those who have a teaching certificate or teaching degree.

(6) Expand the membership of the school board to include three parents who have children in the public school system.

We need to get away from politics and campaigning for school board positions and start appointing to school boards people who know what they are doing and are not there to take a "political nap" or who have nothing else better to do with their time, so they opt to run

for the school board. These three parent-members would be selected by the PTA.

(7) Curtail or reduce the number of out of school suspensions. A kid cannot learn if he is not in school. So, to punish a child by he or she being out of school defeats the purpose of education.

(8) Don't be scared of a teachers strike. If the presently constituted Toledo Federation of Teachers balks at innovative methods by which to revive a moribund public school system and they threaten to strike, show them how to apply for unemployment benefits and tell them to go for it.

Sometimes, you got to lance a boil before the healing can take place.

Toledoans deserve better as to the work product that is being turned out by the public school system. If the child cannot be educated both intellectually and morally and be of a benefit to both him or herself and society, that education has failed and we all suffer the consequences.

Contact Lafe Tolliver at tolliver@Juno.com

May 26, 2010 The Sojourner's Truth

Ohio Association of Community Colleges Honors Owens Board of Trustees Member With State Award

Special to The Truth

Owens Community College Board of Trustees member John C. Moore of Holland has been chosen by the Ohio Association of Community Colleges (OACC) to receive the prestigious Richard N. Adams Educational Leadership Award for his outstanding commitment to trustee educational development, leadership and community service.

Moore was recently honored for his exemplary efforts to Ohio's community colleges during the OACC's annual Excellence Awards Gala in Columbus. The Excellence Awards were established by the OACC with the overall goal of providing an opportunity for the state's 23 community colleges to honor individuals and organizations for their outstanding commitment and service to higher education.

"John Moore has proven himself time and time again as a tremen-

S.T.R.I.V.E. Summer Tutorial Program The Challenge to Succeed

Are you a parent concerned about your child's education? Do you have a high school child who is faced with passing the required Ohio Graduation Test (OGT)? Would you be interested in your child continuing to learn through the summer?

If you answered yes to all of these questions, then you are interested in the S.T.R.I.V.E. (Success Through Review Incentive Vision Effort) Program. The Greater Toledo Urban League and the African American Police League will sponsor the program, for junior high through 12th grade students. This will be a free program to students.

The program is designed to prepare junior high youth entering their next grade level (up to the eighth grade) with math and English enrichment and high school students can receive instruction in up to two OGT subjects. The classes will be taught at Robinson Jr. High, 1075 Horace Street, Toledo. Classes will be held Monday–Friday from 8:00 a.m. to Noon starting June 7, 2010.

The classes are taught by hand-picked, caring Toledo Public School teachers. Testing will begin on June 21, 2010 at Robinson Jr. High. This testing will give the high school students an extra opportunity to take the OGT and, if passed by the student, will count towards graduation. The program is not equipped to handle special needs students.

The Greater Toledo Urban League and the African American Police League would like to solicit donations from local churches, agencies, organizations, businesses and unions. By donating to the S.T.R.I.V.E. Program, your contributions will yield big returns to each student's future (education and high school diploma)> Last summer – 2009 – 123 high school students were administered 290 OGT. The GTUL and the AAPL would like to thank you in advance for any contributions or donations to the S.T.R.I.V.E. Program.

With more parental and community involvement, the listed agencies hope to provide youth with the tools to stay on task with their education and for youth to become productive working citizens in today's society because a mind is a terrible thing to waste and it does take a whole village to raise a child.

If you are interested in your child/children attending this program, please contact Officer Floella Wormely or Diana Vasquez at 419-245-1162. Due to limited class size, children must be registered by May 28, 2010. Parents must complete a registration/release of information form.

Contributions can be sent to the Greater Toledo Urban League, 701 Jefferson, Suite 201, Toledo, OH 43604. Please make checks payable to the S.T.R.I.V.E. Program. If you would like more information concerning the S.T.R.I.V.E. Program, please contact Officer Wormely at419-245-1162

dous, dedicated advocate honor is both well-defor community colleges," served and long overdo said OACC President Dr. for John." Ronald Abrams. "This The Richard N. Adams



Educational Leadership Award is named in honor of Dr. Richard N. Adams, a model of trustee engagement. For 18 years, Adams served as a trustee of Edison State Community College, three of which were spent serving as Chairman of the Board of Trustees. Additionally, from 1997-99 he served as the OACC's fourth Chairperson. Adams was also the second Ohioan to

Hoc Committee and also played an integral role in the creation of the Trustees Collaboration Committee, which consists of Owens Community College, Toledo Public Schools and The University of Toledo. He is also a member of the Owens Foundation Board of Directors. In addition, Moore is a

consultant, motivational speaker and an author of

Ohio and the American Red Cross.

Moore's state-level affiliations include serving on the Efficiency and Effectiveness Committee for the Ohio Board of Regents and the Executive Board for the OACC. Previously, Moore spent 30 years in banking, retiring as the Corporate Vice President of the former Toledo Trust Corporation. His background also includes serv-

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Chair the Association of Community College Trustees, and also served as Board President of the American Association of Community Colleges.

Since April 2000, Moore has served as a Board of Trustees member for Owens Community College, and has held the position of Chair and Vice Chair for the past four years. He currently serves as Chair of the Owens Board of Trustees Presidential Search Ad

"A Positive Attitude is a Muscle: A Managed Stress Survivor's Manual" and "Alvetta", a personal tribute to his beloved wife and a resource to comfort families with terminally ill loved ones. Moore is well known throughout the Northwest Ohio region for his lifelong volunteerism and his current and past board-level memberships, including the Hospice of Northwest Ohio, Boys and Girls Club of Toledo, Urban League of Northwest

ing as the Vice President of University Development at Bowling Green State University.

The OACC is a voluntary association of Ohio's 23 public community colleges. The association was founded in 1993 as a single forum for advocacy, communication, recognition, trustee education and trustee-president cooperation. The OACC is the recognized voice of the community college movement in Ohio.



May 26, 2010

Iris Jones Named to BGSU's '100 Most Prominent Alumni'

earned a bachelor's degree

from BGSU in 1974. She then

went on to receive a law de-

gree from Texas Southern

school was as a Texas assis-

tant Attorney General, in 1978,

followed by the position of

director of the Law Depart-

ment for the city of Austin.

She then went into private

practice as a shareholder with

two prominent Austin law

Her first job after law

University.

Special to The Truth



Iris Jones has made a name for herself not only as an attorney, but for helping law firms develop their businesses. In recognition of her achievements, her almamater, Bowling Green State University, recently named her among its "100 Most Prominent Alumni."

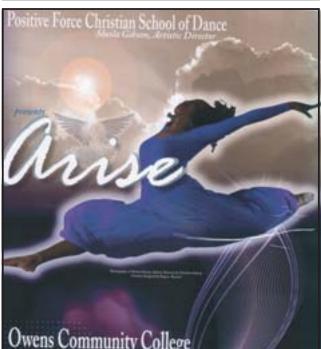
Now a business development strategist at one of the nation's oldest international law offices, Jones firms before establishing Iris Jones & Associates PC. She practiced law for more than 23 years.

In addition, as an instructor at the WJF Institute in Austin, Jones trained and coached hundreds of senior-level partners in global law firms on client development and relationship management.

In 2003, she joined Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP as its client-services adviser. Since 2007, she has been the Chief Business Development and Marketing Officer at Chadbourne & Parke LLP in New York City. She works closely with firm leadership to grow the firm's business and enhance client service.

She is a frequent public speaker on law firm business development, and is vice president for business associates for the World Jurist Association

BGSU decided to recognize its "100 Most Prominent Alumni" as part of its Centennial celebration. The Alumni Awards honor individuals who personify the University's tradition as an institution of excellence.



Owens Community College Center for Fine and Performing Arts Saturday, June 19, 2010 @ 6:00 pm Sunday, June 20, 2010 @3: 00 pm Ticket Information Call: 419-932-0593

BGSU Counts Crystal Ellis among '100 Most **Prominent Alumni'**

Special to The Truth

Crystal Ellis had already been recognized by Bowling Green State University when he was inducted into its athletics Hall of Fame and later presented the Accomplished Graduate and Distinguished Service awards. So it was only fitting that the University also named him one of its "100 Most Prominent Alumni."

On April 24, he was recognized during a ceremony at the Bowen-Thompson Student Union.

The longtime Toledo, Ohio, educator and leader has served his community in many capacities. From 1957-69, he was a Y.M.C.A. education director. In 1969 he began a teaching and coaching career at Libbey High School. By the time he retired in 1996, he had risen to become superintendent of Toledo Public Schools. the first African-American to hold the top administrative position. He was superintendent or deputy superintendent for more than 11 years, in addition to serving as principal of four Toledo schools. In 1996, the school district named a portion of DeVilbiss High School the Crystal Ellis Conference Center. Since his retirement, he

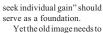
has served as principal at five Toledo high schools, directed an intervention pro-

Take Your Place

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reotypical images of laziness, sexual deviancy, and violence.

The classic African-American manhood images that "emphasize a strong work ethic, courage and the importance of character" and include models such as the Tuskegee airmen, the Black Panthers and other defenders of the community like Malcolm X, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. or others who loved their children and lived with a deep commitment



gram to help suspended jun-

ior high school students,

been an educational consult-

ant for Lucas County Chil-

dren Services, and recently

returned to Toledo Public

Schools for two more years

can-American to play varsity

basketball, he was named All-

MAC, and captain of the

1956-57 team. He was in-

ducted in the Athletic Hall of

Fame in 1971 and was given

the Alumnus of the Year

Award in 1988. In 1997 he was

At BGSU, as the first Afri-

to serve as chief of staff

be updated for the new challenges of the 21st Century and where the election of President Barack Obama and his commitment to marriage and family represents yet a new model of manhood. The current images of manhood, characterized most often by money and material possessions obtained by athletic or entertainment contracts, are products of popular culture and are mainly inappropriate



cators in his honor. He is a former Alumni and Foundation Board member. BGSU decided to recognize its "100 Most Prominent Alumni" as part of its Centennial celebration. The

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Scholarship for Future Edu-

Alumni Awards honor individuals who personify

for black men who in the words of Carter G. Woodson are "indoctrinated through America's educational system to accept an inferior position with American society rather than being led through a process of self-discovery by learning where they come from and who they truly are

inappropriate identities. And as Myrtle (Cicely Tyson) concluded her sermon to the family: "And how do we get it back? I'ma tell you. Young black men, take your place. We need you. Your sons and daughters need you. Did you understand what I just said? You were sold off and had no choice, yes, but now it's time to stay. Take your place. Starting now, Take your place."

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Contact Rev. Donald Perryman, D.Min, at didlperyman@centerofhopebaptist.org

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Program Manager, Children and Family Services

Unison Behavioral Health Group is seeking a Program Manager to develop and manage therapy programs and services focused on children and families. Services are provided primarily in community settings. Selected individual will participate as a member of the management team, oversee daily program operations, provide clinical supervision to staff, participate in program development and evaluation, serve as liaison to external partners and assist in marketing services provided.

Qualified candidates must have current clinical licensure from Ohio as a LPCC or LISW, previous experience working with children and families and at least five years experience as a clinician in a mental health setting. Previous supervisory experience is preferred.



Human Resources - PMCFS 1425 Starr Avenue Toledo, OH 43605 Fax 419.936.7574 Email: HR@UNISONBHG.ORG EOE

Accepting Applications

Accessible Country Trail, Inc. I & II, Brook View Gardens, Inc., Ottawa River Estates and Woodside Village Inc. are accepting applications for 1 and 2 bedroom (waiting list) accessible apartments for persons with physical disabilities, mobility impairments and/or developmental disabilities. Rents will be subsidized by HUD under section 811. Applicants must be 18 or older to be eligible. Applications will be taken on a FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE BASIS on Wednesday, June 2, 2010, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at Lott Industries,

3350 Hill Avenue, Lott Boardroom A & B, Toledo, Ohio. The Fair Housing Act makes it illegal to discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status and national origin. For further information, call (419) 389-0361, M-F 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.



Attention All Vendors

Join us for this year's 6th Annual African American Festival To be held Saturday, July 10 – Sunday, July 11, 2009 At The University of Toledo's Scott Park Campus Contact Suzette Cowell at 419.255.8876 for more information Call TODAY - Space is limited!!



Division Supply Chain Manager



Parker Hannifin, a Fortune 500 Company, has an immediate need for a Division Supply Chain Manager at its Hydraulic Filter Division located in Metamora, Ohio.

The Division Supply Chain Manager will be accountable for managing the materials function considering manufacturing capacity, scheduling workloads, recommending in house manufacturing vs. outsourcing and quality control.

The successful candidate will lead all Supply Chain Management activities within Parker Hydraulic Filter Division. This will include establishing preferred supplier selection criteria, establishing and implementing standard/automated re-order procedures, negotiating long term contracts, managing operational inventory to ensure adequate stocking levels and forecasting for future requirements. The selected candidate will also establish and implement standard/automated delivery procedures for just in time supplier stocking items.

This person will also be accountable for managing the Division's overall strategic production planning practices. Will establish and implement procedures for special order request, engineering changes and part substitutions, and sales market demand for products. In addition, this individual will be responsible for integrating the Division with electronic interfacing throughout the supply chain.

The qualifications for this position are 7 plus years of managerial experience in supply chain management, a

4 year college degree with a concentration in Supply Chain Management, APICS certification is preferred. The successful candidate must also posses analytical and technical skills required to understand business practices and recommend proper automation opportunities. Advanced computer skills and the ability to understand electronic data processing is required. This individual must also possess excellent written, verbal, and interpersonal, communication skills for effective interface with all internal and external contacts. In addition, the selected person must be an innovator and embrace lean enterprise principles and practices.

If qualified please visit https:// parker.tms.hrdepartment.com to apply.

U.S. Citizen or U.S. Permanent Resident status required.

EOE/M/F/D/V

Salon Needs Techs

New! South Toledo Nail Salon is seeking the following: Esthetician and Nail Technician.

Booth rent \$50.00 per week to start, commission possible. For information call Roxy at (419) 380-9528.

Executive Assistant For Federal Program Management

To manage district Title Grants & CCIP for Washington Local Schools.

Applicants must have experience with budgets and reports for federal Title programs and CCIP reporting.

Basic accounting and bookkeeping skills. Full time, 12 month position.

Approximately \$19-\$26 an hour depending upon experience. Full health benefits.

Apply online only by May 10 at www.wls4kids.org (Employment link)

Services Two women, brooms, paint brushes, etc. 419-726-2758

Aerospace Filtration Market Sales Manager

May 26, 2010



Parker Hannifin, a Fortune 500 Company, has an immediate need for an Aerospace Filtration Market Sales Manager at its Hydraulic Filter Division located in Metamora, Ohio.

The Aerospace Filtration Market Sales Manager will be accountable for managing and directing sales activity within the aerospace filtration market to accomplish the goal of profitable growth. The selected candidate must project a positive image and motivate others to achieve sales goals.

The successful candidate will also control program performance to achieve business plan objectives. This person will obtain market data for input into developing programs/products to maximize sales objectives, oversee all programs that promote. sell. and secure/extend new/existing business including important and major accounts. The chosen candidate will establish, implement, and execute strategies for market development to achieve maximum potential of product acceptance and market growth In addition, this person will coordinate the service support offered customers, establish long range sales forecasts, support/ direct sales personnel, EOM's, distributors in the sales/marketing effort and perform any/all assignments as required by the Division including but not limited to temporary assignments, special projects etc.

The required qualifications for this position are a four year degree in engineering and 7 years minimum experience working directly in an aerospace filtration marketing/sales capacity. Other characteristics include strong leadership, skills, energy and enthusiasm for success, well developed communication skills, organizational abilities, skills in computers, forecasting, market development, etc.

If qualified please visit https:// parker.tms.hrdepartment.com to apply. U.S. Citizen or U.S. Permanent Resident status

required.

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Notice to Bidders: Inquiry # FY10-136,

(Project#0016-10-672) for Student Union Building, Starbucks Coffee Renovation for the University of Toledo. Sealed bids for this project must be clearly marked with the project number on all inner and outer envelopes and/or shipping containers. Bids must be addressed and delivered to the University of Toledo, Facilities and Construction, Plant Operations, Room 1100, 2925 E. Rocket Drive, MS 216, Toledo, Ohio 43606 before 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 16, 2010. Bids will be publicly opened that same day at 2:05 p.m. in the Plant Operations Building, Room 1000. Copies of Plans, Specifications, and Bid Forms may be obtained from Becker Impressions, 4646 Angola Road, Toledo, Ohio 43615, Call 419-385-5303 for an appointment to pick up bid package. A cost of \$45.00 will be charged per set. Any further information may be obtained from Ann Bruning of SSOE, Inc. at 419-255-3830. One Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Wednesday, June 9, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the Plant Operations Building, Room 1000, at the University of Toledo, 2925 E. Rocket Drive, Toledo, OH 43606. Total Bid Guaranty and Contract Bond are required per section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code. EDGE Participation Goal: 5%. Project Estimate: \$180,000.00; Breakdown: General Const: \$81,000.00; Plumbing: \$36,000.00; HVAC: \$27,000.00 & Electrical: \$36.000.00

CLASSIFIEDS

May 26, 2010

Request For Proposals For Legal Services

United North, a non-profit community development corporation serving north Toledo, is seeking general counsel. Non-profit experience required and lower government rates expected. Proposals should include firm and/or principal personnel experience, current workload, references and fee schedule. Proposals should be submitted by July 1st to 3106 Lagrange Street, Toledo, Ohio 43608

DRIVER (Part-time)

Transports children and adults to visitations and appointments. 21 hrs/wk (hours will vary with evening & weekend work required). Position starts at \$12.38/ hr. w/benefits. REQUIREMENTS: HS diploma/equiv; valid driver's license, ins., clean driving record and reliable auto. See complete position requirements at www.lucaskids.net. Send resume to Human Resources, LCCS, 705 Adams St., Toledo, OH 43604 or fax to 327-3291 by 5/28/10. EOE valuing diversity

Finance Positions City of Toledo, OH

The City of Toledo seeks qualified candidates in the following areas: budget analysis, purchasing (including head of purchasing), accounting, grants management, tax auditing and collection, project accounting, utility accounting, and debt management. Candidates with SAP experience particularly are encouraged to apply. Interested individuals should obtain an application at the Department of Human Resources, One Government Center, Suite 1920, Toledo, OH 43604 or on line at the Department of Human Resources web page at <u>www.toledo.oh.gov</u>. The City of Toledo is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Minorities, females and individuals with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

Wanted

I buy diabetes supplies And test strips Call 419-740-7162 Please leave a message

House for Rent 3545 Dean Avenue. One level, two bedroom. Screened-in back porch, alarm system and garage. See it to believe it!! Rent, deposit, security check required. Call 419-514-4011 Aisha's Housing

E.O.P.A. Employment Opportunity RE-HOUSING SPECIALIST

\$15.00/hr (post-probationary), ends on September 30, 2011 (tentatively). Provide case management services to customers that have been displaced from their existing housing through foreclosure, eviction or general homelessness. Stabilize the customer(s) in a stable housing environment. **Qualifications:** High school diploma is required. Associate Degree in Business, Finance/Accounting, Counseling or related field is preferred. 2-3 years of experience managing caseloads, and negotiating loan terms on foreclosure mortgage accounts.

Application deadline: <u>Wednesday, June 02</u>, <u>2010</u>, Apply at EOPA, 525 Hamilton St., Ste. 202., 8:30-3:30. Must have reliable transportation and possess a valid Driver's License with proof of auto and liability insurance. Must be willing to travel locally. Employment is contingent upon successful completion of background check and possible drug testing. NO RESUMES ACCEPTED WITHOUT A COM-PLETED APPLICATION. <u>NO PHONE CALLS</u> <u>PLEASE!</u>

Technical Sales Trainee



Parker Hannifin, a Fortune 500 Company, has an immediate need for a Technical Sales Trainee its Hydraulic Filter Division located in Metamora, Ohio.

The Technical Sales Trainee will train for future positions in the management of a given sales territory. This person will acquire skills to produce maximum dollar sales and provide quality service. In addition, the trainee will develop insights to division/ customer relationship and how to support them on a continuous improvement basis.

The successful candidate will be trained within the Hydraulic Filtration Division and attend prescribed product schools and related training courses. The selected candidate will learn to develop new accounts along with distributor and/or directly with O.E.M., train distributor and/.or O.E.M. regarding new products and applications, present positive selfimage and make good business decisions, provide timely reports summarizing business activities and develop new product/market plans with Regional and Market Planning management.

The qualifications for this position are a 4 year engineering degree and technical competence and/or background in marketing or sales gained through internship or co-op employment.

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House for Rent North End. Fenced in Full basement. Deck 2 Bedrooms, 1 ½ baths 419726-2758

Doves Manor Apartments Now Accepting Applications 1 Bedroom Apartments for Seniors 62+

All utilities included, Income-based rent, Library, Fitness Center, Wellness Clinic, Extra Storage, Central air and heat, On-site laundry facilities

Applications are accepted Monday - Friday from 9:30AM to 12:30PM. Call (419) 389-9999 for details.



Contract Administrator

Contract to administer HUD NSP II funds. This contract requires a high level of understanding of federal program guidelines, including CDBG, HOME, and NSP for housing rehabilitation program. Bachelor degree and experience in administrative, reporting, and presentations preferred. For full description email <u>kkovacs@lisc.org</u>. No calls.

THE WILLARD APARTMENTS 2257 Upton Avenue

Preferred Properties, Inc. is accepting applications for a 1 bedroom (\$365) and 2 bedroom (\$415) apartments with a gas allowance. Section 8 vouchers accepted.

Application fee is \$25. For an appointment to apply or more information call (419) 389-0361.

Management Trainee



Parker Hannifin, a Fortune 500 Company, has an immediate need for a Management Trainee at its Hydraulic Filter Division located in Metamora, Ohio.

The Management Trainee will acquire knowledge of various department operations, functions, responsibilities and work flow through a rotation schedule, actively participate in hands-on projects and/or special assignments, attend development courses and apply training in work assignments. Perform other related responsibilities.

The qualifications for this position are a 4 year mechanical engineering degree and technical competence and/or background through internship or coop employment. The selected candidate must have the ability to work effectively in a variety of administrative, technical and manufacturing assignments and also have excellent verbal, written and interpersonal communication skills for effective interface with all contacts. This person must have the ability to work effectively with others and be a participative team player. Excellent computer skills (e.g. Excel, Work, and Access) required.

If qualified please visit https:// parker.tms.hrdepartment.comtoapply.

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Legal Notice

Electronic proposals will be received by Lucas County Job & Family Services (LCDJFS) 3210 Monroe Street, Toledo, Ohio, until 4:00 p.m., May 28, 2010 for the selection of organization(s) suitable for the placement of up to five (5) Vertical Grow Garden Systems. Submitted proposals must be completed according to the specifications and provisions outlined in the Request for Qualifications. The project implementation period will be from approximately June 1, 2010 through June 30, 2010.

No bids will be accepted after the **May 28, 2010** 4:00 P.M. (local time) deadline. All bids must be submitted electronically to Michelle Niedermier at <u>niedem@odifs.state.oh.us</u>. Bids submitted by any other method will be rejected.

The Request for Qualification will be available on Friday, May 14 2010. It will be available for potential bidders to download by

going to the site: http://www.co.lucas.oh.us/ bids.aspx. This notice is posted, as of **May 14, 2010**, at <u>http:/</u>

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The right is reserved to reject any and all bids. By order of the Board of County Commissioners. Lucas County, Ohio.

Pete Gerken - President

Tina Skeldon Wozniak - Commissioner Ben Konop - Commissioner Bid. 48-2011-RFQ-02

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Brand New Flea Market



May 26, 2010

46th Annual Debutante Cotillion Introduces Girls to Womanhood

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congeniality were pursued during the 18th century and have now become a media whereby the debutante steps on the threshold of womanhood."

"I can give them something they wouldn't get meaning that I can help transfer them to getting better jobs and leading a better lifestyle," Brown said. "I take them out of their norm and try to retrain them."

Qualifications for debutants are that they must have a 3.0 GPA, cannot be pregnant or have children, must possess good moral character and be active in the community.







