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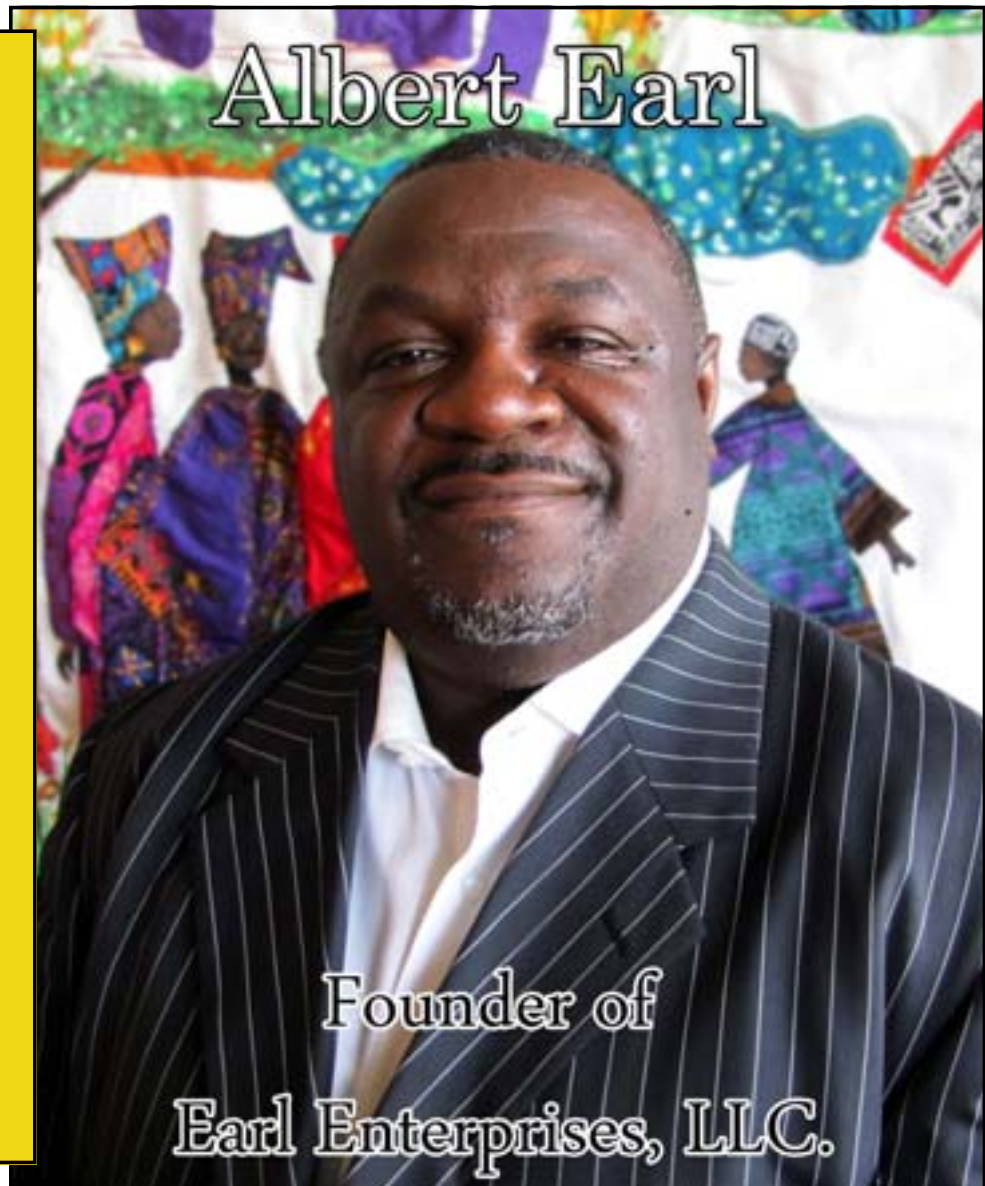
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This Strikes Us ...

A Sojourner's Truth Editorial

We've heard these words repeatedly over the past few weeks: "most people supported ..." We've heard those words repeatedly just as the will of the people was being thwarted. And to that we say, thank goodness that there are some checks and balances on the will of the people because we never want to underestimate the level of mean-spiritedness to which the majority can rise.

We first heard that message when U.S. District Judge Susan Bolton overturned key portions of the Arizona immigration law that were to take effect on August 1. The provisions she overturned included a requirement that police question immigration status if they suspect a person may be in the country illegally; that the police verify the legal status of all arrested people; that immigrants carry papers; that immigrants not be allowed to solicit work in public places and that police be allowed to arrest without warrant those who commit crimes that can result in deportation.

That ruling raised a hue and a cry in Arizona and amongst many other people of ill will who are anxious to throw out 12 million illegal immigrants, most of whom are hard-working contributors to this nation's economy.

As we were told, over and over again, not only did most Arizonans support those provisions but so also did most Americans. Thank goodness for an Obama Administration that would not let itself be cowed by short-term political considerations and thank goodness for the federal judiciary which time and again – think *Brown vs. Board of Education* – has placed the values inherent in the Constitution above the tyranny of the majority.

The mean-spiritedness seems to be growing in this case as the very tenets of the 14th Amendment to the Constitution are once again called into question – those being the right of every person born in the land to citizenship.

Close on the heels of the Bolton decision was that of U.S. District Court Judge Vaughn Walker that overturned the California Proposition 8 ban on gay marriage.

Walker, who based his ruling on the facts presented by the government of California and inherent in the Prop 8 law, that assumes that gay couples are inferior to heterosexual couples, held that the Constitution does not permit such cavalier assumptions of inferiority.

"The evidence shows that by every available metric, opposite sex couples are not better than their same-sex counterparts; instead, as partners, parents and citizens, opposite-sex couples and same-sex couples are equal," wrote Walker.

Of course, most Californians supported the ban since they voted directly for it but, again, a judge would not allow the majority to disregard the fact of equality under the law that the constitution requires. Note we said equality under the law, not moral or religious equality.

You want mean-spiritedness? We got it in spades now in the aftermath of Walker's ruling. Seems that the good judge is 66 years old and never been married so ... you guessed it. Rumors of his own sexual orientation have been raised by such as the National Organization for Marriage, the group that helped fund the drive for Prop 8.

Even a law professor at the University of Notre Dame faulted the media for not forcing Walker to address his sexual orientation.

Which makes us wonder how anyone in his or her right mind could find it appropriate to spend good money taking classes from that professor.

Would he now advocate that female judges recuse themselves from cases on abortion or sexual discrimination? Can black judges be trusted to handle civil rights disputes? Where does it end?

Finally, and this pretty much sums up our disgruntlement with the will of the people and our relief that there are checks and balances on such.

A group wants to build a mosque and all-purpose Islamic community center several blocks from Ground Zero in Manhattan. Plans call for the center to be modeled on a modern YMCA, to be open to all and to have a board of directors comprised of Muslims, Christians and Jews.

As to that plan, all but the Christians and Jews applauded such a prospect. Once again, we found out, polls show that a majority of Americans are not in favor of such a center.

Leading the charge were such political piler-ons as Newt Gingrich and Sarah Palin, two would-be Republican candidates for president in 2012 who appear intent at burnishing their conservative credentials at the expense of a Constitution that promises freedom of religion, not just freedom of the Christian religion.

Members of the Anti-Defamation League, the nation's pre-eminent Jewish civil rights group, apparently forgot what that title stands for and lined up with those who have no problem defaming religions other than their own.

Fortunately, coming to the rescue of our constitutionally-guaranteed rights were New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg and the Landmarkers Preservation Commission whose members voted unanimously to deny landmark status to the existing structure on that site thus clearing the way for its demolition followed by construction of the center.

"We would be untrue to the best part of ourselves, and who we are as New Yorkers and American, if we said no to a mosque in lower Manhattan," said Bloomberg in a statement issued not far from the site of the Statue of Liberty.

The huddled masses may yearn to breathe free, but were it not for the efforts of a few brave individuals, those masses would trample themselves in their rush to condemn each other.

Community Calendar

June 21-August 20

Feed the Children Program: Majestic Praise Ministries; Free lunch – Monday through Friday; 11 am to 1:30 pm

August 13-15

Auditions for *Like Mike*: Walls Memorial Chapel; Fri – 6 to 8 pm; Sat – 10 am to Noon; Sun – 2:30 to 4:30 pm (Collingwood Arts Center): 419-215-1464

August 14

The Josh Project Save a Life: "Learn 2 Swim;" 4th annual summer fundraiser; Indiana Avenue MBC; Noon to 5 pm; Fun, food, music, homemade ice cream: 419-973-1383
Picnic on the Lawn: Noon to 5 pm; Devilbiss High School; Games, music, food concessions, cars: 419-472-4191

Toledo CDC Annual Health Fair and Back to School Celebration: Smith Park; 10 am to 3 pm; School supplies and other giveaways, live entertainment

August 15

Macedonia MBC 98th Church Anniversary: 4 pm
St. Paul MBC Evening Mission Program: Sponsored by the American Baptist Women; 4 pm; Speaker Min. Craig Washington
Worldwide Livingword Ministry 22nd Anniversary: Gospel All-Stars; Toledo Quartet Groups, New Spiritualaires, Tones of Joy, The Fortson Singers, James and the New Gospel Heavy Weights

August 20-21

Scott HS Class of 1965 45th Reunion: Ramada Inn Secor: 419-535-1226, 419-266-0330, 419-535-1925, 419-535-9567, 419-350-4080

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August 21

Alpha Kappa Alpha's Showcase of the Arts: "Searching for the Stars;" Monroe Street Neighborhood Center; 1 pm

God of Our City Group: "Praise in Promenade Park;" 10 am to 9 pm: 419-868-5949
Walls Memorial Chapel Free School Supplies and Clothes Giveaway: Noon to 3 pm or while supplies last: 419-215-1464

2nd Annual Sacred Strings Showcase/Hall of Fame Ceremony: Presented by Del Grace and Sacred Strings Records; 3 pm: Toledo Hilton/Dana Conference Center; Special guests The Campbell Brothers: 419-243-0564

St. Paul MBC Annual Rainbow Tea: L' Ambiance Banquet Hall; 2 to 5 pm

August 22

St. Stephen's C.O.G.I.C. Family and Friends Day: 4 pm; Pastor Tony Thomas
Second Annual 5K Walk/Run for Kids Sake: Benefit for Big Brothers Big Sisters of NW Ohio; Ottawa Park; Registration at 8:30 am: 419-243-4600 ext 14

August 27-29

Holy Spirit Apostolic Church Holy Ghost Explosion 2010: 7 pm; Picnic and games on Saturday; Sunday worship at 12:30 pm

August 28

Northwest Ohio AIDS Walk: International Park; 8 qm registration: 419-244-9444 or www.arcOhio.dojiggy.com

August 29

Back to School-A-Bration: Presented by Sisters Helping Everyone; Walbridge Park; 3 to 8 pm; Clowns, face painting, music

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1965 Voting Rights Act Commemorated by Local Elected Officials

By Brittany Jones
Sojourner's Truth Reporter

After the Civil War, the 13th Amendment, ratified in 1865, abolished and prohibited slavery and secured former slaves with minimal citizenship status.

The 14th Amendment, ratified in 1868, granted citizenship to all people "born or naturalized in the United States." It also included the due process and equal protection clauses.

The 15th Amendment, ratified on February 3, 1870, stated that: "The right of U.S. citizens to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude." Additionally, Congress was given the authority to enforce those rights and standardize the voting process.

However, this amendment failed to clearly prohibit voting qualification tests that some southern states would continue to impose on blacks. Such practices included literacy tests and poll taxes. Grandfather clauses exempted prospective voters from such new regulations if one's grandfather voted in an election before the Civil War.

Thus the National Voting Rights Act of 1965 was passed by Congress to regulate that problem. Signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson, the act established federal oversight of elections administration. Included was the process of preclearance where states with a history of discrimi-



State Rep Edna Brown speaks as Councilmen Phil Copeland and Michael Ashford and Rev. Ben Green look on

natory voting practices could not apply any changes regarding voting without the approval of the Department of Justice.

August 6 marked the 45th anniversary of this landmark piece of legislation.

Toledo City Councilmen Michael Ashford and Phil Copeland, State Representative Edna Brown of the 48th District and Pastor Benjamin Green of Church of the New Covenant gathered last week to mark the importance and significance of the right to vote. They were at the Government Center downtown.

Brown took a walk down memory lane to reflect on the struggle and progress people made that led to the passing of the act. She spoke of Fannie Lou Hamer, a native of Montgomery County, Mississippi and an Ameri-

can voting and civil rights activist. During 1964 Democratic National Convention, Hamer exposed the public to the struggles of blacks in her state when she addressed the Credentials Committee, which drew a great deal of media attention.

"She had lost her job and received death threats, but she continued to fight for our right to vote," Brown said. "We cannot understand the importance of this if we do not appreciate the history behind this right."

On behalf of the United Pastors for Social Empowerment, Green gave those in the ministry a responsibility to convince their congregation to vote.

He mentioned Freddie Lee Shuttlesworth, a minister in Birmingham and the co-founder of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and his endeavors to fight

against the injustice despite having his church bombed and death threats.

"You are someone important and you are significant," Green said. "Use your voice and your opinion to make that change."

Copeland took the podium to remind people of the many deaths and the struggle that eventually resulted in the right that is taken for granted today. An example he bought up

advantage of the early voting option, which begins September 28 and the November 2 general election. She also noted that Ohioans have the opportunity to elect two African-

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was U.S. Representative John Lewis who was jailed 40 times as chairman of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC).

"The easiest thing to do is to sit and complain," Copeland said. "They believed in us and felt that we had a right to vote so please don't let their sacrifice go to waste."

Wrapping up the press conference, Brown mentioned that voters can take

Americans to statewide government level - Treasurer Kevin Boyce and Yvette McGee Brown who is running for lieutenant governor alongside incumbent Gov. Ted Strickland.

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"Big T Weekend" Raises Funds for Ziegler Habilitation Homes

By Brittany Jones
Sojourner's Truth Reporter

Ziegler Habilitation Homes, Inc's (ZHHI) motto is "We Make Things Happen!" and the organization did just that last weekend with the "Big T Weekend."

The "Big T" is the area formed by Central and Reynolds where ZHHI two-day habilitation programs and a supported employment enclave for adults with developmental disabilities (DD) are located.

The three-day fundraiser on the grounds of ZHHI day services and administrative office facility brought people out to enjoy a variety of Toledo's finest talent. The event also exposed the public to the businesses in the vicinity.

Michael Zeigler Jr., the grandson of founder Charlotte Ziegler and Youth Enrichment Support Services (YESS) program director, commented on how the organization opens up the community those with disabilities.

"We are trying to bring awareness not only to Zeigler, but also to the MRDD population," Zeigler said.

"We started the company with love for MRDD persons because to us they are family."

From Friday to Sunday

hip-hop, jazz and gospel music brought delights for all to enjoy.

On Friday, the "Youth Hip Hop Jam" from 5 p.m. to 10



Michael Zeigler Jr. and friend



p.m. was held to benefit YESS. It was hosted by Cuntry and Chief Alone at 6 p.m. Then at 7 p.m., Despo performed with DJ Down Jones directing the music for the night.

"The Joy of Music" kicked off Saturday's jazz-themed event. From 2 p.m. to 9 p.m., musical talent featuring Lady K, saxophonist Jesse Coleman, Curtis Jr. and The Midnight Riders and others entertained the guests. An inflatable bounce house, dunk

tank, three-point basketball shooting game and an inflatable obstacle course were on the grounds for the enjoyment of the children.

Refreshments were available in the food court and vendors such as Avon, Balloner Plus and More, Body Magic and Cookie Lee, were present. There was also a \$25 raffle for a 1999 Lincoln Presidential.

For a spiritual boost, the "Charlotte Ziegler's Gospel Showcase" on Sunday brought out local and area gospel choirs, praise dancers, performing arts ministries and solos starting at 2 p.m.

Those who wished to have Sunday worship in a different setting, Grace and Peace Church in Sylvania conducted service at ZHHI at 11 a.m.

Proceeds from Saturday and Sunday went to benefit all ZHHI programs.

There were hundreds of sponsors to help with the financial hardship of the organization. Some of them were Seal Plus Auto and Detail, Millennium Fashion, Creatively Different Graphics, Mr. Detail Inc. and others.

"We are a local business, black-founded and family run," Zeigler said. "We are trying to create something bigger and better every year."

Zeigler Homes were started in 1977 where the goal was to help mentally challenged people. In 1979, Zeigler Habilitation Homes, Inc, was established as a Christian non-profit organization that gives aid to the mentally disabled by providing quality care and service.

For 30 years, it has been specializing in day habilitation, after-school special education programming, supported living, supported employment, YESS and other various services provided to people with developmental disabilities.

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Women Blessing Women's Annual Spiritual Retreat

By Brittany Jones
Sojourner's Truth Reporter

Every now and then rejuvenation of the spirit is needed. It is important for the enjoyment of life and is essential for the motivation necessary to achieve one's aspirations.

Most of the time, it is the woman who needs this rebuilding. A hectic schedule that demands so much can put a strain on the occasion for some alone time and reflection. Understanding this necessity, the Women Blessing Women organization held its annual Spiritual Retreat on Saturday morning, July 31. This is the first year the retreat was held away from the city.

At the 577 Foundation in Perrysburg, the women enjoyed a full day - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. - of learning how to "reach their full potential- 'Mind, Body and Soul,'" the theme for the occasion.

Starting things off was registration and a continental breakfast of muffins, coffee, juice and fresh fruit. Following was a welcome and agenda overview by the Women Blessing Women Executive Director Glenda

Hayes.

Elder Karrie Jackson, one of the facilitators, set the tone with morning inspiration in order to bring tranquility and make known the purpose of being there.

The participants broke into smaller groups to begin their spiritual journey.

Four breakout sessions were planned for that day, each with a specific theme: "Mind, Body and Soul," "Surviving Life," "Someone to Love/What Love is" and "Reaching Your Full Potential." Patricia Harris, Audrey Reed and Felicia Clark were the other facilitators in charge of a specific topic.

Harris is an ordained minister at the Temple of Praise Community Church. She is the Minister of Administration and Discipleship. Harris was in charge of the "Mind, Body and Soul" mini-session held on the patio.

Meditation and developing a positive inner self were some of the topics discussed. The group received information on ways to deal with self-esteem, depression, breaking bad health habits and other

self-image subjects.

Reed is the assistant pastor of the Living Water Ministries International in Fremont. She serves as the chief of staff and oversees 14 various church auxiliaries and all the licensed ministries at those churches. Reed led the "Surviving Life" group in the office lounge.

Learning how to deal with life obstacles was explored during this session such as differentiating between constructive and destructive decision-making which brought light to attacking problems and remembering to ask for God's guidance.

Jackson is an ordained minister of Friendship Baptist Church and an inspirational speaker. She also is the founder and CEO of Empowered to Empower, Inc. (E2), a corporate training and motivational services company. "Someone to Love/What Love Is" was under her direction in the library.

Love and lust can be confused as having the same meaning, but that is just the opposite according to Jackson. She spoke of how women

need to realize what real love is, the different types of love and how easily it can be to think that lust is love. On the other hand, the women must grasp that they are someone to love, no matter what they have experienced.

As the co-pastor of Harvest Christian Center, Clark has been ministering to women for 10 years. She is also the co-founder and vice-president of Clark Ministries and the founder of The King's School of Wisdom, which is devoted and designed for schools to shape future leaders in society. Her

session was "Reaching Your Full Potential" located in the living room.

All ages need someone to talk to and a mentor. Clark emphasized this message because that is one step towards accomplishing that purpose of life. She mentioned that praying, reading the Bible, being a member of a church and asking God for a mentor could help ease the pressures of the journey to self-fulfillment. Going deeper, the women were challenged to use their God-given gifts and perfect them.

Concluding the day was a

prayer circle conducted by the facilitators by the river. Afterwards the women returned inside for last remarks and reflections of the retreat.

As a special souvenir, the women received gift bags containing a coupon from SOSO Cake Company (sponsor), a journal, sugar scrub and an inspirational book.

"We are giving them the opportunity to deal with life issues regarding the mind body and soul," said Hayes. "This was the time to retreat and focus on those things so they can break the cycle and reach their full potential."

Anita Lopez Kicks Off Re-election Campaign

Sojourner's Truth Staff



George Hillard, Lucas County Auditor Anita Lopez, State Rep. Edna Brown

"Every day of public service is a campaign," said Lucas County Auditor last Thursday, August 5, as she opened her campaign for re-election with a birthday bash at El Camino Real in Maumee.

The patio of the recently-opened branch of the Toledo brand was filled with Democratic Party members, friends and supporters of Lopez who is seeking her second term in

the Auditor's office.

A former Toledo Board of Education member and Lucas County Recorder, Lopez won election to the Auditor's post in 2006 against long-time incumbent Republican Larry Kaczala. This time around Lopez will be facing Kaczala's widow, Gina-Marie Kaczala, a former 21-year employee in the Auditor's office, who announced her candidacy

just days ago.

Lopez's birthday fundraiser was held before the Kaczala announcement but Lopez emphasized that she was planning to run a strong campaign and take nothing for granted.

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Albert Earl: Restoring the Village Through Earl Enterprises, LLC

By Fletcher Word
Sojourner's Truth Editor



In his 21 years of experience working in the human services field with a number of organizations, Albert Earl, Jr., founder of Earl Enterprises, has learned a number of things about himself. Chief among those lessons is the fact that he is not one to be confined to an office.

His years at UMADAOP (Urban Minority Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Outreach Program) as a prevention educator really brought home the realization that he could not be office bound.

"I was the bird that couldn't be caged," he recalls. "My vision could not become a reality that way..."

So to further that vision, he founded Earl Enterprises, LLC which offers a combination of group mentoring sessions and one-on-one tutoring services to meet students and parents needs. Tutorial support—in the areas of reading, math and language arts—is coordinated with schools and districts and schedules are developed in consultation with parents and school administration.

Earl Enterprises, founded in 2005, is currently operating in seven Ohio cities—Cleveland, Cincinnati, Columbus, Akron, Dayton, Toledo and Lima—and the Barberton/Canton area is now in development.

Earl's vision for bringing educational attainment to inner-city youth has found its outlet in a two-pronged approach that provides mentoring and tutoring for about 400 youth and employs several dozen paid staffers along with a host of volunteers. Earl Enterprises

receives funding from the Ohio Department of Education and has contracts with the school districts in each of the seven cities in which it operates.

"Our long-term goal is to improve the quality of education and social development skills within the African-American, Hispanic and poor white communities," says Earl emphasizing that such long-term goals were not merely for the sake of building numbers. His focus is on improving the quality of services being delivered.

Earl, who has always known that he wanted to work with youth, began his human services career in 1989 working for the Department of Youth Services as a youth correctional officer, duty officer, sex offender specialist and African American gangs and security threat group educator.

From there he went to the Children's Services Board working with hard-to-place foster kids and after that spent five years with UMADAOP before striking out to form the type of agency he had been visualizing.

Clearly those years in a variety of human services settings has brought one stark realization to bear.

"I am very, very, very concerned about the plight of African-American men," says Earl. "I think that our men are in worse shape than we even want to recognize. You have some cities with a 75 percent drop out rate. I think that some slaves were better off as they were coming out of slavery than are

our young men now—at least those slaves had some skills."

Most recently, Earl organized the very successful "Restoration of the Village" Conference in conjunction with K.E.V.I.N., Inc which focused on youth education and empowerment. The conference provided an opportunity for attendees to network and share proven evidence-based, culturally specific educational successes. The conference also focused on the shortcomings found within educational environments and on economic and social development.

"The conference was designed to deliver the current and future training need of practitioners and educators by providing forms of dissemination using the most current research-based educational, prevention and treatment strategies," says Earl.

The five-day-long event, held at the end of April at the Hilton Garden Inn in Perrysburg, brought to the area Steve Perry, Ph.D., founder of the Capital Preparatory Magnet School of Hartford, Connecticut and a well-known author, public speaker and contributor on education issues for CNN, MSNBC and Fox.

Earl's own presentation at the conference was titled "Manhood" and addressed the issue of the self-inflicted wounds of young African-American men and "why they won't grow up."

"We give more power to outside services by creating a mess of our lives with children born out of wedlock, through drugs, the bar life, having children with multiple women and having animosity with each other over small things," he says describing his message on manhood.

While Earl Enterprises, LLC provides both tutoring and mentoring services, Earl's hands-on involvement is on the mentoring side. "We believe in group mentoring," he says. "Four times a month creating a dialog about what's going on in the community in groups of around 10."

For someone who declines to be office bound—

his sister, Brenda Watson is actually the CEO of Earl Enterprises, LLC—mentoring groups are the perfect way for Earl to maintain his active involvement in the organization's activities.

Coming soon as part of

Earl Enterprises is a sports mentoring program that will work on character and social development. So much of what Earl plans to do with this new program reflects his thoughts about what hinders success in life.

"So many children play sports but no one is focused on character on or off the court and it's those character flaws that get in the way of success," Earl says.

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By Rhonda B. Sewell, Library Media Relations Coordinator

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"Be careful, those are hot, I mean *really, really* hot," Lance Crandall, of Toledo GROWs, affectionately warns the neighborhood youth who have gathered on this Thursday at the new Community Garden located in front of Mott Branch Library, 1085 Dorr St. Crandall advised against biting into the green hot peppers he just picked.

A few daring boys discreetly dismiss Crandall's plea. The boys, ages eight-11, hesitate before biting into the hot peppers they helped to plant. Then it happens - "Ohhhh, my tongue!" one boy yells before dashing off to find cold water for relief.



Welcome to a typical fun Thursday afternoon at the Mott Branch Library, where since May, the branch's Community Garden has existed as a beacon of pride for patrons of all ages from the nearby neighborhood.

The Toledo-Lucas County Public Library's Mott branch manager Judy Jones and Mott librarian

Rebecca Roberts have teamed with Toledo GROWs, a community gardening outreach program of Toledo Botanical Garden, to create and maintain the library's 30 x 15 garden space.

"These children are learning first-hand what it means to reap what you sow," said Jones.

As cars whiz by along Dorr Street, appreciative onlookers honk their horns to cheer on the children and adult gardeners. Sometimes, parents, grandparents, and relatives sit in lawn chairs under a shaded tree and watch the youth plant seeds, and pick ripe vegetables.

On this day, Geneva Sutton, a Foster Grandparent at Mott, watches the children and guides them along as they take pride in the kale and squash they've planted.

"This garden is so nice for the children," she said.

Roberts said the Mott staff gained inspiration to create the garden space from a grant awarded to the library system in 2009 called Fit for Life, which emphasized health. The creation of First Lady Michelle Obama's White House garden also helped to push their idea.

"We can expand gardening in this neighborhood and community," said Roberts, who dons sneakers

"This program is changing lives. The kids are so happy to see what they've helped to grow," said Jones. Roberts adds, "This is so much bigger than just a library program."

Crandall said the benefits of Mott's Community Garden are multi-pronged:

"They are outside in nature, they are learning about good nutrition, they eat better, they are happier, and all of these things lead



and jeans each Thursday to help her young patrons garden. At the end of each gardening session, Roberts hands out lemonade and popsicles to help beat the heat of the beaming afternoon sun.

to them doing better in school," said Crandall. "Plus, it's also a constant lesson in sharing."

In the fall, Crandall will help the young library patrons harvest the garden's treasures, which include kale, basil, hot peppers, squash, tomatoes, and sunflowers. With the harvested goods, Roberts will continue the program and take the young gardeners inside the Mott Branch to make delicious, healthy foods such as salsa, salads and dressings to enjoy and eat.

For more information on Mott's Community Garden, call 419.259.5230, or to participate in the youth gardening program, stop by the branch at 1085 Dorr St. at 2 p.m. on Thursdays now through September.



Back to School

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- Does your child have a way to check in when he/she returns home?

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Class of 2011- Let's Get It In! College Readiness STARTS NOW!

By Candice L. Harrison
Special to the Truth

As the summer is rapidly ending, parents are beginning to focus on school supplies, school clothes and the traditional transition from summer to autumn. Students are thinking of summer's end and the dreaded return to school. Older students, specifically high school-aged, may be considering jobs, obtaining driver's licenses and college.

As a former university professional, I feel compelled to share some information that has been very beneficial to family and friends regarding college readiness. A huge reason many students are not admitted to the school of their choice, or awarded an appropriate amount of funding, is because of lack of knowledge, direction or the sole dependency on school guidance counselors.

Although guidance counselors are great in this process, it is very helpful if you are aware of your child's needs and helpful if students are aware of their own needs. Getting in the game early is imperative in the college admissions process. Here's

why!

After researching five major universities in the area, I have found some information that parents and students alike will find beneficial. There are significant differences in application deadlines vs. scholarship deadlines. This is something that many students overlook, or are not aware of, when researching colleges and universities.

For example - Application Deadlines/scholarship deadlines

University of Toledo - Continuous admission - but "Apply by Jan 5 for priority scholarship consideration" they also have admitted student open house in January. (you need to have already applied and received a decision)

Bowling Green State University - March 1, 2011 application deadline/December 1, 2010 priority scholarship deadline

University of Cincinnati - Priority admissions deadline February 1, 2010/ Scholarship Deadline Dec. 1, 2010

Eastern Michigan Univer-

sity - Typically has "rolling admissions" / January 15, 2011 priority scholarship deadline

The Ohio State University - Application deadline February 1, 2011 application deadline/scholarship deadline December 1, 2010

What does this mean?

As a parent with a college-bound student, or as a student in the process of reviewing collegiate options, this means time is running short. Many students focus on the *application deadline*. Unless you are in an academic program that guarantees admission to a particular college, the most important deadline is actually the *priority deadline* and *scholarship deadline*. Meeting these deadlines increase your admissions chances (providing you meet the university criteria), and puts you in a position to receive the maximum amount of funding that can be awarded to you. The amount awarded will vary from student to student as eligibility requirements and scholarships awards differ.

DEADLINE can mean **POSTMARKED BY** or **RECEIVED BY**. Pay close attention to the language on admissions materials; as trivial as it may seem, overlooking or misunderstanding can be the deal-breaker for scholarship options. The TIME IS NOW for the selection of preferred universities.

Seniors, or parents of seniors, should immediately begin to narrow down university choices. Many universities have already made Autumn 2011 applications available online! Once you have solidified your top options, begin to apply. Each university will require specific materials that may take some time to gather. Allow yourself some time by preparing early.

You are also in luck because there are two ACT test dates available prior to the early college scholarship deadlines: September 11 (which is currently only accepting late registration fees) and October 23. Therefore, you have time to

take the test twice prior to application, or retake if you aren't content with previous scores.

Candice's Suggested Timeline-

- August
 - o Narrow down college choices (I suggest five to seven) so that in the event you are not admitted to your first choices you have back-up schools lined up!
 - o Research selected universities for availability of online applications, printable applications and upcoming interested student events.
 - o Begin to locate materials needed for application packet
 - o Print applications and practice admissions essays
 - o Request recommendation letters if applicable from individuals who can speak to your academics, community service and/or character
- September
 - o Speak with guidance counselor or appropriate official to request official transcripts. OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS

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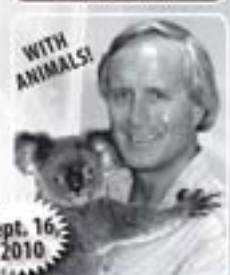


- o Ask your English teacher, guidance counselor or other advisor to review your essay for punctuation, grammar and overall flow. Also, to ensure that you have responded appropriately to the question being asked or topic of discussions. Universities are not interested in big words and repetition; they want to see true substance and solid writing.
- o Research selected university availability for application fee waivers. You can contact the respective school Admissions office for this information.
- o Create a checklist for all materials needed for each application packet
- October
 - o Apply!
 - o Verify application materials are complete by using your checklists

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The program, now in its 16th year welcomes bestselling authors to Toledo as they discuss their writing and careers, answer questions and sign books.

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Geraldine Brooks.....November 8

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School for Autistic Students Focuses on Individualized Instruction and Inclusive Services

Sojourner's Truth Staff

In early spring, Arleen Bushati, the mother of a four-year-old son, Braxton, who is autistically impaired, was cruising the Internet in an effort to find the appropriate school for the boy. Much to her dismay, Bushati had discovered that her home state of Idaho does not provide funding for such educational efforts.

Not many states do. What she did find – 1,700 miles away in Toledo, OH – appeared to be the best option for her and her family. Her choice – the School for Autistically Impaired Learners (S.A.I.L. Ohio) – has been under the guidance of Marion



Braxton Bushati and teacher Charlene Taylor

Ross, Ph.D. since 1995. Bushati packed up Braxton and a few belongings and

made the trek across country. Braxton's dad will be joining them shortly and his sister, a rising high school senior, will stay behind in Pocatello to finish her high school career there.

Braxton is joining about 15 other students at S.A.I.L. who receive individualized and daily developmental instruction in disciplines such as speech therapy, occupational therapy, sensory inte-

gration therapy and music and art therapy. Each student is matched one-on-one with a teacher.

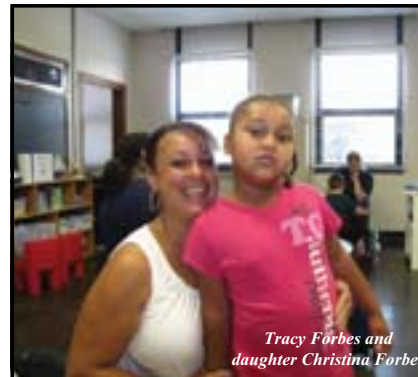
The school is currently located at St. Catherine of Siena in a quiet north Toledo neighborhood. S.A.I.L. has always been located on established school grounds so that the students, along with their teachers, can also go into classrooms and further their education alongside of

traditional students in reading, math and science.

Bushati's case is unusual but by no means unique.

"This is the most wonderful place," said Tracy Forbes, mother of Christina Forbes who is also autistically impaired. "We moved from Michigan just to come to S.A.I.L. She gets individual attention. Nothing in Michigan is offered like this. Dr. Boss has been fantastic. She has made herself available 24 hours a day."

S.A.I.L., funded by the Ohio Department of Education, is a "researched-based, year-round program serving families with toddlers and preschoolers needing early-intensive intervention, as well as middle-school children and high school youth diagnosed with autistic spectrum disorders (ASD)" according to the school's literature. In doing so, the program enhances "maximum growth in cognitive, academic, sensory, social, emotional, physical,



Tracy Forbes and daughter Christina Forbes

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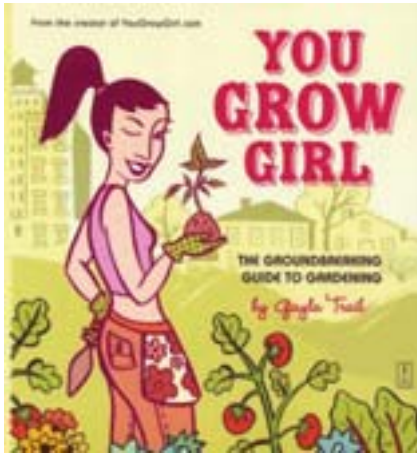
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For more information, contact EOPA at 419-242-7394.

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The Library's Reading Selection of the Month – AUGUST, 2010



Want to get your gardening on? The Library recommends this month's book find, *You Grow Girl: The Groundbreaking Guide to Gardening* (Fireside, 208 pages in paperback) by Gayla Trail, creator of YouGrowGirl.com. This book provides guidance for both beginning and intermediate gardeners with engaging tips, projects, and recipes.

We especially love this book because Trail's advice to young women who want to take up the hobby is "follow your heart." Gardening doesn't have to be intimidating, she says.

Here's what we've heard about *You Grow Girl*:

"This is not your grandmother's gardening book. *You Grow Girl* is a hip, humorous how-to for crafty gals everywhere who are discovering a passion for gardening but lack the know-how to turn their dreams of homegrown tomatoes and fresh-cut flowers into a reality."

Source: - Amazon.com

Library News

If you love books, authors, and reading, be sure to check out the **Authors! Authors!** 2010 Fall series presented by *The Blade* and arranged by the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library.

Now in its 16th year, the series kicks off on Thursday, **September 16** with the Columbus Zoo's popular emeritus director Jack Hanna, **who is scheduled to bring along** live and unique animals for the audience to enjoy.

British author Alexander McCall Smith, best known for his No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency series, is scheduled to appear on Thursday, October 21. Neosoul vocalist and actress Jill Scott played the novel series' lead character in the HBO spin-off. Both Hanna and McCall Smith are scheduled to appear at

7 p.m. in the Stranahan Theater, Great Hall, 4645 Heatherdowns Blvd. Pulitzer Prize-winning author Geraldine Brooks, a former *Wall Street Journal* reporter, will close out the fall series with an appearance at 7 p.m. on Monday, November 8 in the McMaster Center of Main Library, 325 Michigan St.

All Authors! Authors! tickets are \$10 per person, and \$8 for students. Tickets can be purchased now at all Toledo-Lucas County Public Library locations and are limited in quantity. (Please check Library hours at various branch locations). Info: 419.259.5266.



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College Readiness

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- o PrayJ- to whomever you pray to.

After this step, you should begin to receive information from the schools that you have applied to. Take advantage of all open houses, prospective student events, college tours etc. There is never too much preparation for college and it is never too early to begin! Best of luck to the class of 2011 in their college admissions goals! I will be back soon with advice for Class of 2012!

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The Padua Center: Empowering Clients Through Kwanzaa Principles

By Brittany Jones
Sojourner's Truth Reporter

Unity (umojia); self-determination (kujichagulia); collective work (ujima); cooperative economics (ujamaa); purpose (nia); creativity (kuumba) and faith (imani).

These words or phrases are the principles of Kwanzaa (Nguzo Saba) and for the past four years, they embody the foundations for all the programs of the Christian community-based presence of the Padua Center.

Located on 1416 Nebraska Avenue next to Saint Anthony's Parish Church, the Padua Center has been making a difference in the neighborhood through education, counseling, support and community involvement.

Established by the Diocese of Toledo in October 2006, the mission of the organization is to "reach out by empowering people at all stages of life to achieve their maximum potential."

"This place is all about empowerment," said Alicia Smith, educational coordinator. "We strive to empower the people's communication, education and community development while turning the feelings of powerlessness into power and hate into love."

When walking towards the building, baskets offering free bread or vegetables (which were picked fresh from the Ujima Garden on the corner of Nebraska and Junction) sit on the porch.

Not much goes on outside in this area besides occasional meetings or a place to relax. Most of the activity takes place within those walls.

The Padua Center hosts many programs throughout the year touching on various issues of life for every age.

Starting at 9:30 a.m., the center holds Hospitality where people can come in for coffee and pastries. For an hour, this is the time where informal networking sets the pace for goals, dreams and friendships.

Education is a huge factor at Padua. The center offers

after-school and summer tutoring for students in kindergarten through 10th grade. The Padua Possibilities Program has provided an alternative to suspension for children – kindergarten through sixth grade. Through a partnership with Pickett Academy, those students get counseling, art therapy, peace education, community service and academic assistance during their days serving suspension.

Since the organization is all about community, it has started "Brighten Up," which is an effort from the neighbors, parents, Padua staff and others to uphold the improvement and self-growth of the area. Monthly meetings are held in order to discuss issues and activities throughout the year.

The children also learn to use the environment to be resourceful. They have the enjoyment of gardening in the Ujima Garden. They work with Toledo Grows to design, plant and maintain the garden. Their education is extended with the newly built "Edible, Play-able Fitness Ground" where they can exercise, pick vegetables and, with an exciting addition, gather eggs from the chicken coop right next to the playground.

Free summer camps lasts for six weeks and feature healthy lunches. Field trips, arts and crafts, educational participation and guest speakers are a part of the programs. Some that are offered are vacation Bible school, Shalom Peace Camp, Padua Potters Puttering camp and more.

Developing productive decision-making skills with future challenges were the grounds for the parallel programs, "Emerging Young Ladies" and "Maturing Young Men." These series, for young people in grades six through eight, build a brother and sisterhood that will form a connection for each other.

In Smith's words: "both teaches that they must respect themselves and respect each other."

Currently, the center is working to obtain a grant, the Kuschwanz-Junction Promise Neighborhood (KJPN), which is in conjunction with the Promise Neighborhood Project. This planning grant, totaling to \$500,000 for one year, will sustain and improve the "birth-to-work" support that is desperately needed in the "low-income, high-distress neighborhoods."

A scale of representatives from government institutions (local, state and national levels), community organizations and neighborhood residents is needed to produce an effective outcome.

Five teams will be formed to undertake operational endeavors: Housing and Environment, Early Childhood School Readiness, Kindergarten through fifth grade Education and Intercultural

Competency, Sixth through 12th STEM Education and Community Service and Adult Education and Workforce Development.

Some partners that are involved are Parker Enterprises and Parker Electrical Academy, The University of Toledo and other educational institutions (pre-kindergarten through postsecondary), Toledo Grows, \$1.50 Plus Food Mart, Self-Expression Teen Theater (S.E.T.T.) and many more.

All of this activity is in hopes of increasing college aspirations and enrollment and improving the public school system.

In the annual report titled, "Ventures of Empowerment," Sister Virginia Welsh, director, commented that "at the Padua Center we help children (and adults) recognize that they truly have power and that they can direct that power for good."

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Teacher Devin Gilbert with student A.J. King

language communication, musical and aesthetic domains."

Along with Boss, there is a speech pathologist, who has a doctorate, and an educational consultant – also with a doctorate. Among the teaching staff, "many have degrees and the others are working on degrees," said Boss. There are also several master's degree students on staff she added.

Shirley Hopkins, the mother of four-year-old Aariah Reddy, has already learned the value of S.A.I.L.'s individualized approach and goal of inclusion. Her daughter was previously a student at the Toledo Public School's Ottawa River Elementary pre-school program where she feels her daughter was getting abused on a regular basis by other students.

"Another kid attacked her and they would just let them fight," said Hopkins of that experience. "Then she would return home with aggressive behavior."

Hopkins also has found the more intensive educational program that S.A.I.L. offers to be more productive for her daughter's development. As opposed to the TPS pre-school three-hour format, S.A.I.L. offers a five-hour daily program.

While the year-round S.A.I.L. program is intended to focus on building those skills that present such challenges to the autistically-impaired, Boss continually emphasizes that her students are not to live in an academic vacuum. If she can describe her mission in one word, it would be "inclusion."

"I want our children with autism to learn with other students," she said.

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Lourdes Community Lends Helping Hand as First Residential Students Move In

Welcome week includes new and nontraditional student orientations, academic workshop, graffiti party

Special to The Truth

Monday, August 16 and Tuesday, August 17: Winning the Game

Offered to all incoming Lourdes students, Winning the Game is an interactive two-day workshop focusing on strategies for academic success. "Winning the Game is an optional program aimed at helping students learn what it takes to be academically and personally successful in college," offers Karen Case, Admissions Coordinator. "Students will have the opportunity to meet faculty and staff, explore potential career options and use the Duns Scotus Library and the WIN Computer Resource Center." McAlear Hall. 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Call 419-824-3785 or email kcase@lourdes.edu for more information.

Wednesday, August 18: Nontraditional Student Orientation

Lourdes will host its fall nontraditional orientation program designed particularly for adult learners and/or transfer students. This evening program provides opportunities for students to meet faculty, staff and other students and learn about the variety of college resources and services available. Franciscan Theatre & Conference Center. Reception at 5:30 p.m., program at 6 p.m. Call 419-824-3785 or email kcase@lourdes.edu for more information.

Friday, August 20: Move-In Day and Parent Luncheon

Members of the Lourdes community in-

cluding faculty, staff, students and alumni will gather to welcome Lourdes' first residential students to campus and help them move into their new homes. More than 100 students will move into Lourdes Commons in Bonaventure, Justinian and Pioneer halls. Lourdes Commons. 8 a.m. to Noon.

Afterward, parents/guardians of new students are invited to attend a luncheon from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Ebeid Student Center. During the luncheon, a panel of Lourdes representatives will join Vice President for Student Life Roseanne Gill-Jacobson in answering questions and providing information. Contact Todd Matthews, Assistant Director of Campus & Resi-

dential Life, at 419- 824-3873 or email tmatthew@lourdes.edu for further detail about Move-In Day.

Saturday, August 21: New Student Orientation and Graffiti Party

New traditional students are expected to attend the fall 2010 orientation, Get in the Game. Orientation begins at 9 a.m. with check-in and refreshments. The program begins with a welcome from Dr. Helmer at 9:30 a.m. in the Lourdes gymnasium. Students will meet fellow classmates and gather for activities including informative break-out sessions, a scavenger hunt and campus tour. A barbeque lunch will be hosted by President Helmer

and his wife Linda.

Later that evening, new and returning students are invited to participate in a graffiti party beginning at 9 p.m. at Lourdes Commons. For more information about new student orientation, the parent luncheon and the graffiti party, contact Becky Tobias, Assistant Director of Campus and Residential Life, at 419-517-8946 or email btobias@lourdes.edu.

Lourdes College is a private, four-year educational institution of professional studies and arts and sciences providing a values-centered education in a caring and supportive community. More than 2,300 students are enrolled in pro-

grams such as Business, Education, Environmental Science, Nursing, Social Work, Criminal Justice and the Arts & Sciences. In addition to undergraduate and pre-professional programs, Lourdes offers Master degrees in Education, Nursing, Organizational Leadership and Theology through its Graduate School. Lourdes' Community Outreach Programs include the Appold Planetarium, Lifelong Learning Program, the Life Lab and Theater Vision. Discover us online at www.lourdes.edu or by phone at 419-885-3211. Lourdes College is a sponsored ministry of the Sisters of St. Francis of *Sylvania*.

UT Alumni Group Collecting Shoes for Elementary School Students

Special to The Truth

This month as you are out buying school supplies for the upcoming school year, add an extra pair or two of children's shoes to your list and make an immediate impact on a child.

The University of Toledo Judith Herb College of Education (JHCOE) Alumni Affiliate is sponsoring the second annual shoe collection drive for area elementary schools. The alumni group is teaming up with the Colleges of Engineering and Health Science and Human Services Alumni Affiliates to collect gym shoes and dress shoes in youth and small adult sizes. School supplies, such as pencils, pens, paper, backpacks and tissues, also will be accepted and used to help students get a head start on their school year.

Throughout the month of August, donations can be dropped off at the Driscoll Alumni Center in Room 2001, from 8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Driscoll Alumni Center is located on the UT Main Campus.

A donation drive event, the Shoe Tree Social, also is scheduled for 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 23 at the Dorr Street Café, 5423 Dorr St. Drop off your donations, meet the members of the three participating affiliate groups and sample some free appetizers provided by the Dorr Street Café.

In previous years the JHCOE Alumni Affiliate has done backpack drives, but recently they decided to take a different route.

"With so many backpack drives already in operation, we ventured out to do something different," said Marcus Sneed, assistant director of the UT Alumni Association. "So many kids come in with torn shoes or they don't have the proper shoes for gym class. We saw a definite need that we could help fill."

Last year the group collected about 60 pairs of shoes and this year they are hoping to gather even more, said Tammy Talmage, vice president of the JHCOE Alumni Affiliate.

The organization also does a mitten and hat drive in the winter and a breakfast bar drive in the spring to help support students who are in need.

In previous drives they were able to support six schools with backpacks and supplies. However, during last year's inaugural shoe drive they had to reduce support to just two schools, Talmage said, adding, "By joining forces with other affiliate organizations, we hope to be able to adopt additional schools and help more children."

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Book Review

Girl in the Know: Your Inside-and-Out Guide to Growing Up by Anne Katz, RN, PhD, illustrated by Monika Melnychuk

c.2010, Kids Can Press \$18.95 U.S. and Canada 111 pages, includes index

By Terri Schilichemeyer
The Truth Contributor

All your life, you couldn't wait to grow up.

You always dreamed of the things you'd do when it happens. You'd have lots more freedom, for one. More privileges, fewer curfews. You'd be able to make some of your own decisions.

But now that you're growing up, you're wondering what's so great about it. Your skin is gross, your moods are wild, your body is doing weird things, you feel like you can't trust your friends... but you'll get through it, especially if you've got *Girl in the Know: Your Inside-and-Out Guide to Growing Up* by Anne Katz, RN, PhD (illustrated by

Monika Melnychuk) on your shelf.

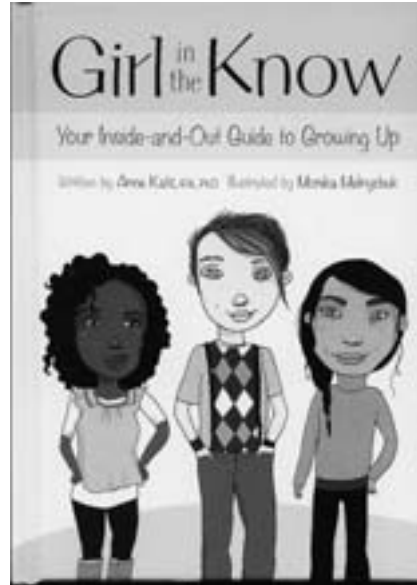
Let's start on the outside. For most of your life, you've probably used different names for the body parts that make you a girl. Katz says that's fine – but you should know the proper names anyhow, “even if they sound funny.” Those body parts will soon be changing (if they haven't already) and you'll want to know how to deal with this natural part of life.

And then there's the inside of you.

Chances are that you've already noticed your moods going up and down like an insane rollercoaster. That's

normal, Katz says. Your hormones and your brain are “under construction” and on their way to becoming adults, too. Decision-making – one of the things you were so excited to do when you grew up – is harder than you thought it would be. It helps to talk about it, Katz says.

But who do you talk to? Your parents are impossible, your best friend is now your worst enemy, and cliques are so hard to break. You're no doubt feeling pressure to act a certain way, Katz says, and that's not easy. There are ways to keep your friends and talk to your parents, and other adults or older siblings



tain a healthy weight in a healthy way. See your doctor. Don't be afraid to ask questions.

Is it time to have The Talk with your preteen daughter (or with Mom)? For you, *Girl in the Know* could also be called *Adult in the Know*.

Author, adjunct professor and counselor Anne Katz writes with a hip kind of authority that won't make girls roll their eyes. I liked that *Girl in the Know* takes things further than all the other “what's going on with my body”-type books: Katz also matter-of-factly offers advice on friendships, acceptance and health, while the illustrations by Monika Melnychuk keep things generally light.

While definitely meant for nine-to-15-year-old girls, there's no “No Boys Allowed” sign on the cover of this informative conversation-starter. For kids on the edge of growing up, *Girl in the Know* is a book to know about.

can lend a different perspective.

Now that you're almost grown up, you also need to start taking responsibility for you, inside and out. Get

enough Z's. Feed your brain by reading books about other teens. Eat right and find an exercise you really like (it doesn't have to look like exercise to be exercise). Main-

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Registration Begins at Penta Adult & Continuing Education

Special to The Truth

Registration is under way for career/job training and part-time programs at Penta Career Center, Adult & Continuing Education. Several job training courses begin in mid-August, but many other courses have flexible starting dates. Career/job training courses offered at Penta include: Auto Body Collision Repair; Automotive Technologies; Builder, Contractor and Remodeler Technologies; Customer Service & Administrative Support; Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Recovery (HVACR); Welding and computer. Courses are also offered in the health occupation area and include job training programs in Dietary Management and State Certified Nurse Aide (STNA).

Adults interested in part-time training at Penta can register for several programs and courses such as: Medical



Coding; Computer Training; Small Engine Repair; Pressure Boiler Systems and Builder, Contractor & Remodeler Technologies. Apprenticeship training is also available in areas such as: Plumbing, Millwrights, and Machine Trades.

For companies and businesses, Penta Adult & Continuing Education's Corporate Services Group offers professional training and consulting services at a rea-

sonable cost. The Corporate Services Group provides resources in the areas of quality management, human resource development, information technology and industrial training.

Adults who want to improve their reading, writing, and math skills or study for the GED and/or the Compass/Accuplacer College Entrance exams can register for Penta's Adult Basic Skills

Enhancement programs offered at several convenient locations in the community. To register for any

of the Penta Adult & Continuing Education programs, please call 419-661-6555 or stop by the Adult & Continuing Education office located at 9301 Buck Road in Perrysburg. Financial aid is available for students who qualify.

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Andrea Price Named Mercy President and CEO

Special to The Truth



Andrea R. Price, FACHE, has been promoted to president and chief executive officer of Mercy, effective August 1, 2010.

Price joined Mercy in fall of 2009 as chief operating officer, at which time she assumed responsibility for the operations and performance of

Mercy's seven hospitals and outpatient centers, Mercy Medical Partners employed-physician group and Mercy College of Northwest Ohio.

In her new role, Price will assume additional responsibility for oversight of the entire Mercy organization to include strategy, governance, physician integration, and community partnerships.

Prior to joining Mercy, Price served as executive vice president and chief operating officer for Sparrow Health System in Lansing, Michigan. While there, she was responsible for the strategic direction of the system, which included Sparrow Hospital's two Lansing campuses as well as hospitals in St. Johns, Carson City and Ionia County.

In addition, Price was responsible for the daily operations of Sparrow Hospital, a 600-bed level one trauma center. She has also served in senior executive roles at Hurley Medical Center in Flint, MI and Children's National Medical Center in Washington D.C.

She has more than 25 years of healthcare experience and

is a fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE). She was also the 2010 recipient of the Midwest Healthcare Executives Group and Associates (MHEGA) Regent's Senior Level Healthcare Executive Award, which recognizes healthcare executives with more than 20 years of healthcare experience for their significant contributions toward the achievement of the goals of the ACHE and the advancement of healthcare management excellence.

In addition to serving as a board member for MHEGA, Price is president-elect for the National Association of Health Services Executives, a non-profit designed to advance and develop black healthcare leaders, and elevate the quality of health care services rendered to minority and under-served communities.

She received a bachelor of art degree in psychology from the University of Michigan, and a master's degree in health administration from Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine. She and her husband, Edward Johnson, M.D., have four chil-

dren.

"Andrea's commitment to Mercy and the community is evident by her leadership in the continued growth and success of Mercy," said Steven L. Mickus, FACHE immediate past president & CEO of Mercy who has moved to the position of chief operating officer of Catholic Healthcare Partners (CHP), Mercy's parent organization. "Her understanding and commitment to Mercy's mission of improving the health of the community, coupled with her extensive leadership expertise is in perfect synergy with the philosophy of Mercy."

In addition to his role of chief operating officer for CHP, Mickus serves as chief executive officer of the Northern Division of CHP which includes St. Rita's Health Partners, Lima; Community Health Partners, Lorain; and the Mercy region. In that role, he will continue to have strategic and financial oversight for Mercy and will continue to reside in Toledo.

CHP operates 34 hospitals and 14 long-term care facilities in Ohio, Tennessee, Kentucky, Indiana, and Pennsylv-

vania and has more than 38,000 employees and \$5.05 billion in assets. Recently, CHP was recognized for the second year in a row as one of the top 10 health systems in nation for quality and efficiency by Thomson Reuters.

Mercy is a not for profit health system in northwest Ohio dedicated to improving the health of people in its communities with emphasis on its 155-year mission of caring for all in need. Mercy is the largest region of Catholic Healthcare Partners, one of the nation's largest health systems. Mercy has more than 7,300 employees, 2,300 medical staff members and net revenues of nearly \$900 million. The organization is composed of Mercy St. Vincent Medical Center, Mercy St. Charles Hospital, Mercy St. Anne Hospital, Mercy Children's Hospital, Mercy Tiffin Hospital, Mercy Willard Hospital, Mercy Hospital of Defiance, Mercy Medical Partners, and Mercy College of Northwest Ohio. Please visit www.mercyweb.org for additional information regarding Mercy.

Old West End Day Care Center 2 to Set up Shop in South End

Sojourner's Truth Staff

"The South End will once more come to receive quality child care—the kind of care that they have come to expect from a child development center," said Francis Dumbuya, Ph.D., founder and director of the Old West End Day Care Center, last week during a tour of a building at 539 Broadway.

That building, the now-defunct A child's Way, will open in September as the Old West End Day Care Center 2 under the guidance of Dumbuya and his wife, Patricia. "My wife and I bring to bear the education as well as the experience in the field of early childhood development," said Dumbuya. "And this is such a wonderful opportunity."

Indeed, the facility on Broadway is an opportunity for parents in south Toledo. Located on a major thoroughfare, with ample parking for drop-offs, the 13,000 square-foot edifice has been closed for the past four years. Nevertheless, it is fully stocked for a rapid start-up in the fall with a "ton of useable stuff" said Dumbuya during the tour.

The building, much like the current facility on Monroe Street, is big enough to house 120 youngsters which, given state staffing requirements, will create about 15 new jobs.



Francis Dumbuya, Ph.D.

"Our strength is service," said Dumbuya, reflecting on his operating philosophy, the philosophy that has guided him and his staff since 1996. "With service, children's needs are met – both academically and socially. Parents themselves need a quality center and those needs will be met."

Sometime within the next few weeks, the City of Toledo will perform an inspection of the property and after that, the OWEDC 2 will become operationally.

Dumbuya earned his undergraduate degree in economics from the State University of New York and a doctorate in educational leadership from The University of Toledo.

A one-time publisher of the *Great Lakes Tribune*, Dumbuya continues to write in

the area of business, professional development and personal achievement. He is the founder and CEO of Personal Achievement & Professional Development Institute, LLC.

In his latest book, *How They Got there – Mastering the Winning Strategies of Successful People*, Dumbuya examines the success strategies of high achievers.

In providing the quality day care experience for children's benefits, Dumbuya believes that parents are then able to pursue their own personal goals un-conflicted – work or personal.

When it comes to serving children and parents, he says, the Old West End Day Care Center's motto is simple: "if we cannot do it, then it can't be done."

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Two-Year Anniversary of The Listening!

By Michael Hayes
Minister of Culture



In the summer of 2008 I sat down with my co producer/business partner

Adonis aka Lavale and came up with a plan on how to give the singers/rappers signed to our company a way to improve their skills. From that discussion we came up with an idea

that served much more than just our own interests.

In a meeting with a few U.G.E. artists we detailed plans of having a weekly event that would be an alternative to night clubs.

Something that people

could chill, vibe and network at... yet still be entertained.

Then came the concept of it being cheap or possibly free as a means to give back to our community.

By now, honestly, we felt we would have sold some tracks to industry artists or got some of our own acts signed... so we were thinking we would be able to put our own money behind the event but still provide it as a free artistic outlet to the community.

Lo and behold my boss approached me about using brand new Truth Art Gallery for functions that would bring people in the door.

Everything just fell into place and in August of 2008, The Listening was born.

Not only the artists we produce but also all other artists now had a place to perfect their craft and hone their skills. If used wisely, we knew it would be quite beneficial.

Still since this was offered by U.G.E. courtesy of The

Truth Art Gallery... my partner and I made our artists responsible for putting in the work.

The singers and rappers with our company have to be there an hour before open mic starts to re-arrange furniture, hook up equipment and go over plans for the evening as well as set everything back to normal after the night is over.

It's a way to have our artists put work ethic into the event on a consistent basis.

In the nearly two years since we started it, The Listening has stood out as a destination in Toledo nightlife.

Featured on Fox News several times, and various mention in Toledo Free Press, Toledo City Paper, 4 local radio stations, Game Savvy Latenite T.V. on NBC24, Champions... a show airing on CW5 and other media... The Listening has enjoyed favorable spotlight.

Local and regional heavyweights such as Tracy,

Cuntry, B. Willz, S.S.T.R.E.S.

and many more have performed at The Listening as well as a few acts signed to major record labels. The artist Chiefalone understood the true benefit of this kind of event and used The Listening as the cornerstone of his campaign for pushing his single

"Change The Beat" and once it caught on there he pushed it in other venues as well.

We've done everything you can think of to special events for Valentine's Day, Sweetest Day and U.G.E. artists as well as acts closely associated with our company have had the freedom to throw their own events at our night.

Tracy did a Sweetest Day event and of course U.G.E. acts have thrown events such as Leigh Ashley's "One Mic For Every Girl" all female performer event and T.Diamond's

"Diamond Life Mixtape Release" and we even had the after party at the Blue Print.

B.M.G.'s Outa Space Mixtape Release was a success just two months ago but we've thrown interesting things you won't see any-

where else such as U.G.E.'s "Detroit Vs. Toledo" event where we brought our partner label and a few other artists from the 313 down to Toledo as special guests of The Listening.

Our set up is very grass roots, however.

It's more like an open mic night than a full stage performance set up.

We have a modest sound system, and very modest accommodations because our night is NOT meant to be a full out overblown event... it's the place where people can connect with your music, art or whatever you do.

Many artists in the city have become favorites at The Listening.

Frankz, Bobby Lucas, Chief, Tracy, Hunter Prey, Nareze Denise, Crispi, L. Boogie,

D.O.D. and now as we celebrate our second anniversary we need the support of these singers/rappers/ poets more than ever.

Now as we face challenges with keeping our equipment and the overall art gallery up to standard with zero budget (because in all of the two years we've only had five events where we charged at the door, s/o to Hustle

Hand for contributing).

It's an art gallery, not a bar... so we have to

1. Be careful
2. Dispose of our own trash, provide trash bags, office supplies, etc.

3. Find ways to pay for promotion and other needs because as a community event it doesn't generate money.

A place where all ages can come (U.G.E. has a few kids in our circle, and they are safe at The Listening on a Saturday Night.. little five-year olds being exposed to art at an early age, sounds like my childhood.. LOL).

We don't allow any alcohol or cigarette smoke in the building.

It's a laid back atmosphere which we feel has become a staple in the artistic fiber of this community over the last two years.

We need revenue to continue it so we will be charging \$5 on the night of our two year Anniversary: August 28 at 9 p.m.

Hope to see everyone there, look out for more on THE LISTENING: U.G.E.'s weekly Open Mic Night held at The Truth Art Gallery 1811 Adams Dntown.

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Local Pastor Graduates with Degree from Winebrenner Theological Seminary

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Robert G. Birt Jr. graduated Saturday, August 7, from Winebrenner Theological Seminary, Findlay, Ohio, with a Master of Divinity degree. He is senior pastor of Glass City Church of Christ, Toledo.

Birt and his wife, Winda, have one daughter, Octavia, and two grandchildren: Zephan and Zamarra. He says that "My educational journey has been absolutely awesome and rewarding. Classes are small and personal. Instructors are very equipped to assist students in academics and spiritual formation." Bob will also be pursuing a doctorate.

Birt is one of 35 male and female graduates who have recently completed studies at WTS. This year's graduates have prepared for more than 20 avenues of Christian ministry. Following WTS' strong history of evangelical theological training for an ecumenical church, graduates represent 20 of the nearly 40 different denominational affiliations from which WTS students come.

Graduates will receive recognition for their studies in one of five degree or two non-graduate programs: Doctor of Ministry, Master of Divinity, Master of Arts (Theological Studies), Master of Arts in Family Ministry, Master of Arts in Church Development, Diploma in Pastoral Studies and Diploma in Pastoral Training.

WTS background Information

Winebrenner Seminary, the only seminary of the Churches of God, General Conference, began in 1942 as the Winebrenner Graduate School of Divinity on the Findlay College campus. In 1961, the institution became Winebrenner Theological Seminary and built its campus on East Melrose Ave., two miles from the College. It moved to its current location, 950 N. Main St., adjacent to The University of Findlay campus, in August 2003. The Seminary's primary function is to educate and prepare leaders to serve the Church. Winebrenner serves both national and international students from more than 35 denominations.

Winebrenner offers four graduate degrees for ministry: the Master of Divinity, Master of Arts (Theological Studies), Master of Arts in Family Ministry, and Master of Arts in Church Development. A Doctor of Ministry degree is available for those involved in full-time ministry. For the person without an undergraduate degree, Winebrenner offers the Diploma in Pastoral Training, and the Diploma in Pastoral Leadership (in cooperation with the Missionary Church, USA). In cooperation with The University of Findlay, Winebrenner offers courses toward a Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies—Christian Studies Emphasis at the undergraduate level.

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Top 5 DEAD OR LIVE Part One

By Michael Hayes
Minister of Culture

My most recent trip to New York was a few years ago, but it was memorable because our associates took us to the parks in the Bronx where hip-hop began.

Back in the 70s, the D.J. was the focal point of the genre.

The M.C. was merely someone to shout out people and kick a few call and responses to help get the crowd hype while the man on the 1's and 2's did his thing.

But it wasn't long before the man with the mic in his hand became the showstopper.

There are other elements of hip-hop culture that are just as important, but nothing

is more captivating than the poetic phrases, play and cadence that has become known as RAPPING.

Just like the Dunk Contest may not encompass the entirety of the game of basketball, as soon as dudes started flying through the air and dunking balls through hoops... the conversation of WHO IS THE BEST began right along with it.

My dad and I have always talked about the similarities between hip-hop and jazz.

In the jazz world, hardcore fans would discuss who was the best on the trumpet, who was the best on the keys etc.

Other than that, hip-hop is the ONLY genre of music I've

ever known where there is this ongoing discussion of who is the best rhymer in the game.

Then it became even more complex.

Black men learn debating skills through sports and hip-hop – because you HAVE to be able to be back up your point.

If you feel that L.L. Cool J. was the superior lyricist in the game at one point,

you need to be able to break down which decade, what hits did he have, battles he won/lost, and memorable rhymes.

I'm sure most of you my age or younger probably just laughed to yourself

at that previous sentence even suggesting that James Todd Smith could ever be considered as the illest rapper alive, but this only further proves how the debates can be in rap because some of the Gen X cats who are pushing 40 will say with no hesitation that at one point L. L. was the best rapper on the planet.

Move into the 90's where hip-hop music started to impact corporate America, mainstream America and middle-class America... then in order to discuss who is the best rapper at the moment you have to now factor in their mogul status and influence outside the studio.

I was in elementary school when I first started paying attention to Rakim, Big Daddy Kane and M.C. Lyte as rappers who just seemed to have it all.

The best videos, the best songs, the most creative lyrics, the biggest following and so forth. If you want to go for who has ruled the rap game at SOME point in the last 25 years I'm sure most would agree on including the following artists in their list:

Rakim, just on superior rhyme skills and influence alone he surely wore the crown for a bit.

Big Daddy Kane, Slick Rick, and Ice T all seemed untouchable in their heyday and all at one point could've had a valid claim as ruler of the rap world.

Ice Cube, Snoop Doggy

Dogg and M.C. Hammer all led me from elementary to junior high years when I really started paying attention to lyrics, overall albums and impact on pop culture. And by those guidelines, all three of these early 90's rappers held the title at some point or time as the best or at least biggest rapper out.

Then the East Coast artistic superiority came back with a vengeance with

Nas, WuTang Clan and The Notorious B.I.G. all dropping groundbreaking debut albums in the same year.

But this is where the discussion of the best rapper, or the most successful rapper changed.

It wasn't just about who was ruling the game, or who had fathered a distinct piece of lyrical legend... the violent 90's actually became that decade of rapper mortality.

Just as it became possible for an artist to do things never before possible with a microphone, it also affected millions in the hip-hop community to see so many artists dying.

The 90's gave birth to the blueprint for a rap mogul.

Biggie turned a classic debut multi-platinum album into his own record label with his own crew, a start-up clothing brand, an impressive resume of cameo appearances, endorsements and even a key figure position alongside his producer/C.E.O.... none of that was even heard of just a few years earlier.

Jay Z took it the next level

by actually starting his career as a boss figure, setting trends and signing acts of his own.

The 1990's showed us that larger-than-life success was possible.

But at the same time, the loss of life proved the rap world was not only susceptible to its own inner demons but also... we are our own historians cataloging our culture.

At that point the discussion wasn't just who is the best rapper out.

The deaths of Tupac, Biggie, Big Pun, and Big L made it necessary to ask:

Who's in the top five, dead or alive?

The death of an emcee now meant his legacy had to be even more accurately portrayed, even in the oral tradition of a bunch of guys just sitting on the stoop arguing all day about... okay, my real heads know the lyrics I was about to quote.

But you know what, I'm gonna end it right here and hit you with part two of this a little later.

But the discussion is important.

Now that I've given some back story, next it's time to really chop it up on who belongs on this list. Top 5 Dead or Alive. Keep reading!

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Lucas County Children Services (LCCS) is offering two sessions of foster care and adoption pre-service training this fall.

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The Office of Accessibility at The University of Toledo seeks two part time Transcriber's to support individuals who are DEAF/HOH in the classroom environment by converting lectures and discussion into text (speech-to-text) through the use of specialized computer software.

Requirements includes ability to type &/or keyboard a minimum of 55 wpm without errors, complete and pass Typewell Training prior to end of probationary period, and have strong oral and written communication skills. Must be comfortable interacting with Deaf/Hard of Hearing individuals. This is a CWA part-time (20 hrs/wk) position Grade 29 with a starting rate of \$15.35.

For more information and to apply please visit <https://jobs.utoledo.edu>. **Application deadline is Wednesday, August 18, 2010.**

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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.

Job/Location Job Number Walk-Thru Date Bid Opening Date
Roof Replacement at 211 S. Byrne Road 210095 August 16, 2010 @ 10:00am August 24, 2010 @ 11:00am

All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in the 2nd Floor Conference Room on the dates shown above, in the Modernization Department, at 201 Belmont Street. Contract documents and technical specifications/drawings will be available from the Modernization Department, and will be provided upon request. You may also download the bid package at www.lucasmha.org. If prints are part of the package, they will have 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 OH20100028, as modified, must be paid all persons employed for this work.

All bidders shall be required to meet the Affirmative Action requirements and Equal Employment Opportunity requirements as described in Executive Order #11246. Each bidder must insure that all employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, handicap, age, ancestry, creed, or military status.

LUCAS METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY
MODERNIZATION DEPARTMENT

INTERESTED BIDDERS:

TOLEDO PUBLIC SCHOOLS – SHERMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, BURROUGHS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, & BANCROFT HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DEMOLITION

Sealed bids will be accepted by the Board of Education of the Toledo Public School District until 1:00 p.m. on August 25, 2010, at the Toledo Public Schools Treasurers' Room 3, 420 E. Manhattan Blvd., Toledo, Ohio 43608, for all labor, material and supervision necessary for the demolition of the Sherman Elementary, Bancroft Hills Elementary, or Burroughs Elementary School, as more fully described in the drawings and specifications for the project prepared by Munger Munger and Associates, The Collaborative, Inc., and SSOE, Inc., and will be opened publicly and read immediately thereafter.

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

Bidders may obtain copies of the documents starting **August 5, 2010 which can be purchased from Toledo Blueprint, 6964 McNerney Road, Northwood, Ohio 43619 Phone: 419-661-9841. Drawings may be obtained on CD-ROM for no cost with the purchase of the specifications.**

A **MANDATORY PREBID CONFERENCE** is scheduled for August 13, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. at the Toledo Public Schools Board Room, 420 E. Manhattan Blvd., Toledo, Ohio 43608. Site walk-throughs at Sherman, Burroughs, and Bancroft Hills will commence after the pre-bid meeting according to the schedule provided at the meeting.

If you have any questions or a need for additional information, please direct all questions in writing Jessica.Dandino@lgb-llc.com, by phone at (419) 776-5600, or fax at (877) 281-0784.

Bid Package 154D – Sherman Elementary School:		
Bid Item No. 1	Sherman Elementary School Building Demolition	\$ 289,582.00
Bid Item No. 2	Sherman Elementary School Site Work Demolition	\$ 28,000.00
Bid Item No. 3	Building Cleanout of Loose Materials	\$ 13,000.00
Total for Sherman Elementary School:		\$ 330,582.00

Bid Package 101D – Bancroft Hills Elementary School:		
Bid Item No. 1	Bancroft Hills Elementary School Building Demolition	\$ 54,901.00
Total for Bancroft Hills Elementary School:		\$ 54,901.00

Bid Package 104D – Burroughs Elementary School:		
Bid Item No. 1	Burroughs Elementary School Building Demolition	\$ 169,702.00
Bid Item No. 2	Burroughs Elementary School Site Work Demolition	\$ 22,000.00
Bid Item No. 3	Building Cleanout of Loose Material	\$ 7,000.00
Total for Burroughs Elementary School:		\$ 198,702.00

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