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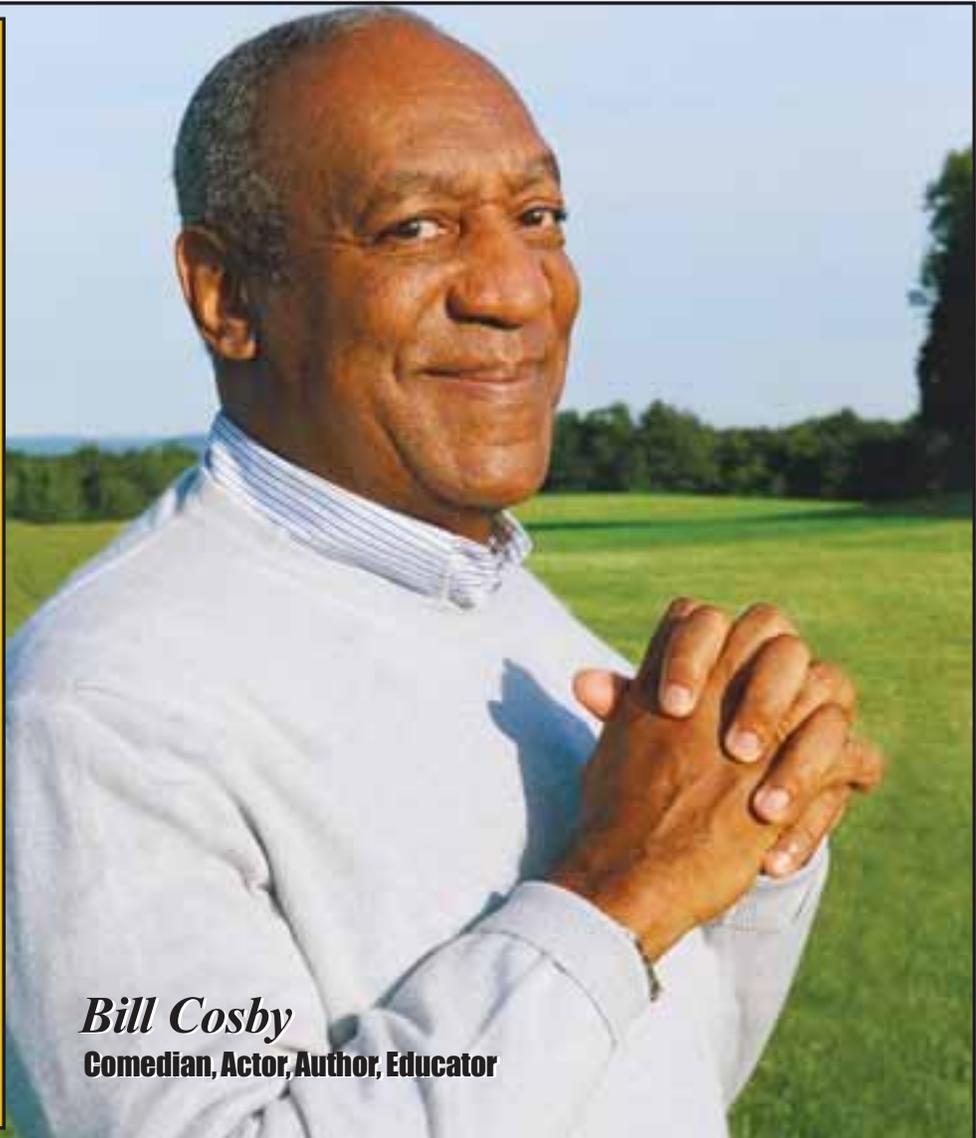
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Bill Cosby
Comedian, Actor, Author, Educator

"My father established our relationship when I was seven years old. He looked at me and said, 'You know, I brought you into the world, and I can take you out. And it don't make no difference to me, I'll make another one look just like you.'"

My Spots Don't Change

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



Education is the primary tool of emancipation and liberation for African-Americans in our fight for true equality in this country. - Earl G. Graves

The years have taught me that there are those who are always occupied and ever away when most needed; who are on other expeditions when the dearest and nearest undertakings are under assault; who selfishly prioritize what is optional over that which is necessary and must be done for a larger purpose and who would be shocked to murder a noble cause but callous and indifferent about allowing the same worthy aim to die from starvation and neglect.

The attempt to save the vacant Libbey High School building from the wrecking ball is to be applauded as well as supported. The collaborative leadership model used by the Libbey preservationists is the perfect strategy.

The only problem is that the group has the wrong goal.

The prisons, hospital emergency rooms, cemeteries and street corners are overcrowded with the bodies of young African-American males but public school classrooms remain empty of youth who are prepared for the academic challenges required to earn college degrees and thus have access to better jobs and higher salaries.

Where were Councilman D. Michael Collins, Libbey alumni and an empathetic media when the opportunity to keep Libbey open and also speak out against the educational disparities which create the inequities that decide who is or is not prepared for college?

College has become accessible only for a privileged few, a number which seldom includes African-American males, ensuring that inequality and poverty continues while other options such as "brokering contraband" become more viable alternatives and are increasingly pursued.

Something is wrong when a university's basketball or football team consists of almost all African-American males, while its debating teams rarely has one.

"Where are African-American males? Why don't they dominate (academically) as they do basketball or football," writes scholar Napoleon Bryant, Ph.D.

Sixty percent of those who do attend college are women. Among low-income and minority students, females are 25 percent more likely to be enrolled in post-secondary education than their young male counterparts.

The enrollment disparity has been attributed to lower "non-cognitive" skills in boys including the inability to pay attention, to work with others, or organize and keep track of homework. Boys also, despite equal cognitive ability with girls, receive lower grades, have more disciplinary problems, are more likely to be retained and report lower school enjoyment or teacher satisfaction (Jacob, 2002).

While many have been dutiful in voicing the tedious litany of black male deficits, we have paid scant attention to how those who have overcome institutional barriers have achieved success.

Despite "so much reform and so little change," there are solid, educational models that have produced educated and highly employable youth of color, reduced drop-out rates and taken math and reading scores of African-American middle and high schoolers from last or near the bottom to among the highest while preparing them adequately for college.

A small sample of proven common themes?

- Truly collaborative partnerships between university, school district and community that transcend the politics, power, and privilege that keep youth of color enmeshed in a culture of inequality were established.

These partnerships went beyond the sham district boundary input exercises being currently performed locally to include authentic dialog, listening, and sharing of power. Researchers and university teachers are present in classrooms with high school or middle school teachers in order to connect theory with practice or working professionals are brought into the class to raise the content level available for students. The practitioner-based knowledge of parents or community members who have raised or taught the children in church or other non-school organizations was utilized as well.

- School was made a place that African-American males wanted to be present through nurture, support and assistance in obtaining jobs and getting accepted into programs and universities. Partnerships with judges and court personnel were developed to demonstrate the need for academic excellence with corresponding high expectations for positive student behavior.

- Traditional pedagogies such as teacher-as-lecturer/student-as-passive listener and "teaching to the test" were replaced with a shared student experiential curricular process that made learning more fun.

- The will to educate all of our children was communicated, emphasized and demonstrated from the top down, from the board to the superintendent to the classroom. Finally,

- Despite struggle and difficult challenges, the collaborative leadership of parents, teachers, school administrators, government, industry, the community and ultimately the students themselves was required to achieve successful outcomes.

Thus is education reaffirmed as the "great equalizer." Not by looking back, but by moving forward to create access that leads to success in college for disenfranchised males and youth of color and to build places where all students can learn and work hard to prepare for employment or college.

Good luck with preserving old buildings though. My spots don't change.

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Community Calendar

March 17-19

Daughter of Promise Women's Revival: "Delivered into Increase;" City of Zion, the Mt. Zion Church; Min. Karrie Jackson at 6:30 on the 17th; Elder Toni Epperson at 7 on the 18th; Sis. Tniesha Jones at 10 am on the 19th: 419-481-6643

March 18

ZepfCenter's "Serve Up an Ace" Tennis Fundraiser and Silent Auction: 7 to 11 pm; Laurel Hill Swim and Tennis Club: 419-841-7701
Lucas County Democratic Party: Municipal/judicial applications due by 4 pm
Calvary MBC 22 Pastoral Anniversary: Pastor Floyd Smith; 7 pm; Guests Rev. Ronald Taylor and Beulah Baptist

March 18-19

ProMedica Total Wellness Days: Westfield Franklin Park - Macy's Wing; 8 am to 4 pm; Colorectal cancer advice and screenings: 419-291-4602

March 19-20

St. Paul's MBC Annual Men's Day Weekend: Prayer breakfast on Saturday from 9 am to noon; Sunday school at 9:25, services at 10:45 am and 4 pm; Guests from The Good Shepherd Baptist Church of Columbus: 419-246-2886

March 20

Calvary MBC 22nd Pastoral Anniversary: Pastor Floyd Smith; 10:45 am service with guests Bishop Duane Tisdale and Friendship Baptist; 4 pm service with Pastor Charles McBee and Family Baptist
St. Paul AME Zion Welcome Service: Partos Dwight and First Lady Mia Gutridge; 5 pm: 419-243-1065

March 23

UT Eberly Center Women's History Month Event: "My Black Is Chic;" 7:30 to 9 pm; Student Union Rm 2591; Discussion on fashion, self-esteem and self-expression: 419205-0900

March 26

Iota Theta Sigma Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc 14th Annual Youth Symposium: 8:30 am to 1 pm; Mt. Pilgrim Church: "H3: It's all about me: Healthy Choices, Healthy Living and Healthy Generations;" 419-345-4486
Cass Road Baptist Church Young Adult Ministry Kick-Off: Food, fun, games; Ages 18-30; 3 to 5 pm: 419-893-2008/crbyaministry@yahoo.com
Glass City Church of Christ 19th Annual Ladies Inspiration Day: "Running the Christian Race... Get F.I.T. with God;" Continental breakfast at 8 am; Program from 9 am to 12:30 pm: 419-346-1248
Citywide Christian Trustee Association Meeting: United MBC; 10 am: 419-380-9477

March 27

Calvary MBC 22nd Pastoral Anniversary: Pastor Floyd Smith; 4 pm service with guests Bishop Clifton Jones and Agape Love Ministries
Crusaders for Christ Church "Fresh Start" Ministry's Freedom Experience: 2:30 pm to 5 pm; Ages 18 and up: 419-376-2331
Parkwood SDA Church Single Parents' Association Support Group & Education: 4 to 5 pm: 419-508-9648

March 29

Greater Toledo Urban League Senior Program Annual Black History Celebration: "Celebrating You;" 12:30 pm; J. Frank Troy Center; Speaker Robert Smith of African American Legacy Project: 419-255-6206

April 2

Calvary Baptist Church Youth Department: Concert - "The Blood Still Works;" Featuring Tye Quarles & Recovered; 6 pm: 419-466-9731

April 9

Women Blessing Women Mentorship Program Kickoff: 11 am - 1 pm; 419-408-3993 or 419-241-9789

April 15-17

Calvary Baptist Church Women's Ministry 14th Spring Retreat: 419-787-9635

Who Loves Ya Now, Baby??

By Lafe Tolliver, Esq.
Guest Column



towards taking collective bargaining rights back to the Stone Age.

That is precisely what is at stake and the moneyed fat cats who employ their legions of sophisticated lobbyists and pricey attorneys always want more and for you to have less.

Now, when we see the

Walker left their tell-tale scent on their prior political acts and activities and nor does a leopard change its spots. So... what they were then, they are now and in spades!

Kasich recently said about pending budget cuts, "You ain't seen nothing yet!" What a combative remark

any rough political turbulence.

No, the Kasichs and Scott Walkers are doing the work of their puppet masters (for Scott Walker it is the Koch Brothers) and they will continue to do their bidding for as long as they are useable or until the complacent voter gets the cobwebs out of

like equal odds or each person having a pair of brass knuckles just like they have.

The upcoming 2012 election will be a watershed as to the shifting of political powers.

If the national haters such as Michele Bachmann and Ann Coulter and Rush Limbaugh and wacko Glenn Beck can keep it churning on the national scene and now are joined by the idiocy of Michael Huckabee and Newt Gingrich and the loopy comments of Sarah Palin, it will be a most contentious but interesting time.

If the current events have not awakened you to the fact that negative change is coming to a neighborhood near you, please go back under the covers and continue your sleep and when you do finally awake and ask what happened, hopefully you will not be greeted by a crème pie in the face.

Unless you understand the present actors and are able to follow the money

trail and unearh who is who and why they are acting the way they are, all of this political soap opera will not gel for you.

Understand that there are political forces at work that relentlessly plan methods and means by which they can advance their agenda at your cost or benefit.

Budgets tell a story. A story of which is considered important in society and what is valued by society.

When budgets penalize people for being poor or ignorant or for not having, they can do so because the budget masters are counting on poor and disenfranchised people not getting energized and organized and voting out scoundrels who oppress people and who use both class and race as "misdirections" to keep a potentially powerful coalition from winning elections.

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Well, you must be as blind as Ray Charles to not see and begin to understand that Ohio Governor John Kasich and the Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker, both Republicans, are operating out of the same politico play book.

Their scorched earth policy of taking no prisoners in their zeal to squelch union power is spreading to other states including Tennessee and Indiana.

The war is on and that war is one of money and power along with the reduction of the middle class and its power to influence political elections through giving to unions and accompanying PAC's.

Overwhelmingly, those union PAC's traditionally favor the Democratic candidate and if you can bust the union and strip away their power to collect union dues, the tide could change

large crowds in state capitol rotundas protesting, you gotta think "what were they thinking if they voted for the money grubbing fat cats whose idea of middle class or lower class are about people that they would rather not engage with on a social level."

In another sense, to see such demonstrations should be a wake up call for many apathetic voters who sat out the last Ohio and Wisconsin elections thinking that Kasich and Scott Walker were seemingly likable persons who grinned and said the right things.

Wrong! Both Kasich and

from an arrogant self-absorbed man, but he is saying that because he is flaunting his GOP power and is darning the middle class and lower class to forget their race/class issues and try to throw him out of office.

Kasich and Walker sleep well at night. They do not have nightmares of not having excellent health care coverage.

They have no thoughts of not having three square meals a day.

They laugh at adversity knowing that they have rich fat cat friends who will give them a soft financial pillow landing if they experience

their brains and goes out and registers to vote and then actually votes.

Kasich and Walker do not love the working class stiff nor are they comfortable speaking with those who are collectively organized to protect their interests because political bullies do not

Sleepless in Columbus ... Over SB5

Toledo will always be my home but I now reside in Columbus. I have to say...I have always loved being a teacher. I will tell anyone, that there is nothing like it.

I am not speaking of 15 sick and three personal days or the extended vacations. I am referring to being blessed to have the opportunity to shape a mind.

As teachers, we build students not only academically, but ethically and emotionally as well.

With that being said, SB5 has caused me extreme unrest. I'm talking sleepless nights! To think that Kasich and his followers think so lowly of our education system as a whole is nothing less than a disgrace.

How can anyone who is morally sane suggest balancing the Ohio budget on the backs of the middle class? As your article has indicated, this will be the new Great Depression. How? It's quite simple. When my salary is cut in half (and those are the projected numbers), I will lose my home, I will not be able to pay for latch key services, I will not be able to support key businesses where I shop.

I'm not talking only about the local grocer, but also the salons, the gyms, entertainment. Everyone is going to lose. Businesses will suffer. Why? It is the middle class that sustains them, not these ever so vocal supporters of SB5.

I have heard so many negatives comments about teachers..."What about the lazy ones?" Seriously? As a teacher, I must be "Highly Qualified" as the state of Ohio mandates. This basically means I earned my salary.

As teachers, we must take additional course work to renew our certifications—the state does not pay for this. We pay for it. Again, I have earned my salary. I come to work daily and I TEACH little Suzy whose mom is in a coma, Johnny who has no running water, Bobby in foster care, Dan whose parents are on drugs.

Trust me; many of our students don't come in with "sunshiny faces." Yet, I do this job that I love so much. I do it right, with love and earnest. I have earned my salary.

Toledo, please know and understand that if those goes to the November ballot, we MUST ALL GET UP, GO OUT AND VOTE! The teaching union is the strongest in Ohio. If Kasich can bring our union down, you are next.

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Teachers, Preachers, Union Members and Elected Officials Bash SB5

Sojourner's Truth Staff

The Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance (IMA) joined forces with the Toledo Federation of Teachers (TFT) on Monday to bring together union members, pastors and elected officials in a common cause - to voice their displeasure over Senate Bill 5.

"The assault of Senate Bill 5 on [unions] is an assault on all of us," said Rev. Cedric Brock, president of the IMA. "We are joined together to condemn this attack."

Approximately 100 people, among them a particularly large number of firefighters, joined Brock and TFT President Francine Lawrence on the podium to express their concern about the legislation that is designed to lower labor costs for the state government and limit public employees' rights to bargain collectively in the future.

The bill passed in the Ohio Senate by a vote of 17-16 - with six Republicans and all 10 Democrats voting against it. Now the House will be voting on the legislation soon and is expected to pass given the Republican numerical superiority in that chamber. Governor John Kasich has said he will sign the bill into

law. But as several speakers indicated on Monday, the governor's approval will not mean the end of the public unions' battle. Democrats have indicated that they will organize a referendum effort to place the issue before the voting public in November.

"This is an ideological attack based on political purposes," said Representative Matt Szollosi of House District 49. "The civil rights movement and the labor movement are represented here. Governor, watch out. This will be on the ballot in November and it will never become law."

The gathering featured speeches by a number of elected officials - Lucas County Board of Commissioners President Pete Gerken, State Senator Edna Brown, State Representative Teresa Fedor and U.S. Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur.

Lawrence also took her turn at the microphone.

"Senate Bill 5 will repeal collective bargaining rights," said Lawrence. "But people who bargain collectively are a vital part of Toledo's community. Collective bargaining



has provided an avenue for collaboration between teachers and administrators on policies and practices that make Ohio's public schools

better places for kids to learn and achieve."

Lawrence sounded a theme that would be repeated by each speaker. "This effort to silence employees is not about balancing the state budget, it is about a deep, anti-union bias," she said.

She also noted, as would several others, that the Great Recession was caused by practices employed by Wall Streeters and other large corporations who were bailed out by taxpayers. "It was public workers who bailed out our economy and this is the thanks we get?" she asked.

"This is a sad day in the state of Ohio," said Senator Brown during her turn at the podium. "This bill is a farce, it is vindictive, it is a payback to the union members who supported Democratic can-

didates in the last election."

Brown also warned that the attack on public employees' unions would not be the Republicans' last such attack on collective bargaining units. She cautioned the UAW and the Teamsters to beware. "You watch out," she told the private sector union members.

Kaptur used her time to speak of the national issues involved in the Republican attack on labor and the growing disparity between the wealthy and not-so-wealthy over the last 30 years.

"They're going after the people who hold us together - our firefighters, our police, our teachers," said Kaptur. "There is no country in the world that remains free without organized labor. The rights of labor are very, very

precious. Our fight is for justice, our fight is for progress, our fight is for the American way."

Fedor questioned whether the Republican state leaders had not overplayed their hand with this move against labor. "They have miscalculated," she said.

Certainly there is growing evidence in recent polls that indicate that Republicans may indeed have overstepped their bounds. The University of Cincinnati's Ohio Poll released this week shows that 47 percent of Ohioans disapprove of Gov. Kasich's performance in office and only 40 percent approve, the lowest rating recorded by the poll in the last 25 years for a governor at this stage of his term.

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Bill Cosby: Performing, Acting, Writing ... and Shaking His Head Over Those Who Aren't with the Program

By Fletcher Word
Sojourner's Truth Editor

"Good Morning," The Truth's reporter replied to the voice that had answered his telephone call with a simple "hello."

"Is this Bill Cosby?"

"No, it's Roy Rogers, you big dummy," came the response along with a chuckle that sounded more than a little familiar. Definitely not a Roy Rogers chuckle. And isn't Roy Rogers dead? In fact, the voice sounded suspiciously like the one behind such characters as Alexander Scott and Cliff Huxtable.

And with that introduction, we were off and running.

Cosby, who will be here in Toledo this weekend for two Greater Toledo Urban League events, was not at all diffident about his thoughts on family, the state of black America or the lack of educational attainment amongst young black males – or the reasons why communities in general, and urban areas in particular, are in such peril.

"Where did we go wrong?" he asks rhetorically before explaining that, from his point of view, communities began to disintegrate during the 1960's, particularly the black community. The Vietnam War, he says, was especially devastating, with its culture of violence and drugs, on the young black males of that time.

"What's missing is pride," he says.

Several years ago, Cosby – standup comedian, actor, author, educator – made news by speaking out in a very public forum on the condition of the black community, the poor, black, inner city community.

"It's right around the corner; it's standing on the corner; it can't speak English; it doesn't want to speak English," he said at the 50th Anniversary commemoration of the Brown v. Board of Education U.S. Supreme Court decision in May 2004. "I can't even talk the way these people talk. 'Why you ain't where you is go.' I don't know who these people are. And I blamed the kid until I heard the mother talk. Then I heard the father talk ... Everybody knows it's important to speak English except these knuckleheads."

And with those statements, Cosby turned the



debate about the condition of the African-American community inwards, to the chagrin of many in that community. Without apology.

"I don't have to apologize," he says. "I'm talking about the children, our children. I'm talking about those people who did the marching and fighting and teaching and spent nights in jail for people to have a level playing field. And then those same people then turn around and develop behavior not conducive to showing children into the valley of education and seriousness. We spend all of our time defining hipness."

"The seriousness [back then] of the enemy and the enemy's consistent attack had held us together. But we don't argue about what we have done wrong to one another."

For Cosby, the results of this lack of attention in the African-American community to education and serious purposes is plainly evident – "teenage pregnancies, male dropouts and not sending children prepared to feel good about themselves ... those things go unanswered."

But Cosby also rails against the inevitable solutions that are proposed by adults in the community whenever such issues are discussed.

"Then you hear adults say we need a program," he says. "No! We don't need another program. We've got to do it. There's got to

be a call to arms, a wake-up. And it doesn't have to be a 'give me liberty or give me death.' You don't have to kill yourself, you've just got to wake-up."

And for adults, Cosby sees altering the parenting role as the first step in reversing the slide of the community.

The problem? Adults want to be friends with their children rather than parents.

"Why would you even want to be friends with a kid?" he asks. "Look at him!"

My father established our relationship when I was seven years old. He looked at me and said, "You know, I brought you into the world, and I can take you out. And it don't make no difference to me, I'll make another one look just like you."

It's a theme that for Cosby is as old as his comedy routines – the proper place of adults and children. Children are to be reared, their parents are responsible for that task.

So when Cosby is in Toledo this weekend, he will be speaking before at the Urban League annual dinner on Friday night and he will be visiting the inner city the next day to try and wake up the community. His idea, by the way. When he was asked to come and speak at the dinner, he suggested staying two days.

"We need to make that walk into the neighborhood

– this is the Urban League – and we need to talk about values and perhaps make you feel better," he says of his Saturday mission. "We want to use the word 'responsible' and give hope and pride, especially to those already doing it. I'm not dreaming I know this can work."

Cosby knows it can work because he's been bucking the odds and making things work his entire life.

Years ago, as a young comedian just catching the spotlight, he was billed before his initial appearance on the Ed Sullivan Show as the first successful black comedian who did not rely on racial or ethnic material.

Then in the mid-1960's he broke ground again as the first black leading actor in a network television show winning three consecutive Emmys for his work in I Spy.

In the early 1980's Cosby

led the way to resurrect the family situation comedy which had been moribund for the about a decade and a half as he introduced America to the Huxtables – an upper-class black family.

So I looked at him. And I noticed that from here all the way around to here, there was no hair. I said, "Son? What happened to your hair?" He said, "I don't know." I said, "Son, take your hand and put it on top of your head and tell me what you feel." He said, "There's no hair." I said, "Right! Now tell Dad what happened to your hair." He said, "I don't know." I said, "Son, was your head with you all day today?" He said, "Uh-huh." I said, "Did you cut your hair off?" He said, "Uh-huh." I said, "Then why didn't you tell me that in the beginning?" He said, "I don't know." I said, "Is this the hair style you wanted?" He said, "Uh-

huh." I said, "A reverse Mohawk?" He said, "Uh-huh."

Now, at 73, Cosby remains an American icon who, in addition to his duties as a performer, has distinguished himself as a scholar – a doctorate in education from the University of Massachusetts, an author of 11 books including the latest, *Come on People*, written with Harvard's Alvin Poussaint, Ph.D. and, of course, social commentator nonpareil.

And this Saturday, Cosby will be explaining to all comers his concept of what the inner city needs to shake it out of its doldrums.

"People need leaders. I believe that and that's why I'm coming," he says. "Not that I'm a leader. I'm coming to ask people to begin to lead. It's not that no one is coming, it's that you're not leading."

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Mobile Food Pantry and Resource Fair Visits Central Toledo Neighborhood

Special to The Truth

Lucas County Commissioner Tina Skeldon Wozniak and a host of social service agencies visited Port Lawrence Homes on Wednesday, March 9, to distribute food and link families to local resources.

The CARE Team was created in 2009 when Commissioner Wozniak approached Food for Thought and United Way on ways to bring resources and food to people in their neighborhoods.

CARE Team, or Community Asset & Resource Engagement Team was developed to help people in difficult times get connected to community resources and services. It is a collaboration of several social service agencies which take the needed services to the people in the community. Along with the resource fair and getting people connected to services, Food for Thought, a mobile food pantry provides food to those in need. The event is held in a different neighborhood each month to take the services to the

people who need them. "As more and more families are struggling to put food on the table, CARE Team delivers resources directly to neighborhoods in need and we hope to make things just a little easier during these difficult times," said Skeldon

Wozniak. Agencies included are Food for Thought, United Way, Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority (LMHA), 1 Matters, Neighborhood Health Association, Planned Parenthood, Read for Literacy, Lucas County OSU



Commissioner Tina Skeldon Wozniak, Pete Culp, Linnie Willis



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Over 1800 families in Lucas County have benefited from this innovative program since it first began nearly two years ago.

"According to our records, over 150 families came to the event and received service from the vendors as well as the Mobile

Food Pantry," said Linnie Willis, executive director of LMHA. "Despite the constant pouring rain, the residents were able to attend due to the transportation that was offered by the Lucas Metropolitan Housing Resident Services Department. This service was particularly helpful to our senior citizens.

"Many of our residents work and or attend school, and with the rising cost of gasoline, it is getting to a point where they may have

to make a choice that could affect the amount of food they can provide for their families.

"This is a real and grave concern for LMHA and the Board of Commissioners. Therefore, we strongly support the visionary efforts of Commissioner Wozniak and the CARE Team. With this collaboration, we have built a firm community partnership and will work hard to ensure its success moving forward."

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Toledo Connects with South Africa for Mutual Gain: South Africa's Ambassador to the US and Distinguished South African UT Alumnus to Visit Toledo

By Ruben Patterson, Ph.D.
Guest Column



damental changes had already begun by the late-1970s and early-1980s in China as well as by the late-1980s and early-1990s in India while many Americans were still thinking of those nations as largely backward basket cases. Is this the same scenario about to be played out with respect

the industrial era it has lacked the technology and human capital to add value to those resources and turn them into products for markets at home and abroad. But, this time, there is a significant chance for a different outcome.

Unlike earlier periods of economic gain, re-

some 200 world markets for Ohio's exporters. The formidable global auditing and management consulting firm of PricewaterhouseCoopers has concluded that South Africa is poised to be one of the seven fastest growing economies in the world over the next 40 years.

If universities, compa-

1994, Molotsane commenced applying his UT-acquired credentials and skills in the pursuit of a successful career. And to say that his career has been successful is an understatement. He became the CEO of Telkom, a multibillion-dollar South African version of the former AT&T monopoly. Molotsane is now the CEO of African Commodities Group, which is a company within the sprawling family of companies known as Altius Investment Holdings.

A c c o m p a n y i n g Molotsane to Toledo between March 16 - 18 will be Rob Lowe, the CEO of Altius. On March 18, the South African ambassador to the United States, Ebrahim Rasool, will also visit The University of Toledo and interact with leaders of area corporations that either have or may develop business interests in South Africa.

South Africa's spectacular success in hosting the World Cup last year helped with rebranding the country's image, which became one of geniality, business competence and extensive

potential for economic prosperity. While visiting Toledo, Ambassador Rasool and Molotsane will enhance this image and hopefully foster academic, cultural, and economic tie-ups between South Africa and Northwest Ohio.

I am doing some of the legwork to establish a Sister City relationship between Toledo and Port Elizabeth, South Africa. Port Elizabeth is South Africa's fifth largest city, and is known as the Detroit of South Africa due to its automotive components and general mass manufacturing.

Molotsane will give an open talk at UT on the topic "From UT to the Boardroom of a New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) Listed company" on March 17, between 2:30 and 3:30 pm in Stranahan Hall North, Room 1200A & B.

Ruben Patterson, Ph.D., is a professor of sociology, chairman of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology and director of Africana Studies at The University of Toledo

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Our perceptions about a distant place tend to lag far behind transformative changes evident on the grounds of that particular place. Perhaps the starkest illustration of this today is with respect to Africa. Many Americans still think of Africa in terms of familiar stereotypes, including coups, genocide and famines. But given the dynamics on the ground in African, those perceptions are strikingly unmatched by the overall motion of the continent. African societies are on the whole more open, governments are more accountable and Africa's economies are experiencing some of the fastest growth among nations of the world.

Similar negative stereotypical perceptions about China and India harbored by Americans a few decades ago were also lagging behind major transformations already underway in different ways and at different paces in those countries.

In order for China and India to be positioned where they are today, fun-

to Africa where our perceptions will be forced to quickly catch up to the new realities of African nations?

Future analysts are likely to point to the late-1990s and early-2000s as the point of demarcation indicating when African societies began to move decidedly in a different direction. A fact that may come as a surprise to many is that six of the 10 fastest growing economies over the past decade were in Africa. The *Economist* magazine projects that seven of the 10 fastest growing economies over the next five years will be located in Africa.

Much of this economic growth is explained by the voracious appetite of China for Africa's natural resource commodities. Africa has always had an abundance of valuable natural resources, but in

sources were simply extracted and immediately exported. This time value-added processes are resulting in transformations in the telecommunications, banking, manufacturing, construction, transportation, and wholesale sectors. To be sure, Africa still has big challenges to tackle on a variety of fronts, including environmental, mass education, employment, inequality, and infrastructure.

South Africa is obviously the biggest and most sophisticated of Africa's economies, and it has enormous potential for the continent economically and politically. With respect to Ohio, it is not an insignificant economy. In recent years South Africa has ranked within the top 20 out of

nies, international non-governmental institutions (INGOs), and students were smart, they would be preparing themselves to penetrate and cooperate with South Africa and its neighboring societies and economies for mutual gain. The University of Toledo as well as companies and INGOs in northwest Ohio move one step closer to such broad cooperation this week as the University hosts a very important South African delegation.

Papi Molotsane is a distinguished UT alumnus, as he studied business and engineering in the late-1980s. After returning to South Africa, he rejoined the anti-apartheid struggle. Later, after the racist regime was finally defeated and Nelson Mandela elected as president in

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By Yvon Harper, CEO
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Update on Chapter 7 Bankruptcy Class Action Lawsuit: Readers may recall a

previous Ask Yvon column; see the Sojourner's Truth online November 18, 2009 issue, where a call to action for Chapter 7 bankruptcy filers to participate in a class action lawsuit was announced. After more than 15 months the question is "What ever happened to the lawsuit?" To date the White, et. al. v. Experian Information Solutions, Inc. lawsuit, which involves the Big 3 credit reporting agencies (CRAs) of Experian, Trans Union and Equifax, has not yet been decided.

In fact, as of February 11, 2011 the court has now ordered that additional information is needed from claimants to determine valid damage award amounts. Specifically, if you submitted a timely claim, which must

have originally been post marked by November 30, 2009, for an Actual Damage Award you must now respond to the request for additional information by March 31, 2011. Otherwise, your claim will be reduced to the minimum convenience award status.

As a reminder, we'll review what is at stake. Many class members who respond by the newest deadline of March 31 may receive a cash benefit up to \$750.

What is the lawsuit about? The original lawsuit stems from the failure of the Big 3 CRAs to properly report Chapter 7 discharged credit information, which has caused some bankrupt consumers extended grief in a variety of ways. The im-

pact to these individuals may have resulted in denied credit card or auto applications, mortgage loans and even new jobs, when credit was a decision making factor. The settlement fund up for grabs, called the White and Hernandez settlement, is \$45 million. Awards will vary dependent on certain factors. These factors include whether you were indeed damaged by CRAs errors and how you were damaged.

Who qualifies for damage award benefits? The lawsuit involves Chapter 7 bankruptcy filers between the time periods of March 15, 2002 through May 11, 2009. Original class action details were mailed and announced in 2009. There are now two lawsuit classes, a minimum award under Option 1: Convenience Class Members and the maximum cash award under Option 2: Direct Damage Class Members.

Where do I apply? If you originally filed a timely claim by November 30, 2009 you are eligible to pursue your rights under this lawsuit. By providing additional information you will be able to preserve rights to the largest settlement available under Option 2. You can do this online at www.BankruptcyDirectSettlement.com or by completing a paper claim that would have been mailed to you in February 2011. You may also call 1-866-237-3432 for more information.

When is the deadline to respond? You MUST file the response for additional information by no later than March 31, 2011 to qualify for the Option 2 award. Class members who believe there have been one or more errors in their credit reports re-

garding debt discharged in bankruptcy but who are unable to meet the requirements for Option 2 need do nothing for an Option 1 convenience claim award of about \$15 to \$35.

Why is it important for me to supply additional information? In order to preserve your rights to receive maximum benefits under Option 2 of up to \$750. Otherwise you will be placed in Option 1 class membership with maximum benefits of \$35.

Unfortunately many original claimants to this lawsuit may not respond timely to the request for additional information. This is the equivalent of leaving good money on the table. Don't procrastinate! If you can prove that you were adversely affected by the Big 3 CRAs negligent credit reporting standards and have met the previous lawsuit opt-in cutoff date finish strong by completing the March 31, 2011 deadline requirements. The benefit of cash rewards of up to \$750 a waits you.

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Read Contracts Carefully

By Jason Alderman
Guest Column

How often are you asked to sign something? I don't mean autographs or birthday cards, but legally and financially binding documents – everything from endorsing a check to signing a sales receipt to buying a house. Either way, they're all contracts.

In broad terms, contracts are mutually binding agreements between two or more parties to do – or not do – something. Once a contract is in force, it generally cannot be altered unless all parties agree. And, with very few exceptions they cannot easily be broken.

Sometimes contracts are formal, signed documents that outline specific conditions and penalties if those conditions are not met: For example, if you don't make your mortgage payments, the lender can foreclose on your house. Other times they are verbal or implied agreements: If you buy spoiled milk, you can ask for a refund.

Before you enter into a contractual agreement, try to anticipate what could go wrong. For example:

- You sign a lease but later decide you can't afford the rent or don't like the neighborhood.
 - You buy a car you can't afford, but when you try to sell it, the car is worth less than your outstanding loan balance.
 - You buy something on sale and don't notice the store's "No returns on sale items" policy.
 - You co-sign a lease with a roommate who later backs out, leaving you responsible for the rent.
 - You rent a car and later learn you accidentally agreed to optional insurance coverage or other features you didn't want or need.
 - You agree to cosign a loan and the other person stops making payments, leaving you responsible for the full amount – otherwise your credit will suffer.
 - You buy a car and later notice that the sales agreement includes an extended warranty or other features you didn't verbally authorize.
 - You buy a two-year cell phone plan, but after the grace period ends, discover that you have spotty reception.
- Financially inexperienced teenagers and young adults often make such mistakes, so be sure to discuss the implications of signing contracts with your kids before they turn 18.
- A few additional tips:
- Make sure anything you sign contains no unfilled blank spaces, even if the other party promises to fill them in a certain way.
 - Don't be afraid to ask to take a contract aside or bring it home for more careful analysis or to get a second opinion. A lawyer or financial advisor can help.
 - Don't be pressured into signing anything: If salespeople try that tactic, walk away.
 - Make sure everything you were promised verbally appears in writing. This is particularly important for terms and conditions such as interest rates, down payments, discounts and penalties.
 - Keep a copy of every document you sign. This will be especially important in cases of contested rental deposits, damaged merchandise, insurance claims, extended warranties, etc.
 - Pay attention to pre-checked boxes in online offers before submitting payment information for an order; they could bind you to terms you don't want.
 - Take along a "wingman" when renting an apartment or buying a car.
- Remember, contracts are designed to protect both parties. Just make sure you fully understand all details before signing on the dotted line.

Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs. To participate in a free, online Financial Literacy and Education Summit on April 4, 2011, go to www.practicalmoneyskills.com/summit2011.

No Down Payment Home Loans Now Available Through the USDA

Special to The Truth

The United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development is accepting applications for fiscal year 2011 funding. The 502 Direct Housing loan program is available to eligible very low and low-income households to purchase an existing home or build a new home in rural areas or small towns.

Financing under this program is available for up to 100 percent loan-to-value. No down payment is required and closing costs are around \$2,500, and if possible, may be included in the loan. Rural Development does not charge any points or application fees and does not require mortgage insurance.

Eligibility is based on household size, income, acceptable credit and debt-to-income ratios. Depending on household income, mortgage payment may be



subsidized to as low as a 1% interest rate. However, part of this assistance may be recouped if there is equity in the home when it is sold or refinanced.

The house payment does include an escrow for real estate taxes and home owners insurance. The home to be purchased must be modest in size and in good repair and in an eligible area. Applicants cannot currently own a home.

For more information on either program or an application, contact the Findlay Area Office at (419) 422-0242. USDA Rural Development web site is <http://eligibility.sc.gov.usda.gov/>

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The Ohio Legislative Black Caucus Responds to Governor Kasich's State of the State Address

Special to The Truth

Governor John Kasich addressed the assembled members of the Ohio House of Representatives and the Ohio Senate in his State of the State address on Tuesday, March 8th. During the nearly 50-minute speech, Kasich interspersed some of his ideas with anecdotes about Ohio's own economic ties to other states, foreign nations and corporations. The Governor acknowledged the need to work together on issues that Democrats and Republicans both agree on such as joblessness, sentencing reform and reentry.

State Representative Sandra Williams, president of the Ohio Legislative Black Caucus, issued the following statement in response to Governor John Kasich's first State of the State address: "The OLBC applauds the Governor's efforts to reform sentencing and remove barriers to employment. We do not want to overly penalize those

who are trying to productively add to our economy and society. As a caucus we believe that that job training is important and would like to continue to have access to job training for those displaced workers."

With reference to the Governor's plan to allow Ohioans to "age at home," Williams added "This is a great opportunity to keep people in their homes. However, we hope that the budget for nursing homes isn't substantially

Governor Kasich's address drew audible heckles from the crowd gathered in the rotunda when he spoke about government reform and Senate Bill 5, which eliminates collective bargaining for state and local employees. Ohio Senate Republicans narrowly passed Senate Bill 5 with a vote of 17-16. The legislation will now move to the Republican-dominated House.

Representative Williams also noted "We have lost nearly 600,000 jobs in this state

agreements and other policies that give corporations incentive to move manufacturing and other blue collar jobs overseas, often times for tax breaks."

When asked his opinion of the governor's other initiatives, Representative Roland Winburn responded that "While we appreciate Governor Kasich's reference to poverty and increasing access to prenatal care, it is noteworthy that there was no mention of diseases that

"We have lost nearly 600,000 jobs in this state over the past 10 years, and a large number of those jobs were lost because of free trade agreements and other policies that give corporations incentive to move manufacturing and other blue collar jobs overseas, often times for tax breaks."

slashed so that those that need nursing homes are able to have quality care."

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disproportionally affect minorities, such as sickle cell anemia and lupus. We look



State Representative Sandra Williams

forward to working with the health needs of all Ohioans governor to ensure that the are addressed."

Fifth Third Bank Announces Winner of African American History Maker Campaign; To Make Award Presentation to Friendly Center

Fifth Third Bank (Northwestern Ohio) announced that Katherine Stewart of Toledo was the winning caller on WIMX-FM, The MIX 95.7, during its African American History Maker advertising campaign.

Stewart was one of 20 \$50 MasterCard® gift card winners who called into the station after listening to a vignette featuring an African-American history maker during Black History Month. Stewart was the grand prize \$1,000 winner chosen at the conclusion of the month. She then had the honor of selecting a non-profit organization and choose Friendly Center to receive \$5,300 from Fifth Third Bank.

Friendly Center, in partnership with the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church, is an agency of social concern committed to the development of its neighborhood and its people. According to the Executive Director Amelia Gibbon the agency provides the resources to assist neighborhood families and individuals in achieving their goals. Their vision is that "no neighbor will go hungry, feel alienated, alone

or powerless."

For more than 85 years, Friendly Center has provided a source of hope and fulfillment for the North Toledo Corridor Area neighborhood of more than 12,000

people from mixed ethnic backgrounds.

Fifth Third Bank (Northwestern Ohio) President & CEO Robert W. LaClair presented the \$1,000 check to Stewart and together they

presented a \$5,300 check to Friendly Center on Monday, March 7, 2011.

Fifth Third Bank's advertising campaign was designed to feature and honor 20 African Americans whose

unique contributions to society helped shape American history.

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LaClair. "This was a great opportunity for our Bank to give the appropriate recognition to African-American leaders of the past as well as support the community's needs today."

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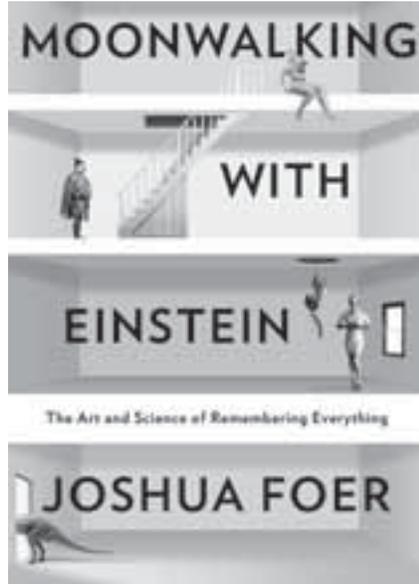
Maybe your mother was right. When she said you'd forget your head if it wasn't attached, she might've been onto something.

You completely missed an important meeting yesterday. You've left vital documents at home on the counter (lotta good they'll do there), you filed something yesterday but can't find it now, and every morning is a mad scramble for hide-and-go-keys. And you forgot your lunch twice this week.

Embarrassing? Can't remember a thing these days? Maybe you need to step up your game. In the new book *Moonwalking with Einstein* by Joshua Foer, you'll see how it's done, times 10.

Imagine life minus your smart phone, calendar, chime-reminders, online nudges, and sticky notes. What did we ever do without them? Author Joshua Foer says that, before the invention of inexpensive printing, memory wasn't just everything – it was the *only* thing. People with prodigious memories were the Rock Stars of their time.

So why can't you – with all your gadgets and reminders – remember where you



put that document? Why can't you remember to grab your lunch on the way out the door?

As it turns out, there's a good excuse for your lapse. Psychologists say there's a "curve of forgetting" that starts the second you learn something, and if there are

more than seven components, the problem worsens. Phone numbers, you see, are what they are for a reason.

But life's details are not completely forgotten, because everything you learn is stored somewhere in your grey matter. It's just a matter of recalling it correctly, which

is something you obviously didn't do with lunch. The nice thing is that learning – even reading a book review – physically changes your brain in some way.

So what can you do to help your defective cranium?

Foer went on a mission to find out, and landed in a world of memory athletes who can memorize and repeat back (in order) thousands of random numbers, hundreds of shuffled playing cards, and thousands of words, names, and faces. And in his quest for total recall, what Foer did

with his own brain surprised even him...

Has that old "string-around-your-finger" thing failed again? Sick of seeming like a schmo? Then don't forget this title: *Moonwalking with Einstein*.

Part serious brain science, part history and part rompish fun, author Joshua Foer takes a peek inside our heads to learn why we have few strong memories of our toddlerhoods, what it's like to live with a complete loss of short-term memory, why Malcolm Gladwell was right

about practice, how scientists are trying to "see" memories in our brains, how our brains compensate for memory loss, and why you can recall your whereabouts on 9/11/01 but you don't know where you left your glasses.

I enjoyed this book, both for the look inside our heads and for the ways we can make what's there work better.

If your instant recall isn't so instant, or if your noggin needs a nudge, *Moonwalking with Einstein* is a book to find. Reading it may help you get a head.

Mayor Appoints New Director to Lead Board of Community Relations

Special to The Truth



Mayor Michael P. Bell on Tuesday, March 8 asked City Council to confirm Linda Alvarado to the post of executive director of the Board of Community Relations. Alvarado was selected from a field of candidates recommended by the board's selection committee and forwarded to the mayor for consideration and appointment.

Alvarado is currently a doctoral candidate in the Judith Herb College of Education at The University of Toledo studying foundations of education and leadership. She previously received a master of Education from The University of Toledo pursuing the same field of study. She also holds a Bachelor of Arts in social work and is a licensed social worker in the state of Ohio. Professionally, Alvarado has served as interim director in The University of Toledo's Office of Latino Initiatives and as District-Wide Parent Coordinator for the Toledo Public Schools.

"We were fortunate to have many qualified and eager candidates interested in leading the Board of Community Relations," said Mayor Bell. "I'm please to appoint Linda and ask our council to confirm her without hesitation. I thank the selection committee for their diligence in interviewing and recommending these candidates."

A salary has not yet been set for the executive director position. Alvarado began her new role with the city of Monday, March 14.

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Do Inner-City Youth Have Role Models? YES, Themselves!

By Michael Hayes
Minister of Culture



One part of life that residing in Toledo prepares you for is making you choose between being a COMPLAINER and a DOER.

Someone who complains, talks about what the city lacks but has never rolled up his sleeves to do anything about it. This same type of person might stifle inner-city youth instead of giving them vehicles to be proud of who they are and where they are from.

The area around The Frederick Douglass Center was part of my childhood so I will always represent anything positive going on in that part of our city because a lot of people act like they know all there is to know and they don't. Toledo's teenagers need an outlet, we know that.

But it can't be corny.

It has to come from people they relate to, and it has to combine activities that they want with activities that they need.

The Junior Role Models basketball team is exactly that.

I met this group of 14-18 year old young men last week at their championship game (which they won in a near blow out against Sleepy Hollow).

So I spoke with Taneisha Cunningham. (coach and founder) along with Brandy, Kevena and Teri to get a good idea of what J.R.M. is all about so I can tell The Truth readers because knowing good things about this community is more important now than ever.

But it's not just a story to me. I saw a group of young men from the inner city respecting female authority figures in a sports setting.

I saw teamwork, humility and poise.

I saw dedication to changing what is, instead of just complaining about what is.

The team is called Junior Role Models, or JRM.

The league is TCRP- Toledo City Recreational Programs JRM was started by Taneisha Cunningham, affectionately known as "Coach T," in 2005.

Cunningham has always had a genuine love for working with at-risk youth, and a childhood love for basketball, so she decided to fuse the two together in an attempt to create a program that aids at-risk youth along their path to becoming successful adult men.

Since JRM began, Coach T has coached her teams to countless victories, winning over 10 championship/runner-up trophies, with Coach Anthony Blue who recently joined the JRM family a little over a year ago.

There is an obvious positive impact that underfunded grassroots programs have on inner city youth.

I feel this city should provide better educational/recreational centers that would incorporate more activities that are appealing to today's youth. Also, I would like the mayor to provide more work opportunities and programs for youth to work throughout the school year as well as the summer.

I have witnessed tremendous growth within this group of young men. Over the past year, these young men have jelled as a unit, and become more mature as individuals. Because of countless hours of practicing, attending group functions, and being lectured by their coaches, they have learned the true meaning of the word TEAM! JRM IS not just about basketball!

Basketball is just the "hook"! JRM is a mentoring program that addresses a variety of issues that are relevant to today youth, such as education.

For starters, to become a member of JRM, the young men must be enrolled in and attending school. In addition, they must hand in weekly reports completed by their teachers that inform the coaches of their current behaviors, assignments and their attendance!

Also, all JRM members must complete weekly writing assignments that address character-building topics!

JRM members also attend local functions that are important to their success.

After all the hard work is successfully completed, JRM members are rewarded by doing some fun things to blow off steam such as karaoke/dance nights, poetry and movie nights.

They also have had several gaming nights that consisted of the Nintendo Wii, and the 360, which they seem to love the most.

In the summer time, JRM

have several outings that have become tradition such as their annual camping trip, and their annual summer banquet/pool party, where they are giving awards for their achievements!

Overall, JRM is a family.

every local area competitions to cheer us on) thank you!

To Monroe Methodist Church - Pastor Karen Shepler - thank you for your generosity. You are truly a blessing.

To Brandy Fuller, Kevena

Cooke, and Teri Moore; You are the "pillars" and the very heart and souls of JRM. Thank you!

Last, but definitely not least, thank you to JRM's silent financial supporters - Triad Residential Solutions

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If you would like to contact JRM to find out about the team schedule or any other concerns please email:

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JUNIOR ROLE MODEL TEAM PLAYERS: DOMINIQUE DUNN-DOMO#24 DESHAWN HUFF- HACKMAN #15 JAMES EVANS - KING JAMES #00 ANTHONY BLUE - SHADOW #12 ERIC ARNOLD- E SMOOVE- #50 JEROME DAVIS- ROMÉY ROMÉ- #34 KASH JOHNSON - THE SHERIFF -#10 KESHAWN JOHNSON - PREACHER MAN-#2 DONALD PRATT- DA JOOSE- #30 THOMAS STOVALL- T TYME -#4 DERRICK WARD - DYNO-#20 NOT PICTURED: DELAQUAN NORWOOD - DAYDAY-#5 JEVAATEE OSLEY- TWIN- #1 COACHES: ANTHONY BLUE & TANEISHA CUNNINGHAM

These young men have learned to depend on one another as such, supporting another through trials and tribulations, celebrating each other's successes. They have also learned discipline, and what it means to take an occasional L with grace.

Having learned that we can't win them all, they have learned that even within a loss, if we can still recall those "personal moments of glory," it was all worth it in the end!

"JRM has had many ups and downs, however, the true secret to our success is the prayers," Said Cunningham. "It is tradition that we pray before and after practices, and most importantly, before and after games, regardless of their wins or losses."

JRM founder Taneisha Cunningham, would like to thank all the people that have helped to make it what it is to date: To the inner-city youth, thank you for believing in JRM and giving it a chance to change our lives forever.

To the JRM screamers(All the fans that come to



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TTL Associates, Inc.
1915 N. 12th Street
Toledo, Ohio 43604
Phone No. 419-324-2222
Fax No. 419-321-6252

The Construction Manager for the Project is:
Lathrop/Gant/Barton Malow, LLC
701 Jefferson, Suite 302
Toledo, Ohio 43604
Phone No. 419-776-5600 / Fax No. 877-281-0784

Any Proposed Equal for a Standard shall be submitted to the Consultant, no later than ten (10) days prior to the bid opening. If no Addendum is issued accepting the Proposed Equal, the Proposed Equal shall be considered rejected.

Sealed bids will be received for: Estimates

Bid Item No. 1: Asbestos/HazMat Abatement of Fall Meyer Elementary School \$58,500.00

Abatement Dates: May 9 through May 27, 2011

Bid Item No. 2: Asbestos/HazMat Abatement of Jones Junior High School \$187,000.00

Abatement Dates: May 9 through June 3, 2011

Bid Item No. 3: Asbestos/HazMat Abatement of Lincoln Elementary School \$195,000.00

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Bid Item No. 4: Asbestos/HazMat Abatement of Nathan Hale Elementary School \$113,000.00

Abatement Dates: May 9 through June 3, 2011

until **Friday, April 1, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. (as determined by Stratum clocking (cell phone time))** and will be opened publicly and read immediately thereafter.

The pre-bid meeting will be held on **Thursday, March 24, 2011, at 10:00 a.m.** at Fall Meyer Elementary School located at 1800 Kriger Road in Toledo, Ohio afterwards we will head to the remaining sites in the order below. **ATTENDANCE AT THE PRE-BID MEETING IS MANDATORY FOR ALL CONTRACTORS INTENDING ON SUBMITTING A BID.**

The following is the walkthrough schedule:

1. Fall Meyer Elementary School, 1800 Kriger Road, Toledo, OH
2. Nathan Hale Elementary School, 1800 Upton Avenue, Toledo, OH
3. Lincoln Elementary School, 1801 North Detroit Avenue, Toledo, OH
4. Jones Junior High School, 550 Walbridge Avenue, Toledo, OH

Bidders will be required to comply with the Toledo Public School District's Community Inclusion Plan.

Contract Documents can be obtained from **Toledo Blue Print, 6964 Mc Nerney Street, Northwood, Ohio 43619, phone: (419) 661-9841** for the cost of the printing, to be paid to the printing company at the time the drawings are picked up. CD-Rom copies of the bid drawings are also available from **Toledo Blue Print** for no cost with the purchase of the specification books.

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