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## Leadership Legacies II: Round About Ways

By Rev. Donald L. Perryman, D.Min.

*In the South they don't care how close you get, as long as you don't get too high. In the North, they don't care how high you get, as long as you don't get too close.*  
African-American Folk Saying



"A couple pastors took me under their wing in 1961 and told me 'If you're going to be here for the long haul, take your time. The first five years there, don't change anything; just preach for the congregation on Sundays. But get to know your community. God's sending you there as pastor to the city,'" laughs Reverend Robert Culp, pastor and longtime activist. "So I spent the rest of the week in the community getting involved. That was the approach way back then," he adds.

Leaders, who attempt to mobilize power to pursue the black community's cultural, political, and economic interests, must have their origin in that community, states an accepted premise.

Although for Culp, both the 'roots' and the 'route' of his leadership vary from the conventional path, yet provide

an alternative model of leadership for today's leaders given the diversity within the contemporary black experience.

"Growing up in Sharon, PA, says Culp, "I didn't know anything about racial issues. Part of it was because I was an athlete at a white school in a predominately white sports-crazy town. Almost all of the few blacks there were athletes and we provided an excellent resource for them to compete with the other schools. I just thought they treated black folks nicely."

Although the hero-worship associated with athletics provided Culp with a sense of privilege as well as the opportunity to freely cross cultural and social boundaries, it was not until he 'took his talents' so to speak, to Anderson, Indiana that he gained a true understanding of power relations.

Seeing a good friend expelled for dating a white girl, he learned principally, that being up close and personal to those in power is not the same as being an actual member of the inner circle in terms of social status, access to resources or actual power. He also learned not to assume that his privilege was available to everyone.

"They honored you. You weren't a normal black," says Culp, talking about lessons learned beyond the classroom while attending seminary. "They treated you really special, but when other things occurred where you were just a part of the crowd, you understood it. Anderson was a very conservative town, and very racially divided. I couldn't go into restaurants other than with the basketball team."

It was also at Anderson University seminary that Culp met a young Martin Luther King, Jr. "He was the first person who was able to mix religion and race, to convince me that as religious men, we had a responsibility in the community. I had been raised in a church where community issues were considered secular and sinful," Culp exclaims. King's influence also prompted Culp's prominent role in desegregating the restaurants in Anderson while a student there.

After coming to Toledo as pastor of First Church of God in 1961, Culp was one of the first to become involved in community economic development through a faith-based nonprofit.

His projects included a McDonald's franchise, supermarket, appliance store, a factory supplying Dana Corporation, a black-owned restaurant and the Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union.

What gave Culp and other leaders of an earlier era the authority to lead and how were they ultimately successful?

What lessons are there for local leaders facing the willful disregard of the interests of the black community by those who continually and unashamedly force decisions upon the community without the presence of authentic black representation at the table to present its agenda?

In the past, the white business community provided wonderful support "before losing their conscience," Culp reports. Government, also once a participant, no longer seems to have the will or resources to become involved.

"So black folk now have to get it ourselves," admonishes Culp, an entrepreneur by nature.

But how?

"The black church is the wealthiest institution in the community. By coming together with others, setting goals, developing a strategy and pursuing it we could accomplish tremendous things. Back there we had to pull together," he adds.

"We had some knock-down drag-out battles, but we kept them private and presented a united front. Then we'd come out with a strategy and didn't have anyone out there saying something contrary. My approach has been don't count anybody out, that everybody has a role and I sought how could we best use them?"

I agree.

The idea of a single representative black leader has been made obsolete with the emergence of black men and women who are accomplished and connected to the community in many diverse ways.

We must find a way to come together collectively to leverage these diverse voices and ideas, develop a strategy and implement a unified plan.

It has been bequeathed, but it is up to us to accept it.

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## Community Calendar

May 27

Toledo Center for Natural Health Lecture Series: "Homeopathic Remedies:" 419-913-0567 or 419-517-8810

Scott High School "School House Rock:" Presented by Vocal Music Department; Devilbiss Auditorium; 6 pm

May 28

Johnson Family Memorial Scholarship Fund 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk-a-Thon: Sponsored by Lucas County foster parent association; Liz Pierson Shelter House; 10:15 registration: 419-213-3347

Citywide Christian Trustee Association Meeting: United MBC; 10 am: 419-380-9477

Historic Third Baptist Church Stitches from the Soul Sistahs Quilt Guild: 10 am; Learn to quilt; Pot luck luncheon: 419-248-4623

May 29

New Prospect Baptist Church 46<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary: 4 pm; Guest speaker Rev. Lyons of Greater St. Mary's

United Church of God Baby Dedication Service: For children two years and under; 11 am; Hot dog cookout after service: 419-729-3819 or 419-726-6750

June 1

Flower Hospital Community Blood Drive: 10 am to 4 pm; Administrative boardroom: 419-824-1244

June 2

Seminar for Technology in the Church: Family Activities Center; 6 pm: 419-870-9073

June 4

UAW Local 12 Women's Committee Annual Community Garage Sale: 10 am to 4 pm

Padua Center Third Annual Urban Chicken Fest: 1 to 5 pm; Free games and prizes for children, food, rummage sale, entertainment: 419-241-6465 or 419-241-4544

House of Bread Ministries Kid Zone Summer Camp: Open house and registration; 1 to 3 pm

New Life COGIC Honors Community Servants: 10:15 am; Recipients are members of the Toledo Police Department: 567-868-4593

June 11

St. Stephen's AME Women's Missionary Society Prayer Breakfast: 10 am; Glendale Terrace Community Center: 419-376-5113 or 419-878-0413

West Toledo Bereavement Ministry Monthly Meeting: 10 am; Bethlehem Baptist Church

June 18

R.E.S.T.O.R.E. Inc First Annual Fatherhood Walk: Starts at Central Catholic; Chuck Ealey is keynote speaker; Registration at noon; To raise awareness of the importance of the roles fathers play in their children's lives: 419-377-1488

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# Give Me a Break, Will Ya!

By Lafe Tolliver, Esq  
Guest Column



they are going to clean out toilets and deliver the newspaper at ungodly morning hours and do so for years due to their vision of reaching economic independence, why go into a lather when they do it on your block?

To resent Hispanics or Asians from climbing up the economic ladder when you could have imitated their same methodology is both foolish and nonsensical.

Remember when you may have said the old adage, "I wish I had a dime for every time that

(fill in the blank). Well, I wish I had just a nickel for every time I hear someone croak and complain about "foreigners" in the black community raking in the big bucks with their corner variety stores and black hair-care products and other self-financed cottage industries.

Am I missing something here? Why is it that it is part of the blame game to chastise "immigrants" who come to these capitalistic shores and they choose to pool their meager funds together and set up a "mom & pop" shop and work it like crazy and in a few years they are earning a decent income and start to live the "American Dream" of prosperity?

Regrettably, this chronic blame game comes too often out of the mouths of some black people who chafe at seeing "others" come into "their" neighborhoods and literally take over abandoned buildings or vacant storefronts and make a living at selling products we buy daily or weekly.

Ifa Elizer Mahmood saves his quarters from gathering pop cans from vacant fields and his wife and sons and two uncles want to live together in a three-bedroom flat in order to save their monies to buy a truck load of goods from Taiwan and resell them on Detroit Avenue, who is to blame for that bit of 'ol fashioned hustle?

Give me a break!

Ifan Ali Bonzebaya calls his family relatives up in

Lebanon or Syria or Iran and they form an economic collective with the goal of buying a 7-11 franchise or a used car lot or a Dollar Day store, where is the beef?

If minorities other than home-grown black folk want to skimp and save and do without for a higher goal of making a down payment on a beauty products store that caters to a black clientele or if they want to open a restaurant that sells "soul food" to black folks, what is the anger about?

Be it a Korean or an Indian or a Cuban, if they come to these shores and decide that

for the good of the members of that collective.

That also goes for the many black churches and dozens of local community groups and Greek-lettered fraternal groups that talk a good game of black support and power but when it comes to sharing their take of tithes and offerings and dues and pledges and placing them in a common fund of investment

schemes, they are found missing in action.

Before the complaints of "them" taking over our communities, those same opportunities of vacant storefronts and investment vehicles were available to anyone to pursue, develop and nurture.

But.

They sat vacant or dormant until a Kahlil or Caesar came a knockin' and only then

it was visible angst at "them" taking over.

People please! The time is ever-present to develop economic enterprises and to start winning back our communities from "foreign control."

The question will always be (and has been) if the fortitude is present to do so and if we will trust each other with our monies and support each

other with our patronage or continue to run out to Fallen Timbers and Franklin Park Mall with our discretionary dollars and wonder why we are still languishing at the bottom of the economic barrel!

Give me a break!

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## The State's Budget Impact on NW Ohio

State Representative Michael Ashford  
Secretary-Finance and Appropriations Committee

Governor Kasich is attacking hard working Ohioans and the middle class of Ohio. The state budget he proposed, and the version approved by majority Republicans both in my committee, House Finance & Appropriations, and on the House floor is balanced on the backs of our citizens.

The budget being considered now calls for spending \$5.5 billion more than the last biennial budget. That's a huge spending increase, yet the governor wants significant cuts to public universities, K-12 education, social services, mental health, libraries and seniors. Also, local government funds are slashed which will affect vital services such as police and fire protection, snow removal and road improvements.

Kasich's budget attacks the one advocacy group that is in place to protect Ohio's citizens from high utility bills. In 1975, Ohio Consumers

Council (OCC) was established as a legal advocate to protect homeowners in Ohio against high utility bills (gas, electric, water and communications). Last year alone, the OCC challenged and won approximately three hundred cases of illegal rate increases in Ohio. In the last budget, OCC annual budget was approximately \$ 8 million to fight on behalf of homeowners in Ohio. The proposed OCC 2012-2013 budget is \$4 million. THAT'S RIGHT, a 50 percent reduction and the reduction/savings goes back to the utility companies, not the consumers.

The Governor's office took a tiny 1.9 percent reduction; while all the state agencies will receive an average reduction of 40 percent in their budgets. During the budget talks, the buzz word was "privatization". The state will sell off five state prisons for \$200 million. They are



appraised at \$1 billion not counting the inventory of the prisons. Several local agencies are taking a cut in this budget. Listed below are several agencies that will receive significant decreases in state funding:

- Mental health - 40 percent reduction
- Area Office of Aging - provides critical programs for the elderly - 39 percent reduction
- Passport Program - which meet the needs of the most vulnerable senior - 50 percent reduction

- Public Libraries - just in Lucas County possible loss of one million dollars
- TARTA - provides public transportation - 39 percent reduction
- Public Schools - Toledo Public Schools reduction of \$6-8 billion dollars
- City of Toledo - \$6-8 million dollar reduction
- Foodbanks - 14 percent reduction ( while need continues to grow)

This 2012-2013 budget was balanced on the backs of the state's most vulnerable and the middle class, Teachers, bus-drivers, police, fire, garbage workers, highway patrol, prison guards, teacher's aides, hospital workers, county workers, city workers, childcare counselors, and college instructors.

It's time to ask yourself, whose side is this governor on?

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### Letters from the Heart

Our family was able to focus on just being with my dad, thanks to the care from hospice of Northwest Ohio. Now, he always remembers that people consider hospice care early. *April, 2007*

They were the most professional caregivers I've ever seen. But my wife and I waited too long and we didn't get all of the benefits we could have received. *June, 1988*

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## Shirley Green, Ph.D.: Public Safety Director, HR Supervisor ... Historian

By Fletcher Word  
Sojourner's Truth Editor

What a difference nine short years can make. Just ask the City of Toledo Public Safety Director Shirley Green

When last we sat down with Green, back in August 2002, she was a lieutenant on the Toledo Police Department, a 26 year veteran, on the verge of retirement and eagerly looking forward to completing her bachelor's degree in history.

She had just won the 2002 Randolph C. Downes Award at The University of Toledo earlier that year – the award presented to the most outstanding student based upon a combination of grade point average and a professors' recommendations.

As she had planned, Green did retire from the force in 2003 and then, after the bachelor's degree was secured, entered graduate school to continue work on early American history – the life of free people of color in colonial America. She earned her master's, started teaching at BGSU, started work on



her doctorate and was looking forward to a move to the East Coast and perhaps a teaching position at some college there. From there she would be able to more easily continue her research into her family's history – the subject of her dissertation – and the role played by black Loyalists in Nova Scotia after the Revolutionary War.

What she had not planned for was a return to public service but, of course, fate came knocking – in the form of Toledo Mayor Mike Bell – and here she is now, the director of public safety overseeing both the police and the fire departments.

Not that she gave up her academic dreams. She was so close to her doctorate when

Bell came calling that she had only to finish her dissertation. She took one more walk two weeks ago at Bowling Green State University and now Director Shirley Green is also Dr. Shirley Green.

And if her duties with the City of Toledo and her tasks at BGSU did not keep her plate rather full, Bell increased her workload several months ago and placed the city's department of human resources and affirmative action under her leadership.

And, of course, what makes the tale even more interesting is that Green has assumed all of these duties during times that might be described as a bit more than challenging – dealing with massive budget deficits, having to wrest concessions from the safety unions and having to face the difficulty of maintaining service in the wake of large-scale retirements.

Nevertheless, the news is not all bad for the safety forces. The fire department has 48 recruits in class at the moment and is actively recruiting another class that should be around 50. The

police department, which had not had a class since 2006 – quite possibly the longest such dry spell in its history – also has a class in operation, a fact that is a source of pride for Green.

"We did not lay off police officers" she says. "We hired a class and we have another coming in. We are serious about public safety."

The number of police officers is now at 561, up from 525 in the summer of 2009. Another class is expected to start in November of this year and yet another in 2012.

And more good news yet, she notes, as she breaks down the Toledo crime statistics for 2010. The overall crime rate decreased in the Glass City; violent crime decreased – by 12 percent from 2009 and Toledo's homicide rate was once again remarkably low for a city of this size.

Toledo has the lowest crime rate among Ohio's urban areas.

Even burglaries decreased in 2010 although Green admits that this particular crime is baffling for law enforcement officers.

"Burglaries have always been difficult," she says both to deter and to solve when compared to other crimes. The bad economy makes matters worse and, of course, whenever there is an increase in overall drug use, the police department can expect to see a rise in burglaries.

Since the Jack Ford administration, however, the emphasis on Block Watch has decreased, she notes. She is looking to re-start that proactive approach and enhance the involvement of residents.

Chief Michael Navarre has also re-implemented the Crime Analysis Unit, says Green. That unit "provides

data to street officers on burglaries and what to be on the lookout for."

Green's assumption of the city's human relations duties might have seemed to be a bit of a stretch during the recent reshuffling on the 22nd floor of One Government Center but, on closer examination, it was a natural fit for her.

During her years as a police lieutenant, Green handled EEO chores for the department and established good relations with Affirmative Action Director Perlean Griffin, also back in place for another stint with the city, and with Peg Wallace, human resources director.

And since the safety forces constitute such a huge portion of the city's payroll, most of the EEO issues are, quite naturally, related to that department.

And with all those duties to juggle daily, there's one more task at hand that is near and dear to Green, the historian. The police department is about to open a museum at the Ottawa Park Nature Center in early June. One of the exhibits will feature Albert King, Toledo's first black officer, an Ontario native who was hired by the department in 1887 and retired in 1914.

So now that her plans to retire to a quiet life in academe have been hijacked for the moment, what does she foresee after this latest stint with the city?

Back to college, says Green. Somewhere in time, the Toledo native still envisions moving to the East Coast and acquiring a college teaching job so she can be close to Nova Scotia where one of her Revolutionary War ancestors landed.

At least until the next call to public service.

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## TPS and United Way Expand Social and Emotional Learning Program

*Sojourner's Truth Staff*

Four years ago, the Toledo Public Schools and the United Way of Greater Toledo implemented a program entitled Social and Emotional Learning at East Side Central Elementary. A year later the same program was introduced to Sherman Elementary.

On Tuesday of this week, TPS and United Way announced that given the success the program has had at these two schools, it will be expanded to four more elementary schools: Pickett Academy, Glenwood, Martin Luther King Jr. Academy for

Boys and Robinson.

"SEL is taking the ordinary school setting and turning it into a caring environment," said Bill Kitson, CEO and president of the local United Way. "It gives teachers the confidence to reach children where they are."

Both East Side Central and Sherman have undergone some remarkable improvements over the last several years in areas of attendance, parental involvement, discipline and academic achievement, results that attendees at Tuesday's press conference – United Way staff, TPS ad-

ministration, TFT and TAAP representatives – attributed in large measure to SEL.

Principal Anthony Bronaugh of Sherman noted that since implementation of the program Sherman has jumped one level on the Ohio Report Card from Academic Watch; attendance has improved from 91.2 percent to 95.4 percent and suspensions have dropped from 110 during the year prior to implementation to 29 during the second year of the program.

At East Side Central, which has had the program

for one year longer, the results have been even more dramatic. The school has moved up two grade levels on the Ohio Report Card into the Effective category. Prior to implementation East Side Central tracked 15 hours of parent volunteer time for the entire school year. During the 2009-2010 year, the school tracked 1,515 hours of volunteer time. And suspension rates dropped 50 percent after the first year of the program.

A version of the SEL program has its origins in Seattle and the University of Washington. Seattle implemented its program 20 years ago.

Five years ago, when the United Way's Women Initiative was searching for best educational models to emulate, they asked a UW professor to come to Toledo and brief them on the program. Thereafter, they brought in a consultant



from a similar program in Illinois to help design Toledo's SEL program.

"This program enhances positive behavior, reduces negative behavior and [results in] significant academic gains," said Fran Lawrence, president of the Toledo Federation of Teachers.

The approach of the program is to encourage a nur-

ture atmosphere in which teachers and staff develop among the students a greater sense of friendship and belonging and a greater sense of students being able to shape their own environment, as well as increasing among students perceptions of care and support and mutual respect.

## Canaan Outreach Center Celebrates Completion of First Year

*By Elisha Phillips  
The Truth Reporter*



Canaan Outreach Center, a tutoring program at Canaan Missionary Baptist Church, under the direction of James Easter, Jr. held their first annual Spring Banquet on Friday, May 20, 2011, to celebrate their first year of operation. Family and friends gathered to enjoy food, games, music and oral readings performed by the children. They also recognized volunteers and successful children. Most importantly, they recognized those who extended a helping hand to make this program an important component to help children with their academic accomplishments.

Among the audience was Matthew Parker, a long time friend of Easter, as well as a sponsor for the tutoring program. "I just would like to see Canaan Outreach Center grow and help as many kids as possible," said Parker.

Canaan Outreach Center was designed with children in mind. This tutoring program was established by Rev. Gregory Bennett, pastor of



Canaan Missionary Baptist Church, and Easter. Their mission is to "maintain a fun, safe and educational environment toward teaching self-esteem and leadership, building skills to low-income inner city youth, adults and seniors, as well as helping bridge the gap between the community and success."

Bennett and Easter saw an opportunity to make a difference in the community and went for it. This selfless act is helping to mold youth into being positive role models along with succeeding in

the classroom and becoming better leaders of the future. Not to mention Easter's secret ingredient to this successful program, love.

"I think that we give more love on one love with our students," said Parker.

This four-letter word is what Parker believes sets Canaan Outreach Center apart from other tutoring programs. Nevertheless, any program geared towards encouraging, motivating, and helping children succeed is a definite plus for the community.

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## NAMI Holds Annual Walk to Support Research, Awareness and Funding for Mental Illness

*Sojourner's Truth Staff*

As Saturday, May 14 dawned, the organizers of the annual NAMI Walks, were undoubtedly bemoaning the thought of trying to conduct an outdoor activity on a day when the skies were being anything but cooperative.

The walk to support research, awareness and funding for mental illness is held in more than 80 communities around the nation. The National Alliance for Mental Illness of Greater Toledo would be using the very necessary funds to benefit residents of northwest Ohio.

This year's walk was

scheduled for 10 a.m. at The University of Toledo Medical Center and, all Saturday morning, there had been a steady drizzle as volunteers scrambled to set up registration tables and displays in the shelter of the Mulford Library Building.

The rain didn't seem to deter walkers, however. Registration started at 9 a.m. and walkers began arriving in impressive numbers in anticipation of the 1.5 mile walk. WTOL's Jerry Anderson took his place at the microphone to open the proceedings and announce the various teams that



*Walkers register for event*



had assembled to participate in the walk.

Then, almost miraculously, as 10 a.m. neared, the

skies cleared on cue and the walkers set off ignoring the umbrellas so many of them had brought with them.

NAMI hosts the annual walk to raise funds and to increase awareness of the pervasiveness of mental ill-

ness and mental health issues. NAMI uses such funds, along with those from their year-round fundraising activities to provide quality education and support groups for those with such issues and for family members of those with

mental illness.

This year's walk was held in memory of Marci Colton Dvorak, former NAMI executive director who passed away in January.

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## Computer-based Credit Recovery Lets Students Skip Summer School Yet Graduate With Their Class

*Special to The Truth*

Students who need to recover high school credits in order to graduate with their class can now do so without upsetting their summer plans. Phoenix Academy, a Toledo-based community charter school, offers a computer-based program that empowers students in grades nine-12 to recover credits from home, at their convenience 24/7.

They complete coursework on the family computer with support from experienced, certified teachers available by e-mail seven days a week.

Students without access to a home computer can study in fully equipped computer labs located in Phoenix's downtown home at the corner of Jefferson and 16th, across the street from the Catholic Club, or at suburban Credit Recovery Outreach Centers on Alexis Road, McCord Road and in the East Toledo Family Center.

This revolution in teach-

ing technology eliminates hours of summer boredom in a hot classroom.

It also minimizes disruption to family vacation plans and gives students the flexibility to hold a summer job, spend time with friends, and enjoy summertime activities.

Suburban districts as well as Toledo Public Schools respect and recommend Phoenix Academy, a nationally recognized leader in the field of computer-based learning. Students from Ottawa Hills, Sylvania, Rossford, Perrysburg, and other northwest Ohio districts benefit from the Phoenix program.

These traditional schools trust the Phoenix Academy curriculum because it ensures integrity.

Classes are comprised of modules, which are similar to chapters in a textbook. Most begin with a pre-test, which checks knowledge of the topic. After completion of all modules in the class sec-

tion, students visit a Phoenix Academy credit recovery center to take a final exam. Their identity is verified by photo ID.

Enrollment for Phoenix Academy's computer-based summer credit recovery program is

Wednesday, June 8 and Thursday, June 9, from 9:00 until noon at all four Phoenix Academy locations. Students may also register between 9:00 and noon on Monday, June 13 and Tuesday,

June 14 at the 1505 Jefferson Avenue location only. Courses begin Monday, June 13. Fees are \$100 per semester course for Toledo Public School students and \$125 per semester course for all other students.

Complete information about course offerings is available at [www.phoenix-toledo.org](http://www.phoenix-toledo.org). Click on Credit Recovery Program. You may also telephone 419-720-4518.



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## Interview with Soul Artist KEM (performing in Toledo Friday, June 24)

By Michael Hayes  
Minister of Culture

So Toledo, are you gonna sit in your house and complain or are you gonna support a national, gold-selling soul artist right here in your backyard?

You're thinking, "why would he begin an interview that way?"

The answer is simple... because I know my city. Yes dear readers, here at The Truth, we know you so well that we are giving you almost a month's head start in our dare for you to attend the type of musical event haters claim never occurs, yet here it is.

Thanks to the efforts of Brothers Entertainment and Our Brothers Place Restaurant, and promoted in the media with the help of Rhonda Sewell (a true Toledo soul sista), this evening is sure to bring such style and atmosphere it might just prove to Toledoans that Toledo isn't such a bad place. Grammy-nominated, gold-selling soul music artists don't come here often.

But since KEM is repping our big brother up I-75, let's make sure this Motor City legend in the making finds good reason to return as often as possible.

You're all familiar with his debut single from a few years back.

That "Love Calls" single was a ubiquitous crowd pleaser heard everywhere from coffee shops to backyard barbecues. But on his third album, with enough industry success to stay afloat and enough passion to stay inspired, KEM wants to give soul music fans an intimate experience.

I spoke with him after an afternoon of diligent effort to smooth out schedules on both parts (shout out, Risa!) and this is how it went down:

**What do you think about 'soul music' as a genre right now in 2011?**

I think soul music is alive and well. There are a lot of us out here making records in the tradition of the legends. John Legend, Jill Scott, Anthony Hamilton, myself and many others. It's alive and well, thriving in fact.

Soul music is different than R&B. What do you define as the purpose of soul music?

I think it's what it implies, music for the soul. Music that goes beyond entertaining the listener.

It's music that provokes thought, emotion and even action. It should affect you, and linger.

Everything else is fleeting. What's hot and popular is fleeting. Soul music is music that you will play 10 years from now and it will take you to the same place that it took you when you heard it the first time.

**What do you think about the title of NEO SOUL?**

I think... well, it is what it is. I can't dis it. Obviously it has relevancy.

I personally wouldn't categorize my music as neo-soul but if someone identifies it that way when they hear it then by all means. But there's also a freshness to what we make. I'm trying to write songs that have weight to them. Acoustic instruments, live strings.. try to be as authentic as possible.

**What is it about Detroit? We are 60 minutes away, so the influence on us is very heavy.**

You got artists like yourself and even Dwele coming from there.

**What is it about Detroit soul music that's able to just cut through and have such an impact on the industry?**

I think part of that is because any music that comes out of Detroit is living in the shadow of Motown.

Detroit is synonymous with music. Bob Seger, Eminem, Kid Rock, Anita Baker, Aretha Franklin,

The Temptations I mean come on! Detroit is known for music. That's one of the legacies of the city and I'm proud to be a part of that.

**Since you've been signed to a major label, what has it been like surviving in the music industry with the current downturn?**

Well, I enjoy a modest degree of success. My records sell and I have people I employ in my camp.



It's a good thing. It could always be better, but it could always be worse. I'm happy with my success so far.

**That's great! So, please tell our readers about your latest project and tour.**

My latest album, and yes I still call them albums, is my third and it's called Intimacy. Released in August in 2010 and I've been out on the road.

I did the Budweiser Superfest with Anthony Hamilton, Jaheim and Raheem Devaughn.

The top of this year started off with two Grammy nominations for "Why Would You Stay?" off of this album and been out on the road performing this music. If you come to a KEM show, on our worst day we sound just like the record. We want people to come out and support what we consider to be great music.

**I always like to ask this question, have you found a way to give back now that you are successful?**

Yes, when you come to a KEM show or buy a KEM album all that money isn't going in to my pocket for my benefit alone. I support a lot of nationally-known ministries, and also a few churches here in the Detroit area. I've sponsored youth to go to Jamaica and Kenya to do missionary work.

We are doing an event this summer called Mac & Third. It's a benefit to raise money for organizations here in Detroit that serve the homeless and also victims of domestic violence.

My staff and I look at what we do as a ministry and we make sure to always give back.

**That's wonderful, sir, a true inspiration to someone**

**in my shoes and I mean that. Thanks for the interview. Thank you.**

Toledo, this is a classy guy. If you have heard his music, and you enjoy contemporary soul with that organic feel to it I urge you to BUY SOME TICKETS AND ATTEND THIS EVENT!!

I can't stress it enough, I want this city to get behind something and this is a perfect opportunity to come out in mass. You say Toledo is boring, you say no one ever comes here.. well look:

Friday, June 24, at the im-

maculate Peristyle Theater performance area of the Toledo Museum of Art, 2445 Monroe St.

KEM PERFORMS LIVE. Hit up Ticketmaster, or go to the Stranahan Box Office (even though the show is NOT at the Stranahan they handle transactions for ticket sales for Peristyle events). Buy your tickets ASAP!

And just in case you thought this event was it, the very same night after the musical performance... Our Brothers Place Restaurant Grand Opening takes place! The establishment is being opened by "brothers" Glenn and Mike Johnson, and their "brother-in-law" Al Garmon, all businessmen with years of restaurant experience.

Yes, the former Jackson's Lounge downtown across from the amazing new Huntington Center on Huron is now once again a place for mature and mature-minded Toledoans to kick it.

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Can you describe the experience.. coming from the struggle you came from. Being down and out, then having a major hit on your hands.

God is good. Making music is something I've done my whole life.

As a musician you always want your music to be heard and until you actually break through you have.. just somewhere in the back of your mind you question whether or not what you're doing has meaning of if you're just shooting in the dark. Should you go back to school and get a real job, so to turn around and have a #1 record playing all over the country was validation. It was a blessing I don't take for granted.

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## Who Told You That You Could Dance? Competition Midwest Debut

By Monique Ward

Special to The Truth

Toledo, Ohio is home the home of a world-famous art museum, eclectic art galleries and a plethora of talented artists. Among these talented individuals is a group of thespians in particular who on April 22, 2011 competed for titles, cash & trophies at a recent event held at Maumee Indoor Theater. Pozativ Promotions, LLC's "Who Told You That You Could Dance?" Midwest Dance Competition brought out the best of this region's dance teams & artists!

Children as young as one year old to grandparents filled up nearly all of the 450 seats of the historic theater. The evening began with Jay Rush Jennings asking the audience to stand up as he sang a very soulful rendition of the Black National Anthem.

Following his performance, Lild took her place on stage as mistress of ceremonies for the night. She introduced the first segment of the competition which was the 'Youth Division' that featured competing teams: The

Renegades, Touch A Dream Dance Studio, Winterfield Venture Academy & Kim Jones Academy who traveled three hours from Youngstown, Ohio.

Each youth team brought a different dynamic element to the stage, impressing the audience with well-choreographed moves and elaborate costumes. While the crowd enjoyed the young dancers they were also performances in between that kept the crowd moving.

Local Michael Jackson tribute artist Mike Polk danced away to "The Way You Make Me Feel" even managing to pull a young lady on stage to seduce as part of his act.

Then there was up and coming Asian rapper JO2 who is making his commercial debut.

It seems that he did a great job of creating a new fan base for himself based on the applause after his set. The crowd was also awed by two solo acts from Touch A Dream

Dance Studio starring Terrell Adams and Jonte Williams who wooed the ladies with their smooth moves.

The 'Adult Division' of

the competition began with dance duo True Martianz hyping the crowd up with a fun set and continued with amazing moves from Legally

Talented, Flatline, Renegades (Adults) and Touch A Dream Dance Studio's hip-hop, jazz and duet teams.

There were also surprises for the guys when Bash at the Bay model Nuka did a sexy dance solo to "One Night Stand" by Keri Hilson. This segment also featured great artists like Hize, a well-known Morenci, Michigan rapper performed his club banger "Get Down" and a

smooth freestyle. EB had the crowd 'Body Rockin' to her rap, local R&B celeb Tracy went "Phantom of the Opera" wearing a mask and bringing out a violin during his act, singer/rapper Holly Clark blessed the mic along with lyricist GhiftD and Toledo School for the Arts pop singer Liz Croak.

Just when everyone thought the dance moves

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### Happy Birthday to Seniors Who Turn 65 This Year! Seniors not Enrolled in the Homestead Program Have Until June 6

If you are a senior citizen or disabled person and meet the following criteria, you are encouraged to enroll in the homestead program:

- Applicants who are 65 or older, or totally and permanently disabled. Please note, it does not matter what date you turn 65, as long as you turn 65 some time during the year.
- If disabled, the applicant is required to have their physician complete the certificate of disability form or submit a certificate from a state or federal agency.
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**Oregon** residents will need to complete a form to enroll in their Homestead Credit program. You can call the Auditor's office to have an application mailed to your home. Oregon residents can also call the City's Public Utilities Department at (419) 698-7039 or visit their web site [www.oregonohio.org/Water/payments.html](http://www.oregonohio.org/Water/payments.html) to download a copy of the application and for additional information. There is no income requirement to apply.



**Lucas County** residents can download an application or call the Sanitary Engineer's Department at (419) 213-2926 for additional information. There is an income requirement to be eligible for the program.

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# Voices That Taught Me How to Sing

When public school students from Ella P. Stewart Academy for Girls visited the Toledo Museum of Art exhibition Aminah Robinson: Voices That Taught Me How to Sing, they were inspired to create their own books using found objects. Amy Gilman, associate director of the Museum and curator of contemporary and modern art, arranged



for Aminah Robinson to visit with students at the Toledo inner city public school this spring. Here Jae'Shonna Davis (right) proudly shows her book to the artist. (left).

Ohio artist Aminah Robinson (seated, left) and Amy Gilman (seated, right), associate director of the

Toledo Museum of Art, talk with public school students in the library of the Ella P. Stewart Academy for Girls.

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# Competition

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were over and it was time to judge the great talent from the last two hours, all the teams ran on stage when Lild asked if anybody knew how to do a dance called the Cat Daddy. Even with all the excitement from all the teams dancing on stage virtually in sync at once, judges Zahra Aprili, Jay Rush, Kimberly Robinson, Mike Polk and Missy Hayward were able to select the top three winners in each division of the competition.

In the 'Youth Division' third place was awarded to TouchADream Dance Studio for "Robot Remains" with second place going to Kim Jones Academy.

Touch A Dream's "Whip My Hair" routine won the first place trophy as well along with \$100 in cash.

For the 'Adult Division' third place went to True MartianZ with Touch A Dream's adult hip-hop team being awarded second place.

The first place trophy and \$200 cash prize was presented to Touch A Dream's Jazz Duet for their wonderful interpretation of "Speeding" by Omarion.

And thus concluded the

first annual WTYTYCD? Midwest Dance Competition.



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# Attorney Gregory Reed Presents Fresh Look at Malcolm X

Sojourner's Truth Staff

Billed as a "community empowerment movement," Saturday's event at the Wayman Palmer YMCA really could have been labeled with an assortment of titles, chief among them "Rediscovering Malcolm X."

Detroit attorney Gregory Reed, who purchased at auction the original manuscript of *The Autobiography of Malcolm X*, along with three unpublished chapters, was in Toledo to introduce yet another generation of inner-city youth to the man who was gunned down in 1965 at the height of his fame and power.

"He was about liberating your thoughts and liberating your mind," Reed said.

Reed started his lecture with a lesson in the numerology that was such an important factor in the Nation of Islam spokesman's life, particularly with respect to the number "7." Reed then took his audience on a tour of some of the guiding principles that Malcolm imparted to his followers during his few years as one of the most

visible African-American leaders during the height of the Civil Rights Movement.

Reed also decried the status of a community, and a nation, that had not fully profited by the sacrifices

such leaders made during those times.

"We are dumbing [our kids] down by music, by computer program games, by our education system," he said.

Reed's address was the



Gregory Reed



highlight of an afternoon filled by a variety of cultural activities at the Wayman Palmer—a J.J. Express Drill & Drum Corp performance, the singing of the Black National Anthem; a youth poetry read-

ing and a closing praise dance by Jasmine Aaron of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc.

Toledo was the first stop for Reed who is about to tour the country presenting the lost chapters of *The Autobiogra-*

*phy of Malcolm X.*

Morris Jenkins, Ph.D., professor at The University of Toledo and chairman of the Department of Criminal Justice and Social Work, hosted this weekend's event

## Buckeye CableSystem First in the Nation to Clear New Hybrid Television/Radio Network eScapes Hybrid Radio/Television Network Takes Viewers Around The World.

Special to The Truth

Buckeye Cablesystem announced last week that they will be the first in the nation to air the new Hybrid Radio/Television network, "eScapes" on channel 168 of the basic HD tier. "eScapes is a brilliant concept" said Chip Carstensen, president of Block Communications, parent company of Buckeye Cablesystem. Bob Oklejas came to us with an idea for a network that was 180 degrees different from anything currently on TV. We told him he had a good idea, come back to us when you have an operational network; truly a Herculean task. He did it and we're proud to be the first cable system in America to launch the eScapes Network on Buckeye Cable effective May 16th."

A mayor's press conference was held on Monday, May 16 at 3:00 p.m. at One Government Center in downtown Toledo to formally welcome eScapes to Toledo and Northwest Ohio.

What makes eScapes stand out from other TV fare is the presentation. Fifteen-minute uninterrupted episodes provide a family-friendly world tour in HD, an upbeat contemporary sound track, and a smooth-voiced announcer which gives the network the feel of a favorite radio station. Commercials are limited to only four minutes per hour (versus 11-12 minutes elsewhere) creating a psychological space of calm and relaxation.

"With all of the options available to viewers today, there is nothing like eScapes" said Mr. Carstensen "Fifty years ago Newton Minnow, then FCC Chairman, called television 'a vast wasteland.' I believe Mr. Minnow will be a fan of the eScapes Network when it becomes available in his area."

eScapes is not a typical network and Robert Oklejas the creator of eScapes isn't your type-cast network executive. A Michigan State University graduate and successful entrepreneur, Bob Oklejas co-founded Pump Engineering in 1986 and was its president since 1996; a company that produced reverse osmosis systems for desalination plants worldwide. Watching Great Lake freighters sail by his window during a relaxing vacation, the idea for eScapes was born. For nearly a decade he waited until in 2010 he sold his Monroe, Michigan company giving him the time and resources to launch eScapes in earnest.

His first move was to recruit jazz flutist and radio personality Alexander Zonjic as eScapes' Artistic Director. "When Robert showed me the eScapes presentation I wanted to be involved" says Zonjic "it's so simple yet engaging. It's the intimacy of radio, and the best of HDTV... simply amazing."

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## Summer Reading Pleasures: What's on the Horizon

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

Catsup and mustard. Cookies and milk. Salt and pepper. Dogs and kids. Hugs and kisses.

Yep, some things just naturally go together and if you've got a vacation coming up, you're going to want to take a good book with you, right?

So look for these great reads coming up this summer....

### MAY

Even if your vacation isn't until summer, there are just some books you have to have now.

Try *The Last Gunfight* by Jeff Guinn, a book about what really happened at the OK Corral. Grab *Thank You Notes* by Jimmy Fallon. Make your inner-scientist happy with *The Believing Brain* by Michael Shermer. Or look for the latest by Steve Martini, John Sanford, or Steve Berry. You'll find all these books before you even set foot on a plane for Memorial Day...

### JUNE

Okay, so you've got your beach towel and you've staked out a spot by the pool. Now you need a good book

in your hands.

How about *The Kingdom: A Fargo Adventure* by Clive Cussler with Grant Blackwood? Or maybe you'd prefer the new Ann Patchett novel or the latest Laurell K. Hamilton? How about the latest by the late E. Lynn Harris, *Summer Rental* by Mary Kay Andrews, or *Folly Beach* by Dorothea Benton Frank?

David Baldacci has a new book out, and Ann Brashares comes out with *Sisterhood Everlasting*. You'll find a new James Rollins novel, a new Joseph Finder novel, a new release from Alexander McCall Smith, and a new Diana Palmer book.

There are diet books, finance books and more science books due out in June, which will give you plenty to do while you work on that tan.

### JULY

Summer is just halfway over, but there are lots of great books left to read...

Imagine the fireworks you'll find in the new novel by Catherine Coulter! The new Meg Cabot book might be explosive. There's a new

Mary Janice Davidson due out in July, and a new Tess Gerritsen book.

You'll find *Then Came You* by Jennifer Weiner this month. Alex Kava is releasing a new Maggie O'Dell novel. Iris Johansen comes out with the latest in her popular series. There's a new Anne Rivers Siddons novel for you this month, a new J.A. Jance novel, and a new Danielle Steel book.

Singer Ricky Skaggs has a new biography out in July, and you'll find a new Terry Goodkind release, plus one by Eric Van Lustbader.

And if none of these are your cup of (iced) tea, there are dozens of new and varied puzzle books coming out for the summer.

### AUGUST

So you used up your vacation already? So what? You've got lots of summer yet to enjoy, so why not enjoy it with these books...

Look for *Retribution* by Sherrilyn Kenyon. Find *Cold Vengeance* by Doug Preston and *Lincoln Child*, or the new C.J. Box release. Don't miss

the new release by money guru Clark Howard. Grab the new Ron Kessler book on the FBI. Sleuth out the new by the Kardashians.

Julie Garwood has a new book out this month, and so does W.E.B. Griffin (with William E. Butterworth IV). Karrine Steffans has a new book for lovers due out, Penn Jillette and Celia Rivenbark will each make you laugh, and former Punky Brewster star Soliel Moon Frye will release a new memoir / parenting book.

There's a new Simpsons book due from Matt Groening, a new Kathy Reichs mystery, more puzzle books, and another William Kent Krueger novel to finish your fabulous summer.

Now remember: nothing is cast in stone and book titles can be changed or cancelled. Release dates are approximate. For final word, check with your bookseller or librarian. They get paid big bucks for knowing these things.

And have a great summer's reading!

## It's in the BAG! 2011 Brown Bag Summer Concert Series @ Your Library

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The 2011 Brown Bag Concert Series schedule is as follows:

- June 8 Just Kiddin' Around (Children's)
- June 15 On the Beach (Acoustic Pop)
- June 22 Glinda's Bubble (Adult Rock)
- June 29 Deep Water (Bluegrass)
- July 6 Stephen Woolley (Soul/Rock)
- July 13 Jason Quick Trio (Jazz)
- July 20 Tom Turner and Slow Burn (Blues, Jazz, & R&B)
- July 27 Rodney Parker & Liberty Beach (Modern Country)

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# Village50's First Annual Kentucky Derby Gala

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It was an affair to remember! Ladies in their beautiful hats and dresses and the men dressed to impress. On Saturday, May 7, 2011 The Village50 (Her\_em\_ahket

Boys Academy) is a project designed to encourage and teach students the appropriate conduct and to provide the students with coping skills to overcome their current



Boys Academy) sponsored the first annual Kentucky Derby Gala at Raceway Park. This was the first fundraiser with the resounding theme of "Bringing Change to Our Community." The evening encompassed live entertainment of art and music by Square, a silent auction, open bar and an awesome spread of prime rib and seafood.

socio-familial issues. The project strives to prevent the cycle of neglect and extreme family dysfunction. HBA's mission with the "Village" is to build genuine relationships with the students and their guardians in order to impact and promote a positive future.

The Village50 expressed sincere appreciation to everyone for their generous



donations and support. A special acknowledgement was extended to the following members of The Village50 for a job well done: Lawrence D. Tribble II (president), Albert Earl (vice president), Matthew B. Coleman (vice

president), Shawn Reid, Lionel Maddox, Khary Carson, Brian Hayward (marketing coordinator), Anthony Barrett, Walter Williams, and Mark Robinson. Special accolades were extended to given to Sonya Reid, the event



coordinator.

All of the proceeds from this fundraiser went to Her\_em\_ahket Boys Academy.

The Village50 can be contacted through P.O. Box 392, Toledo, Ohio 43697 or via email [thevillage50@yahoo.com](mailto:thevillage50@yahoo.com).

## Red Cross Volunteer Named Outstanding Senior Volunteer



Frances Amison, a long-time volunteer for the Greater Toledo Chapter of the American Red Cross, was the platinum award winner in the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Northwest Ohio Regional Outstanding Senior Volunteer Awards sponsored by Medical Mutual of Ohio.

A luncheon, held May 10 at the Crown Plaza in downtown Toledo, honored 26 senior citizens from Toledo and northwest Ohio, age 65 and over, who volunteer their time in a selfless, caring manner and are committed to enhancing the quality of life for people in their communities.

Amison is a team leader on the local Disaster Action Team ensuring exceptional service to those affected by disaster. She helps individuals prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies. She also is a mentor to new volunteers to help them learn the skills to successfully support and maintain Red Cross readiness. She is an instructor

trained to teach disaster, first aid and CPR courses.

The top four award winners, "Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze," will be automatically entered into the statewide awards to be held in Cleveland in October. Twenty-two senior volunteers received honorable mention awards.

In addition to Amison, the other top award winners and the organizations they serve include:

- Sr. Mary Laurann Dietrich, SND, 87, (gold), Mercy St. Anne Hospital
- Julia Henry, 87, (silver) Area Office on Aging of Northwestern Ohio
- Grant Milliron, 75, (bronze) Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Richland County

To qualify for the awards, seniors were nominated by the community organization where they volunteer.

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# Josh Project Sponsors Water Safety Day in Toledo

By David Jones, Josh Project Community Outreach Coordinator

Saturday, May 28, 2011, is Water Safety Day in Toledo at St. Francis de Sales High School from 1 to 5 p.m. May has been designated as "National Water Safety Month."

The local event is being held as part of The Protect the Ones You Love: Child Injuries Are Preventable, a CDC (Centers for Disease Control) initiative to raise parents' awareness about the leading causes of child injury in the United States and how they can be prevented.

National Water Safety Month will be celebrated through educational programs, government proclamations, dealer and business promotions and the distribution of water-safety-themed materials aimed primarily at the public and designed to prevent drowning and water-related accidents and injuries.

Toledo Mayor Mike Bell issued a proclamation designating Saturday as Water Safety Day in Toledo. The proclamation was presented to The Josh Project founder, Wanda Butts.

Water Safety Day activi-

ties will include registration for swimming lessons, safe swimming demonstrations for shallow and deep water, safe boating tips and information about proper fencing around pools. Educational materials will be provided for adults and children and everyone who signs the "Safe Swimmers Pledge" will receive an "I am a Safe Swimmer" wristband.

Butts is the mother of John-Joshua Butts who could not swim and drowned at the age of 16 at Bird Lake in Michigan. He was in the water in an inflatable raft that capsized.

"Josh never had a swim lesson, the lake was unguarded and there wasn't any adult supervision at the time of his death," said Butts. "I truly believe that if he and the adults who took him to the lake that day had been aware of all the preventive measures that are necessary when enjoying water-related activities, he would be alive today."

How often have we heard about tragedies such as this? Less than a year ago, in August

2010, six children drowned in the Red River in Louisiana. The children died after a day of play in unfamiliar territory. One child stepped off a shallow area into an 18-foot sinkhole which set off a chain reaction as five of his friends tried to save him but perished. None of the seven children in the water could swim and at least 40 of their family and friends watched helplessly from the shore as they were unable to swim. Despite the size of the group and the lack of swimming skills, there was only one life jacket.

Drowning is the second leading cause of preventable death for school-aged children and the number one cause for preschoolers. Seventy percent of these drownings happen while a child is in the care of their parents. An estimated 5,000 children - ages 14 and under - go to the hospital because of near-drowning incidents each year. Fifteen percent die and about 20 percent suffer from permanent neurologi-

cal disability. It is estimated that for each drowning death, there are one to four non-fatal submersions serious enough to result in hospitalization.

Children who still require cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) at the time they arrive at the emergency department have a poor prognosis, with at least half of survivors suffering significant neurological impairment. The majority of children who survive (92 percent) are discovered within two minutes following submersion and most children who die (86 percent) are found after 10 minutes. Nearly all who require CPR die or are left with severe brain injury.

Children under five and adolescents between the ages of 15-24 have the highest drowning rates. Nineteen percent of drowning deaths involving children occur in public pools with certified lifeguards present. A swimming pool is 14 times more likely than a motor vehicle to be involved in the death of a child aged four and under.

From the National Safe Kids Campaign: "Male children have a drowning rate two to four times that of female children. Among females, drowning rates are low after the age of five year, but African American females were also at increased risk of drowning in a swimming pool compared to white females of the same age."

"Older children and adolescents are most likely to drown in pools, lakes and streams," according to a National Institutes of Health (NIH) study. "Kids are most likely to drown during the ages of the most active explorations."

Two-thirds of drownings happen in the summer months; 40 percent occur on Saturday and Sunday. Some 90 percent occur in fresh water even in states with large coastal regions.

According to a study conducted by USA Swimming, nearly 60 percent of African-American children can't swim, almost twice the figure for white children. Low-income children are at a greater risk

from non-swimming pool drownings.

Professor Richard Irwin, the lead researcher for the USA study, said one key factor was the influence of parents' attitudes and abilities. If a parent can't swim, as was far more likely in minority families than white families, or if a parent felt swimming was dangerous, then a child was far less likely to learn how to swim.

The Josh Project, Inc's focus is on inner-city youth and offers free swimming lessons and teaches water safety to every youth who has a desire. Swimming is an accredited sport and a life skill.

When people know the prevention steps they can and should take to make a child injury less likely, they will be more equipped to help children live to their full potential

For more information go to [www.joshproject.org](http://www.joshproject.org) or [www.nationalwatersafetymonth.com](http://www.nationalwatersafetymonth.com)

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Toledo Refining Company has an immediate need for a Reliability Superintendent. The Reliability Superintendent will provide leadership, reliability direction, upgrades, and surveillance of the rotating, fixed, and E&I equipment and engineers within the facility. Superintendent will assist each group with troubleshooting and performing root cause analysis on chronic problem equipment, develop overhaul scopes for Turnarounds, present capital project proposals for upgrades, resolve problems with outside vendors, and provide leadership and oversight of the predictive and preventative Maintenance tasks for refinery rotating and stationary equipment. Ensure that programs in place are being performed, are consistent with best available technology, and optimized to improve reliability gaps. Oversee the reliability performance tracking and reporting. Work closely with Project Engineering on new projects to ensure reliable, efficient, cost-effective equipment is purchased and installed. Assist and coordinate the training and development of rotating equipment engineers, field foreman, and machinists who directly administer repairs and PM programs. Manage interpretation of codes, standards, regulations, orders, etc. as applicable to design, inspection, and/or repair projects for all classes of refinery rotating equipment.

The qualified candidate shall possess a Bachelor's in Mechanical Engineering, a 4-year technical degree, or a minimum of 15 years directly related experience with refinery-type maintenance reliability. A minimum of 10 years supervisory experience. Must have strong interpersonal skills and be able to interact with employees of all disciplines..

For confidential consideration, please submit your resume via email to [dayna.brown@pbfenergy.com](mailto:dayna.brown@pbfenergy.com)

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## CLINICAL THERAPIST/DIAGNOSTIC ASSESSOR - Full-time

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Send resume or apply to:

Human Resources - CTDA  
Unison Behavioral Health Group, Inc.  
1425 Starr Avenue  
Toledo, OH 43605  
Email - [hr@unisonbhg.org](mailto:hr@unisonbhg.org)  
Fax - 419.936.7574

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## PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF TOLEDO SECTION 108 LOAN PROGRAM POLICY To all interested agencies, groups, and persons:

The City of Toledo is seeking comments on the City of Toledo Section 108 Loan Program Policy, which is part of the Five-Year Consolidated Plan for economic development. The policy is being further expanded to define the parameters by which loans will be approved.

The City of Toledo Section 108 Loan Program utilizes funds from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to leverage other local resources to finance certain types of economic development and public improvement projects located in low- and moderate-income census tracts within the City of Toledo. The Section 108 Loan guarantee/loan funds, along with other local resources, will be utilized as a basis for the Toledo Lucas County Port Authority (TLCPA) to issue bonds. It is anticipated that the TLCPA will be able to create a loan pool that is minimally four times greater than the Section 108 loan guarantee, with the Section 108 principal being held in reserve and disbursed only upon default.

Eligibility for these funds is contingent upon meeting CDBG's national objective of benefiting low- to moderate-income persons, specifically through job creation activities. The City of Toledo's Section 108 Loan Program funds shall be limited to one of three CDBG-eligible economic development or public improvement projects: projects that advance one of the five industrial cluster areas of strength for Northwest Ohio as identified in the Toledo Regional Meta-Plan; projects that support small micro-enterprise businesses; and public improvement projects, with at least ten percent of available Section 108 Loan Program funds reserved for the latter two.

The draft Section 108 Loan Program Policy is available for review beginning June 1, 2011 at the following locations:

Department of Neighborhoods  
One Government Center, 18th Floor  
Downtown Toledo, Jackson & Erie

Department of Development  
One Government Center, 22nd Floor  
Downtown Toledo, Jackson & Erie

Clerk of Council  
One Government Center, 21st Floor  
Downtown Toledo, Jackson & Erie

All local branches of the Toledo-Lucas County  
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[toledolibrary.org](http://toledolibrary.org) for locations)

The Ability Center of Greater Toledo  
5605 Monroe Street  
Sylvania, Ohio 43560

The Fair Housing Center  
432 N. Superior Street  
Toledo, Ohio

Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority  
435 Nebraska Avenue  
Toledo, Ohio

Toledo Lucas County Homelessness Board  
1946 N. 13th Street, Suite 437  
Toledo, Ohio

The City of Toledo's Section 108 Loan Program, including a description of the parameters for which loans will be provided, will be considered by Toledo City Council at its regular public meetings on Tuesday, May 31 and Tuesday, June 14, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.

A public hearing on the Section 108 Loan Program is scheduled for Wednesday, June 1, 2011, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in City Council Chambers. A second public hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, June 8, 2011, beginning at 2:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers. Any interested person may address the Council Committee and answer questions.

The City of Toledo will receive comments from the public at the public hearings on June 1 and June 8, 2011, or in writing at the following address:

CITY OF TOLEDO  
DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOODS  
SECTION 108 LOAN PROGRAM  
ONE GOVERNMENT CENTER, SUITE 1800  
TOLEDO, OHIO 43604  
(419) 245-1400/FAX: (419) 245-1413

Comments received through June 30, 2011 will be included as part of the plan submitted to HUD.

\* Reasonable accommodations will be provided upon request.



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Toledo Refining Company has an immediate need for a Fixed Equipment Engineer. This position will provide technical support to refinery operations and maintenance staff including equipment troubleshooting, day to day fixed equipment follow-up on repairs, and implementation of reliability improvement items for fixed equipment. Candidate will coordinate pre-post turnaround fixed equipment materials inventory and service rep contracts. Responsible for coordinating fixed equipment preventative maintenance. Implement eCAT actions items to ensure safe and reliable operation of equipment and the refinery. Provide improved technology through outside resources in areas of predictive and preventative maintenance, operability, maintainability, and repairability.

The qualified candidate shall possess a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering with a minimum of 2 years refinery experience in a fixed equipment assignment. Must be self-motivated and willing to assume the lead role in the completion of fixed equipment maintenance and shutdown work throughout the refinery. Experience in preventative maintenance programs and root cause failure analysis is preferred.

For confidential consideration, please submit your resume via email to [davna.brown@pbfenergy.com](mailto:davna.brown@pbfenergy.com)

## Janitor

The Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority (LMHA), located in Toledo, OH is seeking experienced applicants for its Janitor position. For complete details of the position and application information, visit our website at [www.lucasmha.org](http://www.lucasmha.org) or call our jobline at (419)259-9537. Please note on your submittal if you are a LMHA public housing or Section 8 resident. This is a Section 3 covered position and HUD recipients are encouraged to apply. All materials submitted must be received at LMHA not later than 5:00 P.M. on Friday, June 3, 2011.

### NO PHONE CALLS

Equal employment opportunity shall be afforded to all qualified persons without regard to age, race, color, religion, creed, sex, military status, ancestry, disability or national origin.

Notice to Bidders: Inquiry # FY11-107, (Project # 5002-11-1634) for iCare University for the University of Toledo Health Science Campus. Sealed bids for this project must be clearly marked with the project number on all inner and outer envelopes and/or shipping containers. Bids must be addressed and delivered to the University of Toledo, Main Campus, Facilities and Construction, Plant Operations Room 1100, 2925 E. Rocket Drive, MS 216, Toledo, Ohio 43606 before 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 14, 2011. Bids will be publicly opened that same day at 2:05 p.m. in the Plant Operations Building, Room 1000. Copies of Plans, Specifications, and Bid Forms may be obtained from Becker Impressions, 4646 Angola Road, Toledo, Ohio 43615. Call 419-385-5303 for an appointment to pick up bid package. A cost of \$35.00 will be charged per set. Any further information may be obtained from Faith Mohr of Poggemeyer Design Group, Inc. at 419-352-7537. One Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Tuesday, June 7, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in the Health Education Building, Room 103, at the University of Toledo, Health Science Campus, 3000 Arlington Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43614. Total Bid Guaranty and Contract Bond are required per section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code. EDGE Participation Goal: 10%. Project Estimate: \$200,000.00; Breakdown: General Const: \$144,500.00; Plumbing: \$8,500.00; & Electrical: \$47,000.00.



Toledo Refining Company has an immediate need for an Area Fixed Equipment Inspector. The refinery area inspector is responsible for the internal and external inspection of all types of fixed equipment including, but not limited to, structural steel, heaters, pressure vessels, heat exchangers, tanks, boilers, piping, and miscellaneous equipment, both during routine maintenance periods and during shutdowns/turnarounds. Coordinates inspection activities within the Area Business Team and is an integral team member, resolving issues involving several types of damage mechanisms experienced within a refinery setting. Develop and execute inspection plans for fixed equipment based on its service, design, condition, jurisdictional requirements and inspection history.

The qualified candidate shall possess 5-10 years of refinery experience as an area/unit inspector or equivalent and shall have a strong understanding of certification in all applicable codes including, but not limited to API 510, API 570 and API 653, ASME B31.3, Section VIII and NBIC. Training and certification in API 580/581 is preferred. Current ASNT SNT TC 1A certifications or verifiable NDE experience is desired, especially in PT, MT, and UTT. Current CWI certification is also a plus. Candidates must have strong interpersonal skills and be proficient in Microsoft Office products, mainframe systems. Experience in RBI methodology and RBMI is a plus. A college degree, preferably in engineering or other technical discipline is desired.

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Toledo Refining Company has an immediate need for a Lead Rotating Engineer. The Lead Rotating Engineer is responsible for the supervision and leadership of the Rotating Engineers. This position will provide overall technical support for the refinery's machinery and assist with developing the reliability philosophy and direction. Candidate will assist in coordinating pre-post turnaround machinery planning and contractor coordination. Responsible for coordinating machinery preventative maintenance philosophy. Ensure proper execution of RCFA's and participate in TOP close out meetings. Monitor the implementation of eCAT actions items to ensure safe and reliable operation of equipment and the refinery. Provide improved technology through outside resources in areas of predictive and preventative maintenance, operability, maintainability, repairability, etc as well as coordinate the usage of Marlin information usage.

The qualified candidate shall possess a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering with a minimum of 5 years refinery experience in a machinery or rotating equipment assignment. Must be self-motivated and willing to assume the lead role in the completion of machinery maintenance and shutdown work throughout the refinery. Experience in vibration analysis, preventative maintenance programs, and root cause failure analysis is preferred.

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Toledo Refining Company has an immediate need for a Storehouse and Inventory Control Supervisor. The Storehouse Supervisor will direct the sale of surplus material, manage the scrap yard, investigate all stock out's, and perform inventory adjustments that have been verified. Analyze inventory levels to optimize investment vs. refinery material requirements. Track, measure, and manage key indicators identified by manager. Report current monthly findings and corrective actions. Other responsibilities and duties include but are not limited too: supervising hourly employees; maintaining inventory accuracy through cycle counting, auditing, systems correction, and updating; evaluating and setting proper min/max levels; ensure accurate receiving and proper binning; and coding new inventory items or making changes to existing inventory codes.

Minimum 5 years refinery maintenance background and 2 years related supervisory experience. Required to possess a comprehensive understanding of Supply Chain fundamentals and material flow. Ability to foster teamwork and interface with a wide range of disciplines and groups within the company. Computer ability and experience including MS Office suite.

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# Indiana Avenue MBC Annual Senior Citizens Prayer Breakfast

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Six years ago, Sis Patricia Gurley suggested that a Hall of Fame be established in order to honor the service and achievements of the seniors of Indiana Avenue.

All through these years, Sis. Clara Jackson, a retired City of Toledo senior citizens' coordinator, has served as chairman of the event.

So it was last Saturday, May 14, as Indiana Avenue held its annual Senior Citizens Prayer Breakfast in the Stephenson Roberts Fellowship Hall and inducted six members into the Hall of Fame – to the surprise of the newly inducted.

Maxine Forney was honored for her contributions in the arts; Deacon

Wesley Boykin for business; Sis. Ruby Murria for caregiving; Sis Yvonne Harper for community service; Trustee William Goree for education and Miller Watkins for volunteerism.

The morning event was opened by the mistress of ceremony, Mother Shirley Ware. Waykins sang a hymn and Boykin offered the prayer before the attendees were welcomed by Sister Patricia Holloway.

Then followed the fellowship breakfast.

Sisters Delores Gamble Jones and Maxine Forney spoke on this occasion.

Their addresses were followed by the presentation of the honorees.

Rev. John H. Roberts, pastor of Indiana Avenue closed this year's event with a prayer and benediction.

*Above*

*Front Row: Yvonne Harper, Miller C. Watkins, Wesley Boykin, William Goree, Maxine Forney, Ruby Murria*

*Back Row: Clara Jackson, Rev. John Roberts, Shirley Ware*

*Right*

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