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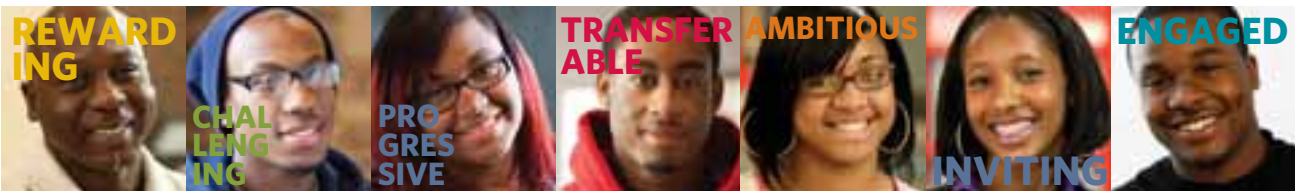
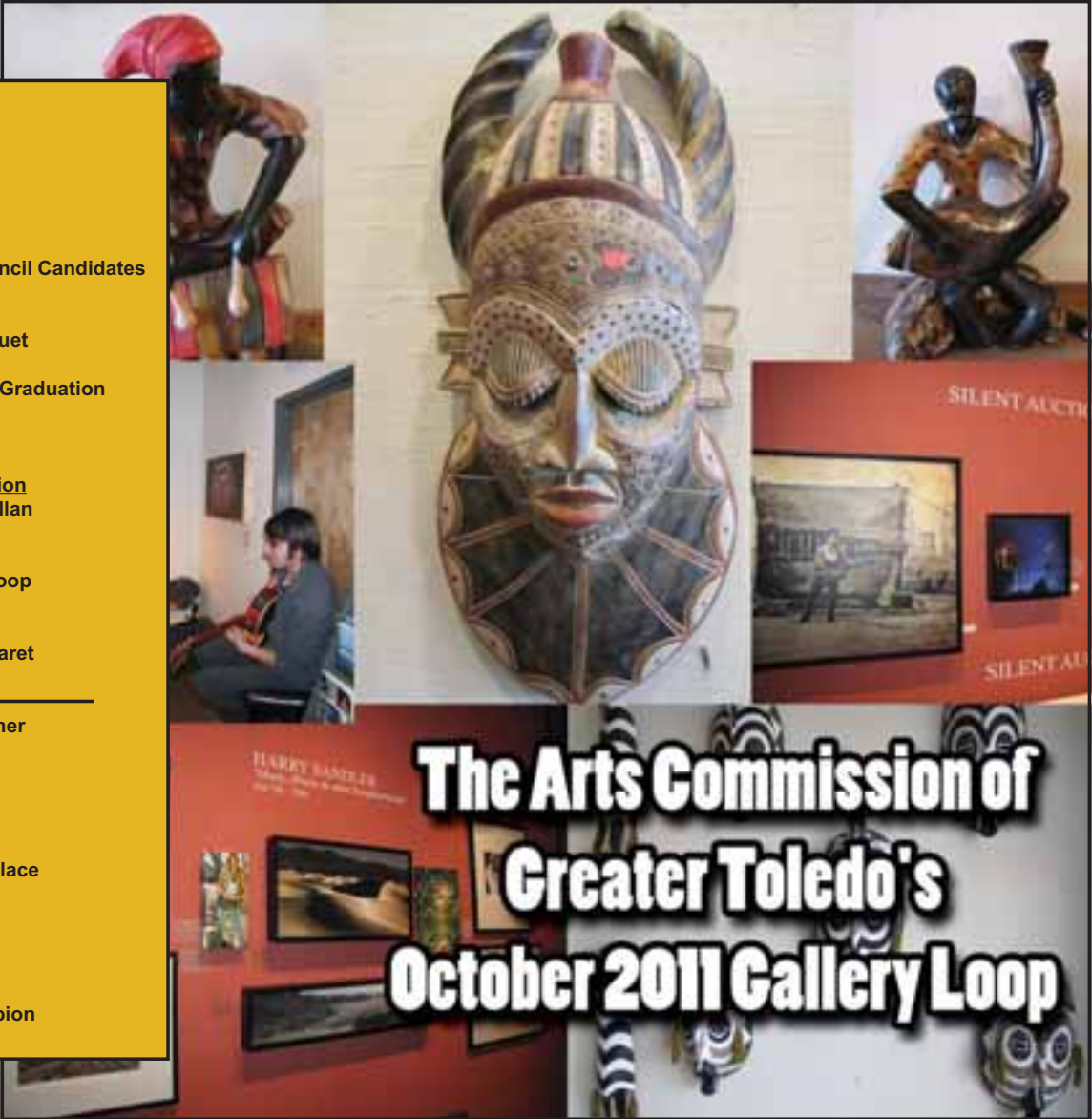
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Blackball

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

... *The thing that makes you exceptional, if you are at all, is inevitably that which must also make you lonely.* - Lorraine Hansberry

Viewing the demolition of Lincoln school while driving through the inner city brought back memories that are bittersweet.

The Butts boys - Greg and Larry, Danny "Fireball" Jackson, "Butch" Allen and other "westside" Lincoln Tigers were intimidating in their royal blue and white baseball uniforms.

Ed "Tonchie" Mims, Herman "Buttercup" Davis or the Cortland brothers, Marlin and Moreece, wearing the navy and gold of the Gunckel Rockets, incited fear even before they took their position on the infield under the hot sun of a distant summer.

On the near south side, the Pickett Tigers, sporting baggy kelly green and gold attire with a white P on the left chest, and led by Richard "Shug" Wright and big, six foot - three, 225 pound, 12 year old Dickie Smith, were less heralded but equally frightening to thousands of young participants in Toledo's parks and recreation peeewee baseball program during the early '60s.

All three of these inner city schools were perennial winners, fielding teams that were among the best in Toledo. Several of these black children would later participate competitively in high school, college or on a professional level.

Today however, a lot has changed.

Gone are the schools. Gunckel school has been rebuilt and renamed. Pickett is in the process of reconstruction and Lincoln is now being permanently demolished.

Also gone, apparently, is the meaningful participation of African Americans in the sport of baseball. The Texas Rangers, one of the two World Series baseball finalists, has only one African American on its roster. The St. Louis Cardinals, the other championship participant has only four African Americans.

Why are African Americans underrepresented in the stands (under three percent) or on the field (eight percent) in baseball parks? And why, during this period of rising youth violence, are our youth absent from positive summer recreational activities such as baseball? Do these dwindling numbers of black interest in baseball indicate social concerns?

Some, such as Gerald Early, PhD suggest that the decline of baseball in African-American culture and the loss of blacks' "own brand of baseball," was the price paid by the game's proponents of integration, who were "cruelly insensitive to the black game's traditions."

The growing numbers of blacks migrating to the white Major Leagues effectively heralded the death of black professional baseball and precipitated the decline in black interest.

More recently however, an era of closed and substandard parks due to strained municipal budgets, an expanded prison system, suburban flight and public policy have left those in the inner city with unequal access to high quality programming and facilities.

While athletes generally excel in sports where high-caliber facilities and programs are readily accessible, baseball facilities have become sparse in black neighborhoods compared to those in suburban areas.

Basketball facilities are more readily available and have helped that sport to replace blacks' sagging interest in baseball. For black males, basketball - nearly 80 percent black and with the largest percentage of African-American players in major professional sports - now embodies modern black culture.

In addition, black youth, spurred on by parents and peers or encouraged by coaches and teachers, often buy into the stereotype that they are better suited for basketball because they can "run faster and jump higher than whites" and often do not feel accepted or welcome in some other sports such as baseball. As a result, black youth are often programmed to see basketball as the "best and shortest trip out of the hood or an undesirable socioeconomic situation."

This route to socio-economic success however, is more myth than reality.

The myth is reinforced by a mass media which bombards today's black youth with cool poses, power images and success stories of black basketball players, encouraging the hopeful to pursue basketball as a sure route to success while allowing them to hear little about black achievement in areas of medicine, law, education or other sports.

Many who chase the slim pursuit of basketball to improve socio-economic status, later find that they have wasted their lives futilely preparing for a professional sports career.

Economic factors, public policy and mass media all have directed black youth towards sports more easily played today in the urban core such as basketball, and away from sports that require more time, money and facilities such as baseball.

Whether baseball, once a commercial success for black entrepreneurs and embraced by the black community because of its own professional organizations and styles for the game, will ever be embraced by blacks again is uncertain.

If so, it will take increased access and equal availability of safe and positive facilities. It will also take the elimination of bias and racial stereotyping in media and marketing. Finally, it will take parents, coaches, teachers and peers to provide youth of color with the same opportunities not only to play baseball at a high level, but the support for them to be successful in other professions.

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Community Calendar**October 12-31**

Register for Free Tutoring: The Norman and Louise Jones Foundation; Math, English, reading: 419-724-0888 ext40

October 25-30

Phillips Temple CME "From Bondage to Breakthrough: A Victory Revival:" 7 pm Tues through Sat; 11 am on Sunday

October 28

Area Office on Aging Free Professional Workshop: 8 to 11 am; Basement training room; "What's with All these Different Types of Schools;" Understanding K-12 school options in Ohio: 419-725-7042

Wayman Palmer YMCA Harvest Party: 4 to 6 pm; Family friendly celebration; Face painting, games, crafts, food, fun

October 29

St. Stephens COGIC Harvest Party: 5 to 8 pm; Games, karaoke, refreshments and more Warren AME Youth Harvest Party Celebration: 6 to 8 pm; Games, prizes, costume contest: 419-243-2237

October 30

Bethesda Christian Center Cathedral Youth Day: Guest speaker Min. Daniel Rice: 419-944-0984

Resurrection Baptist Church 2nd Annual Women's Day Service: 4 pm; "Sisters, What's in Your Alabaster Box?" Speakers Evang Kendra Briggs of Detroit and Evang Shalonda Haynes

Bethesda Christian Center Cathedral Youth Day: 11 am; Guest Min. Daniel Rice of Bibleway: 419-944-0984

True Vine MBC Gospel Jubilee: 4 pm

City of Zion, the Mt. Zion Church Celebrates 88th Anniversary: 10:30 am; Pastor Troy Jackson of Cincinnati

November 4-5

United MBC Fall Rummage Sale: 9 am to 4 pm: 419-297-5341 or 419-380-9477

November 5

Warren AME Church Rummage Sale: 9 am to 4 pm; Women's clothing, furniture, food and more: 419-841-7272

City of Zion, the Mt. Zion Church "Coat off my Back:" 9 am to 2 am; Distribution of new and gently used coats; Donations accepted: 419-473-0341

November 6

Women Blessing Women 6th Annual Soup & Chile Fest Fund raiser: Notre Dame Academy; 11:30 am to 3 pm: 419-283-1555

Phillips Temple CME: Debut of new Sunday School Christian principles, Christian Success and practical application for everyday living; 9 am; Classes for 12-17 year olds, 18-35 year olds and those 36 and over

November 11-13

World Healing Center Church Second Pastoral Anniversary: Banquet on Saturday at the Crowne Plaza at 3 pm: 419-601-3617

November 12

The MOVEMENT Church Neighbor Day: Clothing giveaways, food, face painting and more; 2 to 4 pm: 1-888-400-3988

November 17

EOPA Reverse Job Fair: www.eopa.org or 419-255-1082 ext 2233

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Say No to Fast Eddie!

By Lafe Tolliver, Esq
Guest Column



If you are a casual reader of the news, you may have seen where Bishop Eddie Long of the New Missionary Baptist Church in Atlanta is in the news again.

Not on the issue of his trying to recoup approximately \$900 thousand from some of the young men who are now going public regarding their sexual escapades with "Fast Eddie" Long but on another money issue.

This new money issue involving Fast Eddie has to do with his purportedly endorsing a Ponzi or pyramid scheme in which 10 of his congregants have sued Fast Eddie and his church for a cool million dollars.

Dollars that they lost in investing in financial schemes called Wealth Tour Live Seminars and which were endorsed by Fast Eddie.

These financial products were to generate about 20 percent in financial returns but, alas, they were not as advertised and the investors lost both their money and now apparently, their cool with Fast Eddie.

The gist of the filed lawsuit is that Fast Eddie, a huge proponent of the discredited Word Faith financial gibberish (you know, "say it and claim it" or "blab it and grab it"), wrongfully used his influential position to channel funds to this financial scheme.

What apparently happened is that Fast Eddie gave

his cloak of blessing to the sponsor of these seminars and the susceptible church members, seeing that their pastor was

pouring blessing oil on these wealth tours, took the bait and bingo!...they now have lint lining their pockets instead of greenbacks.

The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) calls these types of schemes, affinity schemes since they normally target specific group of people, including African-American churchgoers.

Sadly, too many in this specific group, who may be financially hurting or may have greed in their hearts to begin with, are attracted to like-minded financial hustlers or to financial returns that are too good to be true.

Hustlers know that if they can get a pastor to give a "cleric collar up" to a financial product, it is not too far of a stretch for impressionable congregants to move their monies to the outstretched hand that promises them, money, money and money!

That is the curse of the Word Faith non-Biblical financial gibberish that is incessantly paraded on the cable channels enticing desperate and gullible people with miracle cancer cures for \$19.99 a month or to get a hundred-fold return, you simply sow a "seed of faith" (translation: send me your money and lots of it!) into their ministry and Voila!...you will be blessed and healthy and a friend of God.

Such hustlers and con men (and women) prey upon biblical ignorance and attracting people who have a similar spirit of greed as they do and which is to worship Mammon (money).

When you toss on this financial pyre, the endorsements or blessings of gullible pastors who do not know any

better or are in the same game but for a cut of the action, you have a sad but volatile brew of people being duped and exploited in the name of God.

Fast Eddie is just one of a gaggle of religious characters whose god is their belly along with an insatiable appetite for living high on the hog.

You would think based upon some of the TV programming that some churches are no more than "cha ching...cha ching" temples with priests in Armani suits offering indulgences based upon the size of one's checking account, tithes or offerings.

The solution? Simple. Stop giving your hard-earned bucks to suspect scams and vapid promises of pulpit rascals whose only tune seems to be, "give until it hurts and then give some more!"

Funny. Ever notice how the giving always flows to them and their bank account and not to you? Try this. Ask them to give you 100 bucks or more and see how fast you are escorted by security to the parking lot!

They put out this non-Biblical drivel because too many congregants are ignorant of proper Bible standards for giving; and as such they are easy fodder for any trick that promises instant riches.

And especially if the carnival barker is a Fast Eddie type or a Word Faith proponent who conscience is seared and has no qualms about building his or her kingdom right now on this Earth on the backs of your paychecks.

When you come across such a person whose grin is as big as his/her hand always nesting itself in your wallet or purse, look for the nearest exit and run, not walk, for your life.

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Lucas County Auditor and UAW Reach Labor Agreement

Sojourner's Truth Staff



Tina Mack, Michelle Schultz, Auditor Anita Lopez and Prescilla Hutchens

The Lucas County Auditor's Office reached an agreement last week with the UAW that allows the Auditor to link outstanding customer service to individual performance. The agreement, reputedly the first of its kind in Lucas County, changes the culture of labor negotiations, said Lucas County Auditor Anita Lopez in an announcement last week.

"Gone are the days where we are rewarded for just showing up for work," said Lopez after the signing. "I am demanding a higher standard from my workforce, my managers and myself."

Elements of the merit-based performance evaluation will be systematic and based on discipline, productivity and attendance.

Lopez noted that the agreement was an example of the fact that elected officials can effectively negotiate with collective bargaining units to achieve fiscal accountability to taxpayers.

Lopez took Governor John Kasich and Toledo Mayor Mike Bell for their efforts to keep Senate Bill 5 intact by encouraging Ohioans to vote yes on Issue 2—the referendum placed on the November ballot by opponents of SB5.

"During our toughest times, Gov. Kasich and Mayor Bell have chosen to divide Ohioans," said Lopez. "We have bargained our way to fiscal responsibility and we did it hand in hand with our union partner. Mayor Bell and Gov. Kasich are johnny-come-latties and they have wasted a whole year."

Joining Lopez at the announcement were Tina Mack, UAW steward and Michelle Schultz, UAW chairman, who praised the agreement as an example of how government management and unions can partner for the benefit of both parties and taxpayers.

Also in attendance was Prescilla Hutchens, union steward of AFCSME and a City of Toledo employee in the water department.

"We recently ratified our contract after going to City Council and asking them to go back to the table," said Hutchens. "We have a contract that not everyone is in agreement with but we're looking out for the City of Toledo."

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Tyrone Riley: District 1 Candidate Plans to Hit the Ground Running

By Fletcher Word
Sojourner's Truth Editor

Tyrone Riley, born and reared in Toledo is an attorney in private practice. He has practiced law for nearly 30 years in the city of Toledo.

Riley earned his undergraduate degree from Kent State University and his law degree from Southern University Law School in Baton Rouge, LA

Riley served as a legislative aide in the Ohio House of Representatives under the late Representative Casey Jones learning, as he says now, "the importance of hard work and serving the people you represent with honor and distinction."

The Truth asked Riley to discuss the top three issues a Toledo City Councilman representing District 1 might face.

He listed his top three concerns as jobs/economic development, stabilizing



neighborhoods and safety.

"We want to first create an environment in which businesses feel welcome to come into the city and do business," said the candidate of his plan to help create jobs.

"For example, for small and minority-owned businesses, you want to be aid in a prompt fashion," Riley continued. "Contracts are the lifeblood

of businesses. The purchasing department has to make sure that businesses are paid in a timely fashion. So we need to improve the efficiencies of city services."

Riley also mentioned the Gateway Project that will be so important to the Dorr Street corridor. He plans to
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Aji Green: Believes That He Is the Candidate of the Future

By Fletcher Word
Sojourner's Truth Editor



Aji Green, candidate for Toledo's City Council's District, is running for elective office for the second time – he ran for the Toledo Board of Education two years ago – may be something of a veteran campaigner but, as he tells it, he is no politician.

Green, a Democrat, who moved to Toledo from Marianna, AK, earned a bachelor's degree in management and human resources from The University of Toledo and is planning to return to school to for advanced studies in law and political science.

Green was supervisor at Jeep's North Toledo Assembly Plant for six years and is now a legal researcher at D'Angelo & Szollosi Co., L.P.A.

We asked Green to share his thoughts on the three top issues of concern to him and his possible constituents. His chief concerns – jobs, neighborhoods and safety.

"We need to make it easy for businesses wanting to invest in the community," he said of his job creation ideas. "Eliminate the red tape, eliminate the paperwork. I plan on going out and actually pursuing people to come here, particularly into my district. I want to inform them of the city's assets – the Zoo, the Museum, the parks. And I want to capitalize on some of the services we provide in the city as well – there is money available to help small businesses.

"Economic zones need to be set up – with tax breaks, abatements and credits. We can do a better job letting people know what there is to help people in coming here."

On the other hand, Green plans to be a stickler for using the power of legislation to

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Hiding in her sister's life.

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2011 ESOP Gala Celebrates "Power for Today, Change for Tomorrow, Hope for the Future"

Sojourner's Truth Staff

The Toledo office of Empowering and Strengthening Ohio's People (ESOP) held its annual gala fund raiser on Thursday, October 20, 2011 at the Ramada Inn Secor. The Toledo office was not alone in the celebration, however. The event was coordinated with two other such galas in the state of Ohio. Cleveland and Mansfield also held such tributes and shared presentations, electronically, by U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown (Dem. OH) and others.

ESOP's Toledo celebration began with a tribute to Shantae Brownlee, executive director of the Frederick Douglass Community Association presented to her by Renee Palacios, director of the Family House. Brownlee was honored with an "Above & Beyond Award" for her efforts in forging a partnership with ESOP to promote that agency's work in preventing home foreclosure and transforming communities.

During the evening's dinner, attendees were treated to video presentations from ESOP's founder and president in Cleveland, Inez Killingsworth, one on the Cleveland community's organizing efforts and a trailer from the soon-to-be-released movie *Cleveland vs. Wall Street*.

After dinner, local homeowners took the stage.

Homeowner Charlotte Parks told the audience about Central City Citizens, a grassroots organization of about 150 citizens dedicated to improving neighborhood conditions and providing residents with a safe living environment.

Parks took that occasion to present the "Volunteer of the Year Award" to ESOP activist Quintin Newton, who has been with ESOP as a volunteer for about a year and



Quinton Newton



Cristal Fell

half.

Newton was honored for his leadership in the effort to bring residents together and his selfless dedication to bettering the community.

The keynote address was delivered by The University of Toledo's Clinton Oliver Longenecker, Stranahan Professor of Leadership and Organizational Excellence in the College of Business Administration. Longenecker stirred the audience with his vision of what agencies such as ESOP, filled with passionate volunteers, can accomplish in turning around their neighborhoods.

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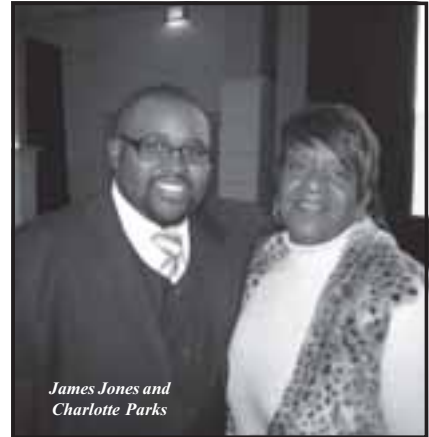
Beyond Award" was presented by homeowner Cristal Fell to the Fair Housing Center's Keith Foster, director of Enforcement and Compliance.

Foster was recognized for his leadership of Fair Housing's Restoring the Dream program that has thus far assisted 76 homeowners in obtaining loan modifications and 99 families in receiving grants. Fair Housing has been working in collaboration with ESOP for several years.

Part of the evening's activities included a raffle with a \$500 cash prize for the winner. Katie Bond, director of

the City of Toledo's Department of Neighborhoods, was the winner. Rather than accept the cash prize, Bond, in an exceptional gesture of selflessness, asked that a second drawing be conducted for the homeowners in the audience who have been working with ESOP. She donated the \$500 to the winner of that drawing.

ESOP was founded by Killingsworth 18 years ago in the Cleveland area and since has expanded to include 10 offices within Ohio. The executive director of the statewide organization is Mark Siefert. Toledo's community organizer is James L. Jones.



James Jones and Charlotte Parks



Quinton Newton and daughter Keisha Newton

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Toledo Public Schools to Enlist Graduation Coaches with The Help of United Way

Special to The Truth

As part of Toledo Public Schools (TPS) and United Way of Greater Toledo's ongoing partnership, the two organizations announced a new Graduation Coaches project last week.

Through the United Way AmeriCorps program, Graduation Coaches will be placed at schools throughout TPS to help provide support to students in the eighth/ninth grade transition who have barriers to attendance.

"We're really excited to bring our AmeriCorps pro-

gram more in line with our education work by providing this support," said Bill Kitson, United Way of Greater Toledo president & CEO. "Research shows the majority of dropouts are lost during the eighth/ninth grade transition, so this is just one more support we can offer on the age continuum of our effort to graduate kids."

Coaches will serve side-by-side with guidance counselors and other school professionals, identifying barriers to each student's atten-



Brian Murphy, Michelle Davis, Bill Kitson, Romules Durant, Ed.D., Jerome Pecko, Ed.D.

dance. The Coach will then assist in developing and implementing a personalized graduation action plan for that student. This will include holding one-on-one or small group coaching sessions to provide support, help, guidance, and connection to resources for these students who might otherwise slip through the cracks.

"Toledo Public Schools is pleased to get this partnership off the ground," said Brian Murphy, TPS assistant superintendent. "Partners like United Way are really

helping us do some of this personalized, one-on-one work we don't always have capacity for. We're really excited about the impact this will have on our students."

These United Way AmeriCorps members serving as Graduation Coaches are giving a year of service. AmeriCorps members address critical needs in communities all across America, and United Way of Greater Toledo is focusing its members on education. Members are highly trained to do the work, while receiving a living stipend, education award, and professional development in exchange for this year of service.

"There are all sorts of reasons why kids don't come to school," said Michelle Davis, United Way vice president for community outreach services, as she explained

that low attendance is an early indicator of the potential a student has for eventually dropping out of school entirely.

The graduation coaches will be identifying those students who might be at risk of dropping by by monitoring attendance and then working with students to solve whatever issues might be preventing them from getting to school.

Last week's announcement was held at Woodward High School which already has two AmeriCorps workers on hand ready to become graduation coaches.



AmeriCorps's Jason Dixon and Alishea Sutton

Toledo Conference Focuses on Rebuilding Communities

By Artisha S. Lawson
Sojourner's Truth Reporter



Lamar Darnell Shields

spotlighted both short and long-term behaviors that can influence diabetes. The afternoon continued with Lamar Darnell Shields speaking about engaging boys of color, then Theresa Early talking to parents and the young about breaking down barriers after incarceration.

Jeff Johnson, University of Toledo graduate and CEO of Jeff's Nation, was the keynote speaker for Thursday's dinner. His address spoke of "the state of the village," focused on providing specific information on where the village currently stands in terms of health, education, economics empowerment, community-based programming and identifying solutions to current issues.

Friday's workshops and forums focused on the home

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An old African proverb states, 'it takes a village to raise a child' and, with that frame of mind, K.E.V.I.N. Inc, Earl Enterprises and the Restoration of the Village Committee held their second annual conference from October 19-22, 2011.

The conference opened on Wednesday with "Let It

Flow," a combination of smooth jazz and poetry, while the workshops and forums ran from Thursday to Saturday.

Thursday featured several presenters who centered on the physical and mental aspects that shape young men in today's society. Veronica Jean-Pierre, PhD,

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Library and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated (Zeta Alpha Omega Chapter) present *Herstories: An Evening with Patrice McClellan*

Special to The Truth



Alpha Kappa Alpha Chapter joins the Toledo (AKA) Sorority, Incorporated (Zeta Alpha Omega Chapter) joins the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library in presenting *Herstories: An Evening with Patrice McClellan* scheduled from 6-8 p.m. on Monday, Novem-

ber 21 in the McMaster Center and Lobby at Main Library, 325 Michigan St.

McClellan, Ph.D., Assistant Professor and Director of the Masters of Organizational Leadership program at Lourdes University, will discuss her debut book *Herstories: Leading with the Lessons of the Lives of Black Women Activists (Black Studies and Critical Thinking)*, which she co-authored with **Judy Alston**, professor and chairman of the Department of Leadership Studies at Ashland University.

The authors state that their book analyzes the transformational leadership, servant leadership, and social justice leadership found in the lives of great black women in history, such as **Fannie Lou Hamer, Septima Clark, Mary McLeod Bethune, Shirley Chisholm, Barbara Jordan** and **Audre Lourde**. The book chronicles the careers and

professional contributions of these women, and also uses these leadership models as units of analysis to highlight their effective leadership “herstories” to inform current practice.

McClellan will begin the evening with a discussion and read passages from her book beginning at 6:15 p.m. in the McMaster Center. After her talk, a brief Q & A session is planned, followed by a presentation from the AKA Book Signing planning committee. The event will conclude with a book signing by McClellan. Lourdes University officials will handle the sale of *Herstories*, available for purchase at a cost of \$35 per book.

“We as active members of the local chapter of AKA thought it to be extremely vital to honor our accomplished sorority sister Patrice McClellan for her debut book,” said **Clara Petty**,

president of the AKA Zeta Alpha Omega chapter. “Our sorority, the oldest black collegiate sorority in the country, was founded in 1908 and is complete with many powerful women and plenty of “herstories” like the one’s highlighted in McClellan and Alston’s book. This upcoming book signing allows our sorority, the Library, Lourdes University and the community to celebrate McClellan as our sister, and the “herstories” outlined in her work.”

This event will provide FREE parking, and light refreshments in the McMaster Lobby

Herstories: An Evening with Patrice McClellan is being presented by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated in partnership with the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library; with support from Lourdes University

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The Arts Commission of Greater Toledo held its annual October Gallery Loop on Friday, October 14, 2011 and 22 galleries in the downtown, uptown and warehouse districts participated with various displays of fine arts, music and refreshments – all at no cost to visitors.

Two buses conducted gallery visitors on two loops starting at 6:30 p.m. and concluding around 11 p.m.

This fall's galleries included: the Toledo Museum of Art, The University's Center for Visual Arts Gallery, the Parkwood Gallery, the Collingwood Arts Center, Bretz Bar, The Truth Art Gallery, Decisive Moment, Glass City Cafe, Bell's, Superior Studios Art Gallery, Secor Studios, Bozarts, Swank Gifts, Art Supply Depo, PRIZM, Jack Wilson's, Sur St. Clair, 20 North Gallery, Shared Lives, Studio M Printmakers and Zyndorf.



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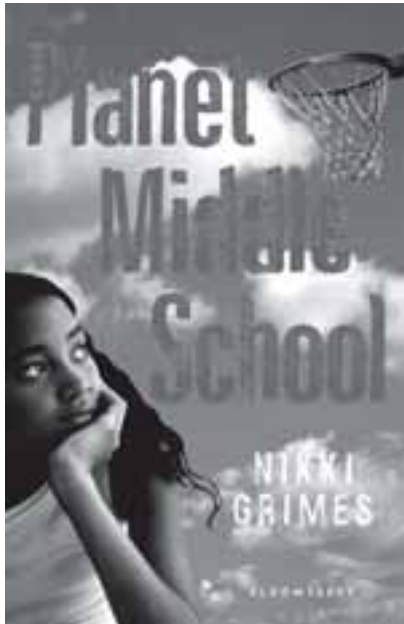
Book Review**Planet Middle School by Nikki Grimes**

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155 pages

By Terri Schlichenmeyer



Aliens have kidnapped your best friend.

At least that's what it seems like. The two of you used to do things together all the time. You'd hang out, watch TV, shoot hoops, or climb trees. You liked the same things and you knew each other's secrets.

But now, sometimes, you feel like you barely know her anymore. She never wants to do the things you used to do and everything's different. It's almost like your best friend got kidnapped and replaced with someone who just looks like her.

In the new book **Planet Middle School** by **Nikki Grimes**, 12-year-old Joylin knows the feeling. Both her best friends are acting weird.

Joylin really hates it when people call her a tomboy. But what else can be said? She dresses in navy and baggy jeans, she's got a killer jump shot, and she hates girly

things. Her dad is secretly happy about it all. Her mother just rolls her eyes.

Yep, Joylin hates being called a tomboy but she doesn't mind when her best friend KeeLee teases her about sports and her lack of fashion sense. They've been BF's since they were nine and they've always done everything together... until middle school started.

When Joylin tried out for the basketball team, KeeLee joined the school choir. They don't have the same classes very often. Sometimes, they don't sit together in the lunchroom any more, and that makes Joylin sad.

It makes her even sadder when KeeLee starts boy-watching.

And speaking of boys, even Jake, Joylin's best male

friend, is acting weird now that they're all in middle school. He treats Joylin like a girl instead of like a friend, instead of the way he used to when he didn't notice things like the bumps on her chest. Those bumps interfere with her jump shots, and she hates them.

Then a new boy shows up on the court one day. He smiles at Joylin and things change *even more*. How can she get Santiago to see her? Would a skirt and heels make him notice? Would make-up make a difference? And would Jake stop being such a jerk about this whole thing?

Why can't things just go back to the way they were?

Remember how hard it was to stand with one foot in childhood and one foot in Grown-Up Land? Author Nikki

Grimes brings all that confusion and those mixed feelings to life in this perfect little novel.

Using free-form story-poems of different lengths, Grimes gives voice to a smart young character who is also wise beyond her years. Joylin is a loyal friend, a good daughter and a thoughtful big sister but she's staring at a future that she's not sure she likes. I enjoyed how we're able to really get to know this character, and it would be fun to see more books with her in them.

Though there's no reason a boy can't read this book, I think 11-to-14-year-old girls will like it much better. For them, *Planet Middle School* is out of this world.



Lourdes' Cabaret Series Features Nu-Tones, Johnny Reed & the Houserockers and More

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Bob Wurst, with his former bandmates, has opened for Country giant Alabama and as a solo artist, he received the Male Vocalist of the Year and Entertainer of the Year awards from the Lake Erie West People's Choice Awards. Eddie Boggs has opened for such performers as Lee Greenwood, Tom. T. Hall, Ralph Stanley, Blood, Sweat & Tears, and The Mamas and Papas. Together, the duo will perform Enjoy 50s rock, country and folk music.

Friday, November 4 - The Nu-Tones

Since 1982, The Nu-Tones have been entertaining the masses with convincing versions of British Invasion and new wave songs. They have performed concerts with Donny Iris, The Spencer Davis Group, Meat Loaf, Mitch Ryder, The Romantics and Three Dog Night. To learn more about the Nu-Tones and hear their music, visit <http://nu-tones.com>.

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Friday, March 16 - Johnny Reed & the Houserockers

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Tickets for each performance are \$10 in advance or \$12 the day of the show. Tickets for the entire Cabaret Series can be purchased for a discounted price of \$48. All shows begin at 8 p.m. To purchase tickets, or for more information call 419-824-3999.

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Owens Community College Welcomes Nationally-Known Poets and Hip Hop Artists Idris Goodwin and Kevin Coval, Oct. 26-27

Special to The Truth

Award-winning poets and hip hop artists Idris Goodwin and Kevin Coval will bring their lyrical and rhythmic talents to the Owens Community College Toledo-area and Findlay-area campuses as the Student Activities Office presents a free hip hop performance and workshop titled "Race Mixing", Oct. 26-27.

Goodwin and Coval will address attendees as part of a workshop presentation from 10-11 a.m. and perform from 2-3 p.m. in the Conference Center Room 111 on the Findlay-area Campus on Wednesday, Oct. 26. The nationally-known artists will provide a performance and workshop from 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Student Health and Activities Center on the Toledo-area Campus on Thursday, Oct. 27.

Admission to the events is free and the public is encouraged to attend. Owens' Findlay-area Campus is lo-

cated on Bright Road in Findlay, while the Toledo-area Campus is located on Oregon Road in Perrysburg Township.

During the events, Goodwin and Coval will use

hip hop poetics and pedagogy to create meaningful dialogue across cultures with the overall goal of their performance is eliminating racial borders and embracing multiplicity.

Goodwin's "break beat poetry" has been featured on Russell Simmon's HBO series "Def Poetry" and published in the "Spoken Word Revolution Redux Anthology" as well as in many liter-

ary journals. The recipient of several grants and awards from the National Endowment for the Arts, the Ford Foundation and the Illinois Arts Council, Goodwin served as an artist in residence at Iowa

City's KRUI Radio Program Artists in Action and frequently teaches, performs and lectures at academic institutions on the topic of arts, culture and empowerment.

Coval is the author of ALA Book of the Year finalist "Slingshots (A Hip-Hop Poetica)". Additionally, he is Co-Founder and Artistic Director of Louder Than a Bomb: The Chicago Teen Poetry Festival, subject of an award-winning documentary of the same name, which airs on the OWN Network. A regular contributor to Chicago Public Radio, and a four-time HBO "Def Poetry" participant, Coval teaches at the School of Art Institute of Chicago and in high schools throughout the Chicago area.

For more information about the hip hop performances and workshops, call (567) 661-2994 or 1-800-GO-OWENS, Ext. 2994, or (567) 429-3029 or 1-800-GO-OWENS, Ext. 3029.




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Michelle Wagner: Judge for Muni Court Receives High Marks from Colleagues

By Fletcher Word
Sojourner's Truth Editor

Michelle Wagner, a prosecutor for the past 16 years in the Sylvania Municipal Court, is in fact a lifelong Toledo resident, a native of the Glass City. One of her reasons for deciding to run for judge on the Toledo Municipal Court bench is that it provides an opportunity to return home and work amongst her neighbors.

"Over the years I have found a disconnect," she says of her commute to Sylvania. "I want to come back and work for my city, my community."

The first-time candidate is in a race with Toledo prosecutor David Toska and perennial candidate for judge, Mark Davis.

Wagner, a graduate of St. Ursula Academy, earned her undergraduate degree from Bowling Green State University in political science and sociology and her law degree from The University of Toledo. During those law school years, she clerked for Judge



Thomas Osowik in the Toledo Municipal Court and joined the Sylvania prosecutor's office in 1996. It's an experience she has relished.

"I love it," she says of her current gig. "As a prosecutor, you can help people. You can turn lives around if you use your discretion."

Wagner emphasizes her commitment to fairness, as she has demonstrated over the years. "In my 16 years, I have been extraordinarily fair and competent," she says. "I am even-tempered and I use discretion carefully on whom I charge and what I charge. I don't overcharge and I'm not out to hurt anyone. It's my duty to charge but I don't take pleasure in it, I wish the best for everyone."

That's an approach that has earned the veteran prosecutor high marks from her colleagues. The Toledo Bar Association has rated Wagner "highly recommended" by 62.5 percent in

its annual rating of candidates for the bench. Toska received only a 19.1 percent "highly recommended" rating while Davis received his typically low rating - 1.8 percent. Only 5.2 percent of the members of the bar did not recommend Wagner compared to Toska's mark of 25.7 percent and Davis's astounding 90.3 percent "not recommended."

It's a source of pride to Wagner that her colleagues recognize her efforts to achieve fairness and competence.

"The judicial [candidates' rating] is an ethical duty for attorneys and it's a duty they take seriously," she says. And speaking of Davis, whose platform is based upon a promise of getting tough on criminals, Wagner notes that the private practitioner is consistently given low marks by his colleagues. "Year after year, he is overwhelmingly not recommended by people who know us best."

What kind of judge will

Wagner be if she wins on November 8?

"I will be compassionate - firm but fair," she says. "There is a time when you have to incarcerate but that's not an everyday occurrence. And there are times when you have to hammer someone because they are really bad."

So many who appear in Municipal Court, says Wagner, are there because of difficulties they need to deal with - substance abuse, mental illness or being "young and stupid." She would like to use the judge's position to help when she can.

What's after Muni Court should she prevail in November?

"I don't see this as a stepping stone," she says. "This is what I do. I've worked in Muni Court for more than 20 years [16 in Sylvania and 5 in Toledo]. You never say never but I have no plans to seek anything else. This is what I want to do. This is where I belong."

Tyrone Riley

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be focused, as a councilman, on making sure that the project proceeds and is completed in a timely fashion "without disruption to the neighborhood."

The project, which will encompass almost 90,000 square feet on the southwest corner of The University of Toledo main campus, will bring retail businesses to the community and will be anchored by the University Student Bookstore.

Groundbreaking was held at the corner of Dorr and Secor Road for the project on August 10.

"Obviously, we are aware of the vacant and abandoned homes," said Riley in addressing his second concern - neighborhood stabilization. "How do you deal with that? Do you demolish every one of the houses without concern to the

neighborhood and its needs?"

It costs between \$4 and \$8 thousand to demolish a house, said Riley, depending on its size and structure.

"Once you demolish it, you have a vacant lot and leave blighted areas with no development," he said.

Riley proposed that the City of Toledo take a close look at abandoned houses as soon as they are vacated in order to save the ones that can be immediately renovated.

"That will put people back to work and save neighborhoods," said the candidate who came in first in the primary with 33.37 percent of the vote.

"We need to identify the houses that need to be demolished a lot sooner than later," he said.

"We need to be able to

trace guns,"" said Riley of his concern about crime and safety. "We have to be able to trace the ownership of guns. Everyone who carries must be licensed and we need to provide training for those who carry. If you are licensed and trained to carry a gun, you will be more responsible for the care of the gun."

As for the theory of putting more police on the streets, Riley concedes that the practical obstacles of the economy means that "we have to rely more on block watch organizations."

As he noted, "revenue keeps going down, it will be difficult to maintain the same number [of officers] and it's not feasible to expect to see a class every year."

He emphasized that black watch organizations "can monitor what's going on in their neighborhoods and can identify problem areas before they take place."

Why does Riley feel that he would be the better candidate?

"I believe that I am the better candidate because I have the legislative experience," he answered. "I have worked in the House of Representatives, in the Finance and Appropriations Committee - the most powerful one in the State of Ohio."

"In addition, I realized and learned his ideas became legislation and how legislation became policy and law. I know how legislative bodies work."

I have been practicing law in the City of Toledo for over 20 years and I have learned how to analyze and research ordinances and statutes to determine their impact on our citizens.

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Book Review

“Unhitched: Love, Marriage, and Family Values from West Hollywood to Western China” by Judith Stacey

c.2011, New York University Press \$27.95 / \$29.95 Canada 275 pages, includes notes

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

The new neighbors moved in last week, and you don't quite know what to think.

There are three adults in the household, and two of them seem to be married but you don't know which two. They obviously work, but at the oddest of times and there are bikes in the yard, though not on any schedule that your kids can figure out.

Yep, you got new neighbors, and while it's really none of your business, they sure ain't The Cleavers.

And, says author **Judith Stacey**, neither is anybody else anymore. In her new book “Unhitched: Love, Marriage, and Family Values from West Hollywood to Western China”, she explains.

Not so long ago, the definition of “family” was easy: a mother, a father, and two or three kids, preferably at least one boy and one girl. But these days, says Stacey, “family” has a whole new face.

Four out of five households in the 1950s consisted of married couples, but

today's homes are filled with unmarried adults (with or without significant others) and most, without children. The divorce rate has something to do with that, as does a modern willingness to cohabit without marriage.

Conversely, says Stacey, “love, marriage, and baby carriages are all the rage among lesbians, gay men, and transgendered people.” As each state allows for same-sex marriage and gay couples rush to make their commitments legal, the definition of family is changed even further – particularly if the unit consists of additional adults and especially when children are born or adopted into the household.

Overseas, things are no less complicated: in South Africa, heterosexual monogamous marriages are disproportionately reserved for whites, while plural marriages “belong exclusively” to black, heterosexual men. Cultural-minded South African males “unapologetically” take second or even third

wives, and while the women often aren't happy about the arrangement, as Stacey discovered, polygyny can solve a lot of issues for those involved.

So is marriage even necessary?

In rural China, the answer is “no.” With matriarchal households and “rules” for coupling, Mosuo men and women might agree upon a commitment ceremony, but there is no marriage. Instead, adults remain in the homes of their mothers, and children – the gender or paternity of which matters little – are indiscriminately raised by all.

Between now and the next election, you'll be hearing plenty about “family values.” As an antidote, “Unhitched” offers an intriguing look past the politics.

Author Judith Stacey – who is also Professor of Social and Cultural Analysis and Sociology at NYU – has extensively studied families for decades; this book is a wrap-up of studies, as well as a myth-debunker. I found the

information here to be somewhat dry (in an academic sort of way), but it's admittedly hard to stop reading and pondering the fascinating impli-

cations of the changes that Stacey describes.

I think, if you're a people-watcher, are interested in culture and its changes, or have

a deep interest in marriage rights one way or the other, this is one can't-miss book. For you, “Unhitched” is a book to cleave unto.



UNHITCHED



LOVE, MARRIAGE, AND FAMILY VALUES FROM WEST HOLLYWOOD TO WESTERN CHINA.



JUDITH STACEY

Aji Green

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encourage companies to hire local workers.

“Forget any legislation that takes restrictions off of hiring local people,” he added. “We need to make sure Toledoans come first.

“There are tons of dilapidated properties,” he said of the state of the city's central areas. “It's a tale of two cities with our neighborhoods being so run down.”

So he suggested a three-pronged attack on the conditions that cause such blight. “Tearing down vacant homes, making sure we address absentee landlords and stopping those who are pillaging our neighborhoods,” he ticked off.

On the other hand, he noted that the City of Toledo needs to take an extra measure of care in preserving the good that exists in various neighborhoods.

“Certain parts of neighborhoods have a certain character,” he said. “That needs to be preserved, such as Secor Gardens, for example. We want to preserve the integrity of some neighborhoods and rebuild the integrity of run down neighborhoods.”

Green indicated that he plans to work closely with the community development

corporations and protect those “that have the best interests of neighborhoods, such as ONYX.” He wants to ensure that such CDC's have the funds to continue their development work.

And he intends to make sure that the voices of neighborhood residents are heard when it comes time to make decisions about their communities.

“We need more police officers on the street, there are not enough” he said addressing his concern about safety. “We need to come up with ways to put them back on the street.”

Green said that the city needs to find creative ways to deal with the budget difficulties that have resulted in the safety forces' current low numbers.

“In my house, we've had budget issues,” he said. “When that happens you don't spend on non-essentials. We need to prioritize what's important.

Would he be in favor of raising taxes in order to add revenues for more safety forces hiring?

“I can't day I'm in favor of raising taxes, but it depends on what people want,” he said. “[We want] to give people a

choice not shoving things down their throats like the current administration is doing... people are upset about the way that government is working. Representatives are in there for the people.”

So why does Green feel he is the better candidate in this race?

“I'm not a politician,” he said. “The community has spoke loud and clear, it's time for change, it's time for new directions. My opponent is stuck in the past – there is no way he can provide a new voice. I'm 35, he's 55 – he's so stuck in the status quo.

“I'm known to be a hard worker and someone that is proactive instead of reactive.”

Referring to the endorsement that City Council President, and District 1 representative, Wilma Brown has provided for Green's opponent, Tyrone Riley, Green said that she had done so in order to protect pet projects – “things coming down the pipeline.”

“It's time for a change, and I'm that change,” he said. “The only way to move the city forward is to stop living in the past and to look to the future. I am the future.

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(Project # 0018-12-729) for Carter Hall Mass Notification Upgrade for the University of Toledo. Sealed bids for this project must be clearly marked with the project number on all inner and outer envelopes and/or shipping containers. Bids must be addressed and delivered to the University of Toledo, Facilities and Construction, Plant Operations, Room 1100, 2925 E. Rocket Drive, MS 216, Toledo, Ohio 43606 before 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 8, 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 Rd., Toledo, Ohio 43615. Call 419-385-5303 for an appointment to pick up bid package. A cost of \$40.00 will be charged per set. Any further information may be obtained from David Desjardins of JDRM Engineering, Inc. at 419-824-2400. One Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Tuesday, November 1, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in the Plant Operations Building, Room 1000, at the University of Toledo, 2925 E. Rocket Drive, Toledo, OH 43606. Total Bid Guaranty and Contract Bond are required per section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code. EDGE Participation Goal: 10%. Project Estimate: \$300,000.00; Breakdown: Electrical: \$300,000.00.

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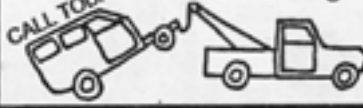
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INTERESTED BIDDERS:

TOLEDO PUBLIC SCHOOLS – Libbey High School, East Toledo Junior High, Newbury Elementary School, Lagrange Elementary School, Beverly Elementary School and East Side Central Elementary School DEMOLITION

Sealed bids will be accepted by the Board of Education of the Toledo Public School District until 1:00 p.m. on November 2nd, 2011, at the Toledo Public Schools Treasurers' Room 3, 420 E. Manhattan Blvd., Toledo, Ohio 43608, for all labor, material and supervision necessary for the demolition of Libbey High School, East Toledo Junior High, Newbury Elementary School, Lagrange Elementary School, Beverly Elementary School and East Side Central Elementary, as more fully described in the drawings and specifications for the projects prepared by The Collaborative, Inc and Munger Munger & Associates. will be opened publicly and read immediately thereafter.

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

Bidders may obtain copies of the documents starting **October 20th, 2011 which can be purchased from Becker Impressions, 4646 Angola Road, Toledo, Ohio 43615, phone: (419) 385-5303. Drawings may be obtained on CD-ROM for no cost with the purchase of the specifications.**

A **PREBID CONFERENCE** is scheduled for October 27th, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. at the Toledo Public Schools Board Room, 420 E. Manhattan Blvd., Toledo, Ohio 43608. Site walk-throughs at the schools will commence after the pre-bid meeting according to the schedule provided at the meeting.

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

Bid Package – Libbey High School:
Bid Item No. 1 Libbey High School Building Demolition \$ 1,220,071.00

Bid Package – East Toledo Junior High:
Bid Item No. 1 East Toledo Junior High Building Demolition \$ 329,950.00

Bid Package – Newbury Elementary School:
Bid Item No. 1 Newbury Elementary School Building Demolition \$ 138,688.00

Bid Package – Lagrange Elementary School:
Bid Item No. 1 Lagrange Elementary School Building Demolition \$ 150,099.00

Bid Package – Beverly Elementary School:
Bid Item No. 1 Beverly Elementary School Building Demolition \$ 142,526.00

Bid Package – East Side Central Elementary School:
Bid Item No. 1 East Side Central Elementary School Building Demolition \$ 102,000.00

AOD RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM

Openings are available for experienced clinicians to join our Adolescent Residential Treatment Team.

Clinical Coordinator

Full-time position available for experienced individual to manage this new program. Responsibilities include duties such as consultation with and supervision of staff, diagnostic assessments, insuring appropriate documentation and reporting, maintaining program certification, development of relationships with external sources and providing clinical services.

Qualified candidates must possess a current LISW or LPCC and Chemical dependency licensure. Must be competent in substance abuse assessment and counseling and have experience working with adolescents and families with mental health and substance abuse disorders.

AOD Therapist

Full-time position available for experienced AOD Therapist to provide individual, family and group counseling and case management services.

Candidate must possess a Bachelor's degree; Master's preferred and have a minimum of two years experience working with youths with mental health and substance abuse disorders. Dual mental health (LSW, LISW, PC, PCC) and chemical dependency licensure (CDCA, LCDC II, LCDC III or LICDC) required.

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A Step Toward His Olympic Dream

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Albert Bell

The 2011 National P.A.L. U.S.A. Boxing Championship was held in Toledo, Ohio from October 3 to 8 with over 300 boxers, male and female, from all over the nation competing for various weight-class championships.

History was made by a young boxer, Albert (Prince) Bell, a Toledo native, who made his hometown proud. Bell became the only boxer from Toledo to win and earn a title by becoming a champion in the lightweight division.

Bell started boxing when he was eight-year old with the dream of winning an Olympic gold medal. Ten years later, he is much closer to his dream after winning four fights in six days at the downtown SeaGate Center.

Winning the title in his hometown was certainly a special moment for Bell and his family. His chances of winning an Olympic berth are greatly improved.

In winning the championship, Bell won bouts over boxers from California, New Jersey, Kansas and Rhode Island.

Bell was so over-joyed by his victory, he shed more than a few tears. Immediately after the announcement, he was surrounded by family and friends, who were just as elated as he was. This made a total of seven championship

belts, along with many other medals and awards, he has earned over the years.

Bell is the son of Andrew and Robin Bell. He has graduated from Rogers High School and dedicated the championship to boxing

coach Christopher Lawrence who recently died.

Bell will be greeting well-wishers, taking pictures and signing autographs on November 5 at 444 Laskey Road at 6 p.m.

We Are Ohio Statement on Quinnipiac Poll on Issue 2

Today We Are Ohio released the following statement on the results of the Quinnipiac Poll regarding Issue 2. The poll, which was released today, shows that Issue 2 would be defeated by 25 points by Ohio voters.

"The latest results of the Quinnipiac Poll once again show that Ohioans fully understand the need to stop Senate Bill 5 by voting no on Issue 2," said Melissa Fazekas, spokeswoman for We Are Ohio. "The enthusiasm and motivation of our thousands of volunteers is at an all time high. Ohioans understand that Issue 2 is unfair and unsafe and bad for our local communities. They are standing side by side with their friends and family members who are public employees and saying it didn't have to be this way. With just 14 days until the election, we are urging our supporters and volunteers to push toward Election Day by voting early and volunteering. Now is the time to finish the job which was started when they collected 1.3 million signatures to place Issue 2 on the ballot."

We Are Ohio is a citizen-driven, community-based, bipartisan coalition that has come together to repeal SB 5 by voting NO on Issue 2. We Are Ohio includes public and private sector workers and employees, police officers, firefighters, teachers, nurses, pastors, small business owners, Republicans and Democrats, local elected officials and business leaders, students, moms, dads, family members, and your neighbors.

Collingwood Arts Center to Host Boogie Woogie Piano Concert Featuring Matthew Ball

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"Described as "the Gen-X arrival to this uniquely American art-form" by The Ann Arbor News, Matthew Ball is a graduate of Oakland University and The University of Detroit School of Law. He holds a Bachelor of Arts with Honors in both Music and History, as well as a Juris Doctorate in Law. Born in Detroit, he trained classically at Oakland University with the internationally renowned classical pianist Flavio Varani, a graduate of The Paris Conservatory and Manhattan School of Music."

"Matthew's first public performances include a back to back appearance with the Pontiac-Oakland Symphony in '92 and '93 as winner of their annual young artist competition, followed by a distinguished '94 appearance as OU's representative artist in a concert tour hosted by The Steinway Society, as well as a chamber performance abroad at The International Chamber Music Academy in Germany. He is a winner of the 'outstanding student in piano performance' 'Matilda' award,' a Stanley Hollingsworth Scholarship recipient, and an alumnus of the Interlochen summer piano programs."

Tickets are \$10 and be purchased at the Collingwood Arts Center between the hours of 10am-5pm, Monday through Friday and by appointment. They will also be available online via Brown Paper Tickets at www.brownpapertickets.com starting September 15.



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