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House Bill 136 Will Cause Great Harm to Our Public Schools

By State Rep. Michael Ashford
Guest Column



A strong public education has long been a cornerstone of this nation's success. Access to free primary and secondary education has been crucial to the United States position as a world leader.

Education is the foundation of the middle class and the best ticket to advancement and prosperity for all citizens. Having educated, informed and engaged citizens is critical to the survival of our democracy. During these difficult economic times it is even more

important that we protect and improve our public education system, because having the best schools is vital to growing our economy. A comprehensive education system prepares our children for success in the 21st Century and strengthens Ohio's long-term economic vitality. A lesser public education system will weaken our workforce and make Ohio less attractive to businesses, leading to fewer jobs.

As many local communities face difficult choices and cuts to services such as education, it is critical that we support our educators so they have the tools and resources necessary to prepare our children for a successful future.

House Bill 136, now being considered in the Ohio House, would divert precious resources away from public education and put it toward private and charter schools. This could cost

public school districts, already suffering from massive budget cuts, to lose millions more in funding. These are dollars that you as a voter designated to public schools through local property-tax levies.

This raises serious questions about the legislature's right to take local property-tax dollars and divert them to a cause for which they were not originally intended. This takes control away from you, the taxpayer, and contributes to the continued erosion of local control.

We must instead insure that public education is fully funded in Ohio, so districts can count on a stable revenue source. This is the best possible way to provide the best possible education for all of Ohio's children.

The Drama-rama at Christmas

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



no radical changes in the economic servitude of the black masses. - Adam Clayton Powell, Jr.

The biblical accounts which provide the foundation for our observance of the Christmas holy days have a relevance which is quite different from that to which we traditionally assign.

To be sure, the Christmas season conjures many joyful images including angels, bright and shining stars, shepherds, and wise men bringing expen-

sive gifts from distant lands.

But there is also plenty of drama.

The drama of a pregnant, unwed teenage mother of humble circumstances and the fear and pain of a man with high morals who was approached by his fiancée with the message "I'm pregnant but the baby is not yours."

Most importantly, the Christmas story is about a baby who was born into poverty and to a society which had no room for it.

However, Wisdom recognizes in this young life a fresh beginning and a growing power for good.

The Wise Men searched to give honor and reverence, but Herod, the narcissistic local political leader, viewed this young potential as a threat to the status quo and attempted to destroy it.

During the drama-rama currently taking place in our local and national history, it is imperative that vulnerable populations, including the poor and our children, overcome the evils that attempt to extinguish their potential and the world's future - especially the evil of poverty and its derivatives. So far, this population has been left out of the conversation while their condition worsens despite the material benefits received by those entrusted to provide positive change for their lives.

Let us raise our voices loudly that our leaders may give more attention to addressing poverty and victims than to the messology of Bishop Eddie Long, the pedophilistic abominations of Penn State, the alleged ethical failures of One Government Center, and the self-hate/self-love struggle and idiosyncratic self-centeredness behind the moral failure and derailment of Uncle Herman and the Cain-for-president Train.

We can also pray the following prayer by Marian Wright Edelman, of the Children's Defense Fund:

God help us to end poverty in our time.

The poverty of having a child with too little to eat and no place to sleep, no air, sunlight and space to breathe, bask and grow.

The poverty of watching your child suffer and get sicker and sicker and not knowing what to do or how to get help because you don't have a car or health insurance.

The poverty of working your fingers to the bone every day taking care of someone else's children and neglecting your own, and still not being able to pay your bills.

The poverty of having a job that does not let you afford a stable place to live and being terrified you'll become homeless and lose your children to foster care.

The poverty of losing your job because you cannot find reliable child care or transportation to work.

The poverty of working all your life caring for others and having to start all over again caring for the grandchildren you love.

The poverty of earning a college degree, having children, opening a child care center, and taking home \$300 a week or month if you're lucky.

The poverty of loneliness and isolation and alienation—having no one to call or visit, tell you where to get help, assist you in getting it, or care if you're living or dead.

The poverty of having too much and sharing too little and having the burden of nothing to carry.

The poverty of convenient blindness and deaf-

ness and indifference to others, of emptiness and enslavement to things, drugs, power, violence and fleeting fame.

The poverty of low aim and paltry purpose, weak will and tiny vision, big meetings and small action, loud talk and sullen grudging service.

The poverty of believing in nothing, standing for nothing, sharing nothing, sacrificing nothing, struggling for nothing.

The poverty of pride and ingratitude for God's gifts of life and children and family and freedom and country and not wanting for others what you want for yourself.

The poverty of greed for more and more and more, ignoring, blaming and exploiting the needy, and taking from the weak to please the strong.

The poverty of addiction to drugs, to drink, to work, to self, to the status quo and to injustice.

The poverty of fear that keeps you from doing the thing you think is right.

The poverty of despair and cynicism.

God help us end poverty in our time in all its faces and places, young and old, rural, urban, suburban and small town too, and in every color of humans You have made everywhere.

God help us to end poverty in our time in all its guises—inside and out—physical and spiritual, so that all our and Your children may live the lives that You intend.

Contact Rev. Donald Perryman, D.Min. at dperman@wato.org

Community Calendar

December 16-17

Family Baptist Church Gospel Play: "Now Behold the Lamb;" 7 pm on Friday night; 6 pm on Saturday night: 419-241-6668

December 18

WordUp Drama Ministry: "NoBody Greater;" Christmas play; 8:30 am; Friendship Baptist Church
First MBC Pastor Installation: Rev. William Jerome McCaster; 4 pm

December 19

Friendly Center Community Christmas Party: Craft table, presents for children, refreshments and activities: 419-243-1289

December 24

St. Stephens COGIC Christmas Eve Service: 11 am

December 25

Merry Christmas!!
Thomas Temple COGIC Annual Christmas Dinner: 3 to 5 pm: 419-255-3447

December 26-January 1

45th Kwanzaa Celebration: Wayman Palmer YMCA; 419-243-7365

December 29

Jerusalem Baptist Church Brotherhood Ministry Youth Skating Party: 5 to 8 pm; Ohio Skate: 419-248-2139

December 31

St. Stephens COGIC New Years Eve Service: 10 pm

My New Year's Resolutions....

By Lafe Tolliver, Esq
Guest Column



Well, it's time for my year-end New Year's resolutions. These resolutions - aka: hopes for the new year - will probably be summarily dismissed by the targeted parties as the rantings of a madman but, so what?

The resolutions are given in no particular order but are mentioned because their fulfillment will sharpen and hone our ability to see through the nonsense and do what is meaningful for the community.

So, here they are...read them and weep (or, yell hooray!)

NUMBER ONE: No more awards to black political figures whose only claim to fame is longevity in office. If they have not done objectifiable and measurable deeds for minority people, they have no reason to be in office.

They are taking up space and air that could be used for progressive black political figures who are not afraid of their own shadow and who are not scared of white folks giving them the "evil" eye.

It is sad and demoralizing to see black elected officials in office where they are always looking to their political handlers for direction; and do not have the wherewithal or intellectual firepower to buck the norm and do the right thing for oppressed or disadvantaged people.

Note: if you lift the bottom, the top also rises.

NUMBER TWO: Let's declare a five-year moratorium on these so-called public celebrations of pastors. It is as if every time you pick up a local publication, there is some church anniversary with visiting choirs and speakers and multiple offerings (of course!) for someone who is simply doing what they profess they love to do and who profess that they were "called" by God to their ministry.

If God called you, He will reward you. Can you imagine the thousands and thousands of dollars (spent by each celebrating church) that would be saved and could be diverted to really needy local causes and missionary endeavors if the black pastors would simply be gracious and say, "Thanks but no thanks. If you want to really thank me, be obedient to the Word of God and also bless others."

Note: as for blessing the pastor privately, go ahead but "pull-leeze", enough of these public exaltations and coronations!

NUMBER THREE: Can we get a thorough accounting by an outside CPA entity to examine the financial records of the local NAACP branch?

I am talking about an exhaustive financial review covering the past 10 years of all expenses and income including the expenses that are/were spent on attending regional and national NAACP conventions.

Ten dollars to a donut, you will probably find that the local white companies and corporations are the main financial sugar daddies or patrons of the local NAACP branch and not the dues of the membership. If I am wrong, I owe you 10 dollars.

I will not re-join the local branch until such a comprehensive review is undertaken.

Nothing is more detrimental to a black organization than that of always grinning and smiling to white corporate entities for their financial well being rather than the two other available options: (1) raise your own funds or (2) close shop.

If you cannot convince black people to support their own organizations (and why they should), then the organization should consider changing their method of attack, a change of personnel or quietly dissolve itself.

NUMBER FOUR: Can we have a quick meeting of all of the city's black churches and frats and sororities and political clubs regarding the out of control black-on-black crime? We are snuffing out each other, with impunity, like June bugs and the failed reaction from our "organizations" to mount any effective campaign to at least try to blunt or impact this disaster is an acute embarrassment.

Some of the most ineffectively organized entities in the black community are the black churches.

Sadly, it seems that each church is worried about its own turf, image or money (especially the bucks!) so that all are wary of joining hands (and overflowing offering plates) to achieve a common good.

It is funny how each church can profess to love Jesus but seemingly cannot or do not like each other? Go figure.

NUMBER FIVE: For people to register and vote in record numbers. This election cycle, including the presidential election, will be pivotal as to the allocation of state and federal funds for the funding of people oriented programs.

If you do not vote, you have no standing to carp and pitch a fit when the political apparatus works against you. This promises to be a year of vicious campaign rhetoric and record level spending.

If you sit out this election and the political sharks turn on you, simply shut up and take the bite because by not voting you are telling them that you are of no importance and they have your permission to dismiss you at will.

Well, there you have them. If you email me or call me with a lot of gibberish, I have installed a secret electronic system that will let me know who you are and where you live and my agents will closely track your every move.

Contact Lafe Tolliver at tolliver@Juno.com

Letter: Thoughts on the Hope Article by Rev. D.L. Perryman

Concerns about your November 30th article in *The Truth*, "The Substance of Hope." You posed the question, "What is it about our system, which enables the violence by black males upon black males to thrive and survive?"

My initial reaction was, What "system?" In responding to your own question you wrote, "To put it succinctly, it's drugs."

I'd like to address "system." My conviction is the system most relevant to the lives of our black males, as well as any and all youth, is their home system. While reading your article, I immediately wrote on the page, "the absence of teaching, structure and accountability."

Certainly, no reasonably aware individual would argue that has not been, nor does there continue to be, racial and other social inequities in America. How-

ever, neither can we negate the value of family relative to a healthy sense of self-worth and social responsibility. I strongly reject the suggestion that crime is fostered by one's "economic opportunity." Historically, most black people have lived in low socio-economic family circumstances. That, in and of itself, does not justify black-on-black crime.

I further contend that the single most significant factor allowing for widespread negative behavior among our young men is the absence of father/role-models in their lives. Your article did note that the education system needs to "counter...the black child's home life..." Who is responsible for the black child's home life?

I do commend black men who demonstrate their desire to "take care of their families and children". However, I reject the notion that "public policy" is the cause for so

many of them not doing so. What percentage of American black children live in single-parent households headed by females?

Goal-setting for children should not be relegated to school teacher or other social organizations. Prior to starting school, children should have been instilled with a healthy sense of self and high "expectations" from home. All too often we tax our schools with providing direction and nurturing that are the responsibility of parents. Children must be buoyed by "you can do it" from home.

Unfortunately, positive achievements of our young men are "overshadowed." However, we are responsible to "toot our own horns." We need to "accentuate the positive" and "go tell it on the mountain."

Ronald E. Burel

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Friends, Family, Congregants and Students Gather to Celebrate Bishop Tisdale's 25th Pastoral Anniversary

By Artisha S. Lawson
The Sojourner's Truth Reporter

Over 500 people saluted Bishop Duane C. Tisdale during his 25th pastoral anniversary, which kicked off on Friday, December 9 for a chic dinner and reception at The Pinnacle.

J.A.M.M. Band opened the program by welcoming guests with upbeat and smooth selections, followed by inspirational words of gratitude by current ministers and pastors known as spiritual sons and daughters of Tisdale.

These sons and daughters ranged from seven to 24 years of learning under and being mentored by Tisdale. Remarks were offered by Pastor Charles McBee of Family Baptist Church, Pastor Will Garrett of Solid Rock Church, Bishop Darryl Shears of Moving Forward Christian Ministries, Pastor Gregory Freeman of Black Horse Baptist Church, Pastor Richard Brown of The Rock Church, Pastor Jamie Richardson of Second Baptist Church, Pastor Michael Key of People's Baptist

Church, Pastor Patricia Sullivan of New Beginning Baptist Church, Elder Theresa McBee of Family Baptist Church and Pastor Melvin Barnes of True Vine Missionary Baptist Church.

"Bishop Tisdale is a teacher, and I learned so much from you. I learned how to pray, because Bishop would have you praying at the altar before the Lord," said Barnes.

Tisdale grew up in Rossford, Ohio, became an ordained minister in 1979, served as assistant pastor of

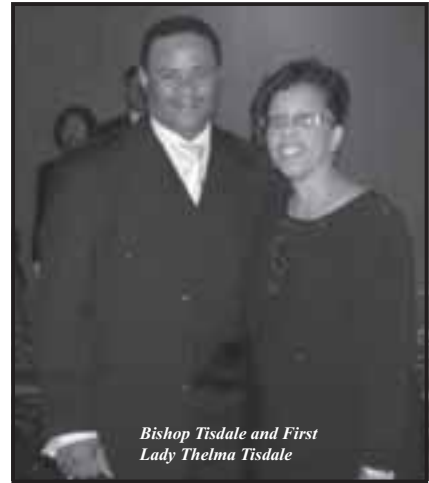
Rossford First Baptist Church from 1980 to 1985, assistant pastor of Friendship Baptist Church in 1985 and then senior pastor in 1986. He married his wife Thelma in 1987.

Under the New Vision concept adopted by Friendship Baptist Church resulted in The Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union in 1996, Friendship New Vision Inc, New Concepts, NAOMI house, residential housing programs, tutorial programs, teen program, and welfare to

work program.

"It's really about allowing God to use me for his program, I have a great congregation and great leaders. We all work together as a family," explained Tisdale.

His ministry continued in 1995 with affiliation in Full Gospel Baptist Fellowship International in 1995, where he has served as Pastor's Division Advisory Board, Northern District Overseer for Ohio, First Administrative assistant for Ohio, Bishop of Ohio. He received



Bishop Tisdale and First Lady Thelma Tisdale



Elder Theresa McBee of Family Baptist



Pastor and First Lady Barnes of True Vine MBC

his Bachelor degree in Religious Education in 1981, Masters Degree in Interdisciplinary Studies in 1994, honorary Doctorate of Divinity in 2010, and Doctorate of Ministry in Black Church Studies in 2011.

Friday's event opened a weekend that continued the celebration with a Saturday

night honor celebration featuring Bishop Cheryl Brown, and closed Sunday with guest speaker Bishop Vector Agee.

When asked about his emotions surrounding this weekend, Tisdale was simply grateful. "I am totally overwhelmed and blessed."

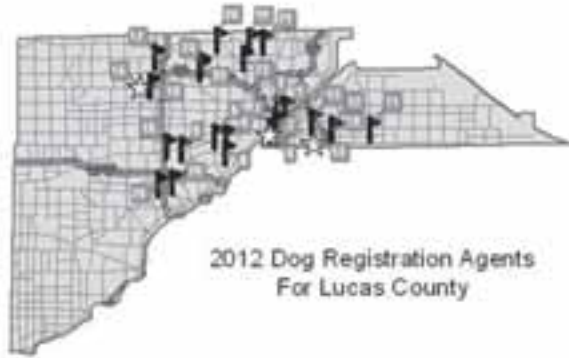
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Women's Service Organizations Step up to the Plate During Holiday Season

Sojourner's Truth Staff



Every year the Lucas County Children Services has a holiday drive for the kids the agency serves. This year, the agency decided to reach out to area women's service and sorority organizations for assistance. Those groups came through in style for local children.

The Charms, The Links, the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs, Inc, Jack & Jill, the Delta Sigma Thetas, the Alpha Kappa Alphas pulled together to provide donations of dolls and books for girls. The organizations, to date, have donated over 100 dolls, according to Julie Malkin of LCCS.

"These women have come together and raised up our children," said Malkin.

"We were contacted by the agency," said Mary Caldwell Simmons, president of the local chapter of the Ohio Association of Colored Women's Clubs, Northwest District. "They asked for dolls of color to distribute at Christmas and throughout the year. We decided we would make that cause our own."

The members were so pleased, said Caldwell-Simmons, that they have decided to follow up next year with the same goal of donating dolls of color to the agency.

The National Association of Colored Women's Clubs is a 114 year-old service organization – the oldest such organization for African-American women in the nation.

Josh Project Soul Food Recognition and Benefit

*By Artisha S. Lawson
Sojourner's Truth Reporter*

Dozens of community supports attended the annual Soul Food for Swimming Student Recognition and Benefit on Sunday, December 11.

The program opened with warm greetings from Wanda Butts, founder of the Josh Project, and prayer by Rev. John Roberts, pastor of Indiana Baptist Church. Student recognitions, project highlights and keynote speaker Shaun M. Anderson of Diversity in Aquatics filled the program.

"I think the Josh Project is a great example of how a community can engage to fight the pandemic of drowning. Wanda has set the pace through her leadership in the community. I'm ecstatic to



participate annually in this program," explained Anderson.

Butts and Josh Project volunteers are offering holiday gift certificates, to spread the message of this program to save the lives of one swim-

mer at a time. "I would like to thank everyone that made this a success. We are offering swim lesson certificates \$10 pays for four 30-minute lessons through the Josh Project, call 419-973-1383 to order," explained Butts.

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Kent Branch Library @CCESS Center and Cybermobile Open for Business

By Rhonda B. Sewell,
 Library Media Relations Coordinator

The Kent Branch Library @CCESS Center and cybermobile made an official debut on Monday, December 5 at an Open House and Ribbon-Cutting Dedication completing a year-long renovation project funded by a \$2.2 million federal stimulus grant, community partner support and Library funding.

The Toledo-Lucas County Public Library, along with 56 local partners, was awarded a **Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP)** grant totaling more than \$2 million to support a public computer center at Kent Branch Library and cybermobile that are now providing free education and training classes for computer literacy, health awareness and job skills.

What is BTOP? - It is one of the U.S. Department of Commerce's federal stimulus programs that assists in developing public computer centers in libraries and other community centers under the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program. The money was awarded on a competitive basis to promote public use of computers and to offer skills necessary to spur job creation and stimulate long-term economic growth and opportunity.

BTOP targets vulnerable populations such as the under-served, unemployed, low income, minority, children, seniors, hearing and visually impaired, physically challenged and socially and economically disadvantaged

small businesses.

On opening day, a brief private Ribbon-Cutting Dedication got underway at 8 a.m. featuring United States Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur, who initially encouraged the Library to apply for the BTOP grant. Congresswoman Kaptur and Clyde Scoles, Library Director, addressed some 70 representatives of the 56 grant community partners and Library staff, thanking all for their dedication and commitment during a renovation process which closed Kent for one year.

The Buehrer Group was the architectural firm and The Spieker Company served as the general contractor for the Kent Branch Library @CCESS Center project.

"This is a win-win situation for the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library, local partners and the community and will improve the quality of life for residents in Lucas County by spurring job creation and stimulating long-term economic growth and

opportunity," Scoles told onlookers. Kaptur added that the @CCESS Center and cybermobile, which is scheduled to take to the road on January 3, 2012, will "unlock" the keys to a world of opportunity for so many of the Library's patrons.

In addition to Kaptur and Scoles, many were responsible for applying for the grant and seeing the project through fruition, including Margaret Danziger, Library Deputy Director; Jeff Wale, Library Information Technology Manager; Charlie Oswanski, Facilities and Operations Superintendent; Faith Hairston, Kent @CCESS Center Manager; Pat Nigro, @CCESS Center cybermobile; the Library Marketing team, 56 community partners, Library staff, and so many more!

The changes made to Kent are dramatic. The Library @CCESS Center had 30 computers before the renovation, and now has some 129 high-speed Internet public and staff computers; a



computer training room; an expansion to the building of more than 900 square-feet; colorful paint added to the walls; computers specifically designed for those with vision and hearing impairments and p On December 5, the Kent @CCESS Center officially opened to the public at 9 a.m. and closed at 8:30 p.m. seeing nearly 1,000 loyal patrons and neighborhood residents on Opening Day. So many patrons said they waited patiently for the opening of their neighborhood branch which was well worth the wait.

Hairston has remained as the manager of Kent and shared that she is elated at all of the positive changes and improvements to the location. The Kent Branch Library @CCESS Center is located at 3101 Collingwood Blvd.

Mobile Technology @CCESS Center (Cybermobile)

A state-of-the-art mobile technology center cybermobile, complete with high-speed broadband Internet, was also unveiled at the Open House on Monday, December 5. The cybermobile is scheduled to

of Library Outreach services. "This cybermobile will provide access to technology and programs to neighborhoods in high-need of such services," said Nigro, who added that the cybermobile will be equipped with 12 desktop computers and a large-screen Smartboard for instruction and literacy programs. **Other cybermobile highlights:** • All PCs have 2010 Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Access) • Two adaptive workstations will have enhanced audio and larger keyboards, along with SARA Scanning, ZoomText, and 2010 Microsoft Office Suite • Programs will be offered aboard to include Basic Computer Use, Basic Internet, Intermediate Internet, Email, and Job Resources • Wheel-chair accessibility • The mobile classroom will expand Library services to seniors, under-served, low-to-moderate income, and minorities.

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Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP)

NOTE: For additional information visit toledolibrary.org, or call Kent Branch Library @CCESS Center at 419.259.5340, or Outreach Services at 419.259.5315.



Other Kent Branch Library @CCESS Center highlights include: • New Research Lab with six computers for group collaboration • New Teen Gaming Room featuring PlayStation 3 and Xbox 360 Kinect • Building enlarged by 997-square-feet • New state-of-the-art Computer Training Room to accommodate up to 12 students and includes Smartboard technology • Six adaptive workstations with vision and hearing enhanced software • Thirty-two public access Internet computers, plus four Teen-only Internet computers

be fully in service and will take to the road on January 3, 2012. The cybermobile was also funded via the stimulus grant and cost \$344,000. Pat Nigro, head of the Library's Outreach Services department, said this "classroom on wheels" is a first for the local Library system and a new concept in the delivery



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Herzing University Offers College Credit for Prior Experience from Work, Military Training, Volunteering and Self-Study via Partnership with LearningCounts.org

Special to The Truth

Herzing University has always worked hard to consistently evaluate student transfer credit for courses taken at other higher education institutions, and now they're opening the door to even more students by partnering with LearningCounts.org to assist students in earning credit for prior life experience. The partnership will enable potential students to demonstrate their college-level proficiency in various topics by developing a portfolio, taking a test or validating prior training that they have received through work and military experience, as well as volunteer work and self-study efforts.

"We want adult learners to know that we respect and value their prior work and military experience, as well as the skills they have developed through other life experience," said Renée Herzing, president of Herzing University. "If students can demonstrate college-level proficiency in a particular course topic because they have acquired the necessary skills and competencies through their life experience, they should be able to get college credit and avoid taking courses that are redundant for them."

Through the LearningCounts.org partnership, potential students

can utilize an online process from the Council for Adult & Experiential Learning (CAEL) to demonstrate their learning in a Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) portfolio that may consist of written documentation, video demonstration of proficiency and/or third-party endorsement. A Herzing University faculty member will evaluate the portfolio to determine if the individual has proven skills that are at the same level as a student who has successfully completed the college course. Students may request up to six credits per portfolio within a single discipline. For requests greater than

six credits or across multiple disciplines, students may submit additional portfolios.

Students can also choose to take a nationally-recognized College Level Examination Program (CLEP) test to demonstrate their proficiency in a subject for credit at Herzing University. A third option offered is to have training courses provided through work, the military or a professional association evaluated by the American Council on Education (ACECREDIT) to see if it is at a college level. Registered apprenticeships and professional certifications can also be evaluated through ACECREDIT.



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Book Review

Latasha and the Little Red Tornado by Michael Scotto, illustrations by Evette Gabriel

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133 pages

By Terri Schlichenmeyer
The Truth Contributor

“The babysitter’s here!”

When you were a little kid, those three words sometimes meant fun. Mom and Dad were heading out, leaving you in the care of someone responsible and older who let you eat snacks you usually couldn’t have, watch TV you usually weren’t allowed to see, and stay up way past your bedtime. It was almost like having a mini-vacation.

But now that you’re getting bigger, you wish you could babysit yourself because you’re certainly no baby. But in the new book *Latasha and the Little Red Tornado* by Michael Scotto, illustrated by Evette Gabriel, a young girl learns that responsi-

bility comes with growing up.

Eight-year-old Latasha Grady hates it when she’s sent downstairs.

That’s because Mrs. Okocho, who came from Nigeria and lives downstairs, is Latasha’s neighbor and her landlady and her babysitter.

Mrs. O can be grumpy but Latasha likes her, so that’s not the problem.

The problem is that Latasha’s not a baby anymore and she doesn’t think she needs babysitting. She really wishes Mama would let her stay upstairs by herself while Mama goes out to look for a job. Besides, spending time with Mrs. Okocho means that Ella is left all alone in their Pittsburgh apartment.

Ella Fitzgerald Grady is Latasha’s dog and she’s a wild girl. Ella – who was named after the singer – has a lot of energy because she’s still a puppy and she likes to zoom all over the apartment. Latasha knows that Mrs. O doesn’t like the noise that Ella makes when she gets the zoomies. Mrs. O doesn’t like Ella much at all, in fact.

Knowing that, and knowing that the red fluffball has a mind of her own, Latasha decides to teach Ella to be the best dog in the world. She has to do it fast, though, because Mama finally landed a job! That means Latasha has to spend after-schools with Mrs. O, but at least she finally has permission to take Ella for walks at a



who’s growing up too fast? *Latasha and the Little Red Tornado* is perfect, especially if that kid is a dog-lover.

With realistic situations and language that’s not fakey, author Michael Scotto brings young readers a friendly, smart little heroine who’s surrounded by believable, likeable characters. I really enjoyed this book because it’s got a little drama, some excitement, and – spoiler alert here! – some sadness that ends up not-so-sad.

You’ll also want to know that, though this book is meant for older gradeschoolers, some of its words are pretty big for that age group and independent readers may be challenged. Still, with a little help and such a wonderful main character, *Latasha and the Little Red Tornado* will keep your 7-to-11-year-old happily sitting for a good long time.

nearby park first...

But Ella just can’t let go of the zoomies and when the worst thing in the world happens, Latasha takes all the

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Can Latasha ever forgive herself?

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The Spirit of Libbey Christmas Party

By Artisha S. Lawson
Sojourner's Truth Reporter

Cowboy alumni, former high school rivals and the former faculty of Edward Drummond Libbey High School packed an upbeat merry second annual The Spirit of Libbey Christmas Party on Saturday, December 3, 2011 at the UAW Hall on Jackson.

Gayle Schaber, the last principal of Libbey High School, opened the program by addressing the crowd. She shared examples of encounters of successful students, originally from Libbey who had transferred once Libbey closed.

"I spent 10 years at Libbey. There is no pleasure in mentioning Libbey is closed, but these students are carrying on the spirit of Libbey. They are taking college courses while still in high school, achieving in academics and serving by participating in extracurricular activities," said Schaber.

El Corazon De Mexico



Dance Group performed two dance routines and Positive Force Christian School of Dance offered an exhibit of two classes. Steve Perry, Schyan Harper and a special reunion ensemble presented two Christmas selections to entertain guests.

Alumni stood in unison while reciting their beloved

alma mater to the Libbey Cowboys of gold and blue. Committee members recognized the oldest and youngest alumni as well as best holiday-dressed in attendance.

Libbey High School, which was named after Edward Drummond Libbey, who contributed to the To-

ledo Art Museum and Libbey Glass, was operational from 1923 until June 3, 2010 when the final class graduated. Libbey joins DeVilbiss and Macomber-Whitney on the list of closed Toledo Public High Schools.

Currently alumni are waiting for the late December 2011 demolition of the building. Efforts to save the building and legacy have included visits to Toledo Board of

Education meetings to educate board members of the significant history of the school and community, located in south Toledo.

Committee members are Valerie Betts, Greg Fletcher, Charlene Gillespie, Keith Johnson, Josephine

Meredith, Cassandra Moore, Ivy Boone-Murphy, Kevin Randles, Paula Joshua Williams and Dona Young.

For additional information about Libbey High School Alumni Association's activities visit www.toledolibbeyhsalumni.com



Gayle Schaber

Phyllis Wheatley: Biography of a Genius in Bondage

Toledo-Lucas County Public Library's Book of the Month

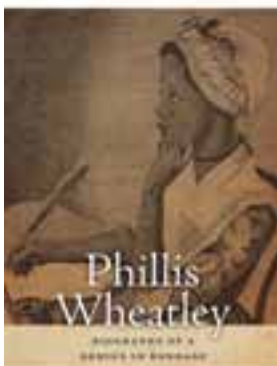
Special to The Truth

For the month of December, the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library recommends the book *Phyllis Wheatley: Biography of a Genius in Bondage* by Vincent Carretta (Athens: University of Georgia Press, 2011)

With poems on *Various Subjects, Religious and Moral* (1773), **Phyllis Wheatley** (1753?—1784) became the first English-speaking person of African descent to publish a book and only the second woman of any race or background to do so in America.

Written in Boston while she was just a teenager, and when she was still a slave, Wheatley's work was an international sensation. In this new work *Phyllis Wheatley*, author Carretta offers the first full-length

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President Obama Addresses Student Debt Concerns

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President Barack Obama recalled his struggles with student loan debt as he unveiled a plan Wednesday that could give millions of young people some relief on their payments. Speaking at the University of Colorado Denver, Obama said that he and his wife, Michelle, together owed more than \$120,000 in law school debt that took nearly a decade to pay off. He said that sometimes he'd have to make monthly payments to multiple lenders, and the debt meant they were not only paying for their own degrees but saving for their daughters' college funds simultaneously.

"I've been in your shoes. We did not come from a wealthy family," Obama said to cheers. Obama said it's never been more important

to get a college education, but it's also never been more expensive. Obama said his plan will help not just individuals, but the nation, because graduates will have more money to spend on things like buying homes. "Our economy needs it right now and your future could use a boost right now," Obama said. Obama's plan will accelerate a measure passed by Congress that reduces the maximum required payment on student loans from 15 percent of discretionary income annually to 10 percent. He will put it into effect in 2012, instead of 2014. In addition, the White House says the remaining debt would be forgiven after 20 years, instead of 25. About 1.6 million borrowers could be affected. He will also al-

low borrowers who have a loan from the Federal Family Education Loan Program and a direct loan from the government to consolidate them into one. The consolidated loan would carry an interest rate of up to a half percentage point less than before. This could affect 5.8 million borrowers. Student loans are the number two source of household debt. The president's announcement came on the same day as a new report on tuition costs from the College Board. It showed that average in-state tuition and fees at four-year public colleges rose \$631 this fall, or 8.3 percent, compared with a year ago. Nationally, the cost of a full credit load has passed \$8,000, an all-time high. Student loan debt is a common concern voiced

by Occupy Wall Street protesters. Obama's plan could help him shore up re-election support among young voters, an important voting bloc in his 2008 election. But, it might not ease all their fears. Anna Van Pelt, 24, a graduate student in public health at the University of Colorado Denver who attended the speech, estimates she'll graduate with \$40,000 in loans. She called Obama's plan a "really big deal" for her, but said she still worries about how she'll make the payments. "By the time I graduate, my interest rate is going to be astronomical, especially when you don't have a job," Van Pelt said. "So it's not just paying the loans back. It's paying the loans back without a job."



The Maritime Foundation Names New Director

Special to The Truth

Renee Marazon, CEO of The Maritime Academy of Toledo Foundation, has announced that Lt. Commander Daniel Kleiboemer has been named the director of The Maritime Foundation and is expected to oversee course development and curriculum for several maritime adult job training programs as well as recertification programs for those already in the maritime industry.

Among the first programs Kleiboemer will handle are the Cruise Ship Professional Development and the U.S. Coast Guard required STCW Basic Safety Training programs, as well as Crowd Managements, and Proficiency in Crisis Management and Human Behavior.

In November, The Maritime Foundation received a \$25,000 First Energy Economic Development Grant through the City of Toledo for development of the programs which are expected to launch in January 16, 2012.

"Mr. Kleiboemer comes to us with a wealth of both U.S.

Navy and merchant mariner experience. His professional experience includes not only ship board operations, but academic instruction as well. He has developed and taught USCG mariner courses. He is the perfect fit for The Maritime Foundation as we move forward. We are fortunate to have him, as is our entire northwest Ohio community," said Marazon.

Kleiboemer started his maritime career 13 years ago when he joined the U.S. Navy. While serving, he began his career as a deck officer aboard USS Peleliu, and then later as the Operations Officer aboard USS Detroit. From 2002 - 2004 he served as Academic Dean and Lead Navigation Instructor for Naval Science Institute. From 2006 - 2007 he served as Anti-Terrorism/Force Protect Instructor Training Program Manager for Military Sealift Fleet Support Command. In 2007 he moved to Military Sealift Command Headquarters where he was Curriculum Manager continuing to work

extensively in maritime training.

He has eight years active duty experience as both a Surface Warfare Officer and as a Strategic Sealift Officer. He is also a merchant marine officer (Second Mate) with extensive maritime experience. He also holds the rank of Lt. Commander in the U.S. Navy, Strategic Sealift Officer Program and is a qualified Surface Warfare Officer.

He makes his home in Whitehouse, OH where he lives with his wife, Rebecca.

"I have lived all over the country and traveled the globe, and I chose northwest Ohio for my home because of how much the area has to offer. I look forward to using my unique set of skills to promote the great city of Toledo and to support the maritime industry that has provided me with such an amazing career," said Kleiboemer.

He began his duties with The Maritime Foundation on Dec. 1, 2011 and The Maritime Academy of Toledo Foundation's Board of Directors confirmed his appointment at a meeting held Dec. 7.

College Degree Required For Sixty Percent Of U.S. Jobs By 2018

Four Factors To Consider When Contemplating An Online Degree

As a new year begins, we often evaluate our lives—where we are and where we'd like to be. It's no surprise that many Americans are making education a priority as they set their personal goals for 2012.

"The unemployment rate for people who have never gone to college is more than double what it is for those who have gone to college," says Dr. Mary Hawkins, president of Bellevue University. "And during the next 10 years, nearly eight in 10 new jobs will require workforce training or a higher education. These statistics make it clear that completing some form of higher education is the best tool to meet the challenges of a 21st century economy."

If you're considering going back to school, chances are you've wondered about online learning. Is it legit? Will I get the same quality education I would in a classroom? Will my degree be as respected as much as it would if I attended in person? The answer is, surprisingly, the same as with a traditional, in-class situation—there are varying levels of online degrees and you must do your research to find the best one for you.

Here are four factors you should consider if you're contemplating getting your degree online:

1. Just as with an in-class program, you want to make sure the institution you attend is regionally accredited. This designation is an indicator that the institution voluntarily reports on the quality of its programs and submits to assessment to ensure quality offerings.
2. Determine whether or not you must be online at a particular time each week; if you can enter the virtual classroom when it is most convenient for you. Based on your lifestyle, decide which of these formats will best set you up for success. Maybe you have a hectic, unpredictable schedule and you need to do the work when you can fit it in. Or perhaps you are the kind of person who benefits most from a set time each week to attend class.
3. Online learning is still relatively young in higher education. Some institutions, like Bellevue University, have been offering online degree programs since the mid-'90s. It is important to make sure the school you choose has had time to optimize its online offerings.
4. Ask if the entire degree program is offered online or if it is just one component of the larger program. Some universities require both online and in-class participation within the same program. If you are interested in this type of blended program, make sure you ask how much content is delivered online and how much is delivered in class so that you can plan how you are going to fit the components into your life.

Lastly, please know that when you reach your goal, your degree will not indicate whether you studied online or in class. You don't need to worry about perceptions from those who still doubt online learning. What's most important is determining if earning your degree can get you to where you want to go and if online learning is the best way to fit getting a degree into your already busy life.

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Charms Host Annual Christmas Party

By Artisha S. Lawson
Sojourner's Truth Reporter



Caroling, glitz and fellowship defined the annual Toledo Chapter of Charms Inc.'s Christmas Party. This December 11 event was held at Brandywine Country Club, where guests were serenaded by featured musicians' entertainment and cloaked with holiday cheer.

Charm Yvonne Gayle, Derrick E. Roberts, Deborah Gardner and Charm Leonora Barry provided various holiday selections including "Oh Holy Night" and "My Wish

for You." Festivities concluded with gifts, followed by hugs and laughter as guests, Charms and Charmers embraced one another while singing "We wish you a merry Christmas."

"We just wanted to say thanks to all the Charms, Charmers, and guests for celebrating the holidays with us. We wish everyone a blessed Christmas," said Charm Jeannette Bradley, event chairman.

Charms, Incorporated was

founded in June 1962 in Pittsburgh, following the motto 'smile, help your fellow man, and aspire to greater things.' Locally, the Toledo Charms, Inc. was founded in October 1970 and currently has 20 active members. They welcome new members interested in service, civic and cultural engagement. The club collected African-American dolls and donated to Lucas County Children Services, for their December service project and are pre-

paring for the bi-annual fundraiser in October 2012.

"The Toledo Club is 41 years old, and nationally Charms Inc. will celebrate 50 years in 2012 in the city of Brotherly Love," explained Charm Yvonne Gayle, president.

Toledo Charms officers are Charm Yvonne Gayle, president, Charm Patricia

Taylor-Nobles, vice president, Charm Dorothea Stubblefield, chaplain; Charm Lenora Barry, corresponding secretary; Charm Shirley Clay, financial secretary; Charm Juanita Stephens, treasurer; Charm Deborah Washington, parliamentarian, Charm Hortense Ward, historian; and members Charm Jeanette Brad-

ley, Charm Cerue Carroll, Charm Mai Mendes-Cole, Charm Shirley Duckins, Charm Zenobia Faulkner, Charm Cleo Goodwin, Charm Sandra Goodwin, Charm Kathy Nail, Charm Clementine Sherman, Charm Shirley Walker, Charm Theresa Wilkins, Charm Shirley Windless.



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The Truth Music Review 2011 – Part 2

By Michale Hayes
Minister of Culture



Whoa, last week's column sure did spark a few debates.

I've had texts, emails and facebook wall posts with readers agreeing/disagreeing with the year in rap music releases this past 365. Still haven't got my hands on that album by The Roots, but when I do I'm sure it will fit right in among the year's best.

Speaking of black music's last (hip-hop) band standing, their most recent critically acclaimed work was actually an R&B soul release with John Legend.

By most accounts the R&B side of black music has only been slightly more enjoyable than rap music in recent years. The subject matter has become one dimensional, and the music itself bears such resemblance to hardcore rap or pop, that it's hard to even say what R&B is these days.

But if it's about soulful, melodic audible feelings of love and all that it entails I would have to take the same stance I did last week by saying that quality R&B music made a come up this past year as well.

BEST R&B ALBUM OF 2011

- 4 Beyonce
- Chris Brown: *F.A.M.E.*
- Marsha Ambrosious *Late Night, Early Morning*
- Adele
- 21 Jennifer Hudson *I Remember Me*
- Rihanna *Talk That Talk*
- Mary J. Blige *My Life pt. 2.*

Overall Summary:

Breezy winning all those B.E.T. hip-hop awards for *Look At Me Now* still doesn't negate the fact that his latest release features some of the best male vocals the game has to offer. Production is outstanding, and even the slow songs feel like R&B we used to have.

And if anyone has any problem with Adele being on this list, you probably should just stop reading right now.

Jennifer Hudson wasn't

necessarily a mainstay on 106&Park but giving urban music listeners an adult contemporary sound showed maturity for her this year. Her lead single "Where You At" proved R. Kelly can still produce a hit for a female artist and that she doesn't have to belt at full voice to prove she can sing.

I haven't got my hands on Mary J's re-incarnation of her epic *My Life* album.

Making a part two to something so groundbreaking is almost certainly an impossible feat, but talking to two music lovers I trust I've heard good things. The buzz was crazy enough.

Speaking of buzz, Rihanna's career has quietly become one of the most bankable of any recent black singer. Some would argue that her music isn't "black music," but I love her Pop N B mashup style. She's actually taking her fans and throwing them together in one pot, instead of just boxing herself in.

"We Found Love" is a hot single, and if her last album is any indication of what to expect, than her latest chart topper is sure to please.

This last Beyonce album reminds of B Day, because it sincerely had to grow on

me. Everything except "Party," really had to grow on me.

But besides her aggressive if not insane commitment to shoot a video for damn near every song on the disc while also carrying a growing human being inside her womb, this album is a testament to courage.

"Girls (Run The World)" had one of the dopest instrumentals yet wackest lyrics ever placed in one space at the same time, but because it was Beyonce...it still didn't suck totally. My

Vocal talent, raw emotion and impossible skill aren't just limited to Mrs. Shawn Carter.

Marsha Ambrosious delivered the type of music this year that created a buzz I haven't seen since Jill Scott's debut. Everywhere I went, people were asking if I heard it.

As if it was vital. As if it was some of the best music ever and demanded to be shared.

Having this album, and playing it as much as I do... I couldn't agree more. *Late Night, Early Morn-*

woman's voice. You can't help but be moved.

So there you have it, the year in R&B. Feel free to discuss.

Once again... maybe if we stop complaining about how wack our music is we will enjoy some of it, because there's certainly been a turning of the tide.

Just gotta pay attention. (from last week) **BEST RAP ALBUM OF 2011:**

LUPE FIASCO: *L.A.S.E.R.S*

WIZ KHALIFA: *ROLLING PAPERS*

J. COLE *COLE WORLD: THE SIDE-LINE STORY*

LIL WAYNE *CARTER IV*

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P.S., no jokes about how Drake's *TAKE CARE* should be on the R&B list.

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favorite songs on the album are "Start Over" and "1+1", and even if we just talk vocals...it doesn't get much better than B.

Wait, did I just say that?

ings is a brilliant balance of Marsha's neo soul roots and quality R&B. The concepts, the production, ... this album wins on every level. But mostly, it's that

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Frederick Douglass Community Association: Holiday Card Party Fund Raiser

The Frederick Douglass Community Association (FDCA) of Toledo, OH is looking to crown Spades, Bid Whist, and Euchre Champions in what is known as the Tournament of Champions Holiday Card Party. This inaugural card party fundraiser will be held Friday, December 30, 2011 starting at 6:00 p.m. and will continue until a champion is determined for each of the categories – Spades, Bid Whist, and Euchre. Prizes will be awarded to champions in each category.

The entry fee is \$20 per team or \$10 per individual

The funds raised from this event will help support FDCA programs, which traditionally serves over 15,000 seniors, adults, and teens from the community each year. "We are asking the community to come and support this event, it will be fun and something different that people can enjoy," says Executive Director Shantae Brownlee. "We are preparing to make big changes and launch some really innovative programs in the coming year as we look to renew our relevancy in the community. We are working on transforming the FDCA into an Epicenter of Hope and Empowerment."

Phyllis Wheatley

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biography of a figure whose origins and later life have remained shadowy despite her iconic status.

A scholar with extensive knowledge of transatlantic literature and history, Carretta uncovers new details about Wheatley's origins, her upbringing and how she gained freedom. Carretta solves the mystery of John Peters, correcting the record of when he and Wheatley married and revealing what became of him after her death.

Assessing Wheatley's entire body of work, Carretta discusses the likely role she played in the production, market-ing, and distribution of her writing. Wheatley developed a remarkable transatlantic network that transcended racial, class, political, religious, and geographical boundaries.

Carretta reconstructs that network and sheds new light on her religious and political identities. In the course of his research he discovered the earliest poem attributable to Wheatley and has included it and other unpublished poems in the biography. Carretta relocates Wheatley from the margins to the center of her 18th Century transatlantic world, revealing the fascinating life of a woman who rose from the indignity of enslavement to earn wide recognition, only to die in obscurity a few years later.

Source: Cincinnati Public Library

Auditor's Office Offers Access to Information about Unclaimed Funds

Sojourner's Truth Staff

The Lucas County Auditor's Office has opened an online site listing unclaimed funds.

"We want to make sure people are aware and that they understand how they can claim the funds," said Auditor Anita Lopez during a press conference last week announcing the launching of the site.

According to Lopez, auditor offices throughout Ohio are now required to make citizens aware of the unclaimed county funds. The total amount of such funds being held by Lucas County is \$1,093,587.50 - some of which goes back to 2006.

In fact, Lopez noted that individuals, companies and other entities who can claim funds going back as far as 2006 need to do so as soon as possible, there is a five-year limit on the ability to lay



Anita Lopez

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This position will design, execute and maintain queries and custom reports for meeting the needs of the Grants Accounting department and external customers, and will analyze and monitor short-range and long-range goals to measure periodic and ongoing progress of the Grants Accounting System to ensure the continual improvement in the effectiveness of this resources. The Grants Accounting Resource Analyst effectively utilizes resources that support all the departments within the Controller's Office including General Accounting, Accounts Payable, and Payroll, as well as interfacing frequently with the Research office to implement process improvement solutions.

Requirements include a Bachelor's degree in Information Technology or comparable area with 2-3 years of experience writing database reports required. Microsoft Access and Crystal Reports experience preferred. Experience with programming, web design, and system analysis required. 2-3 years of relevant work experience is required; ability to interpret needs of internal and external Customers to meet reporting guidelines; experience or training preferred in vb.net and asp.net; ability to interpret government contract language. Crystal Report Writer; experience with multiple data sources preferred. Microsoft Access and Excel advanced user; Banner experience; SQL / Oracle Query experience.

Prospective candidates must exert self-reliance, independent learning, and the ability to quickly and accurately implement Web solutions and plans with minimal guidance. Starting salary will be approximately \$56,000.

For more information and to apply for either position please visit <https://jobs.utoledo.edu>. Online applications only. **Deadline is Tuesday, December 27, 2011.** UT is an EEO, AA Employer and Educator.

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SOFTWARE SPECIALIST Colleges of LLSS & NSM Two Positions The University of Toledo Job 9459

The software specialist is responsible for college-wide information technology support, planning and design of technology-based learning environments, instructional computer labs, mediated classrooms and networked systems. This involves providing consulting, problem determination and resolution, system installation and configuration, application support, audio video system support, and technology needs analysis.

Requirements include: Bachelor's degree is required, Computer Technology or closely related field is preferred. 3-5 years of practical experience providing desktop support in Microsoft and Apple hardware and software environments. 3-5 years minimum experience working with client-side networking, TCP/IP and other protocols is essential. Mastery of Microsoft Windows 9x, NT 2000, and XP products, (Professional, Server, Active Directory and Exchange software) is essential. 3-5 years minimum experience with Apple classic and OSX operating systems and mastery of these operating systems is essential. 3-5 years minimum experience building and deploying images using tools such as Apple Remote Desktop, Ghost, SMS, and SCCM. Pay starts at \$21.87 per hour.

This posting is for one PT 20 hour position and tentatively one FT position. 1st Position Hours Mon & Wed 8:15am-2pm, Fri 8:15am-5pm; FT Position 8am-5pm. Please indicate preference in your cover letter. For more information and to apply please visit <https://jobs.utoledo.edu>. Online applications only. **Deadline is Wednesday, December 21, 2011.** UT is an EEO, AA Employer and Educator.

Notice

The annual GAAP Basis Financial Reports for the STAR Academy of Toledo for the fiscal year ending 6/30/2011 have been completed and are available for inspection at the 1850 Airport Hwy, Toledo OH 43609 location between 9:00am and 3:30pm Monday thru Friday. Copies of the reports are available upon request.

INTERESTED BIDDERS:

TOLEDO PUBLIC SCHOOLS – KEYSER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SITE PHASE 2

Sealed bids will be accepted by the Board of Education of the Toledo Public School District until 1:00 p.m. on January 11, 2012, at the Toledo Public Schools Treasurers' Room 3, 420 E. Manhattan Blvd., Toledo, Ohio 43608, for all labor, material and supervision necessary for Keyser Elementary School Site Phase 2, as more fully described in the drawings and specifications for the project prepared by The Collaborative, Inc. and will be opened publicly and read immediately thereafter.

Bid Documents for the project may be examined at the F.W. Dodge plan rooms 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 **December 14, 2011 which can be purchased from Toledo Blue Print, 6949 Wales Rd., Northwood, Ohio 43619, phone: (419) 661-9841. Drawings may be obtained on CD-ROM for no cost with the purchase of the specifications.**

A PREBID CONFERENCE will be held on **January 4th, at 8:30 am** at Toledo Public Schools Board Room, 420 East Manhattan Blvd, Toledo, Ohio 43608.

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

Bid Item No. 1 – Keyser Elementary School Site Work	\$ 139,000.00
Total	\$ 139,000.00

Invitation For Bids Collingwood Green Phase I - Mid-Rise Senior Building IFB #11-B028

The Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority (LMHA) will receive sealed bids for the construction of **Collingwood Green Phase I - Mid-Rise Senior Building**. Bids received in accordance with law until **Monday, January 9, 2012 at 3 PM ET. Pre-Bid Conference held December 21, 2011 at 2:00 PM ET, 201 Belmont Ave.** IFB documents available at City Blueprint of Toledo, 3455 Briarfield Blvd., Suite D, Maumee, OH 43537, 419-243-7271; Fax 419-243-6418; Newfax Corporation, 333 W. Woodruff, Toledo, OH 43697, 419-241-5157; Fax 419-241-2018; and www.lucasmha.org. All bidders required to meet the Affirmative Action and Equal Employment Opportunity requirements as described in Executive Order #11246. (TTY 419-259-9529)



Notice to Bidders: Inquiry # FY12-060,

(Project # 1130-10-651) for Building Envelope – Law Center Snow Guard Installation 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 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 27, 2011. Bids will be publicly opened that same day at 3:05 p.m. in the Plant Operations Building, Room 1000. Copies of Plans, Specifications, and Bid Forms may be obtained from Rossi & Associates, LLC, 970 S. Byrne Road, Toledo, Ohio 43609. Call 419-385-6633 for an appointment to pick up bid package. A cost of \$30.00 will be charged per set. Any further information may be obtained from Brad Rossi of Rossi & Associates at 419-385-6633. One Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Tuesday, December 20, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. in the Plant Operations, 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: \$90,000.00; Breakdown: General Const: \$90,000.00.

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Notice to Bidders: Inquiry # FY12-061,

(Project # 0094-12-797) for Ottawa House Fire Alarm/Mass Notification 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, December 27, 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 \$45.00 will be charged per set. Any further information may be obtained from David Desjardins, P.E. of JDRM Engineering at 419-824-2400. One Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Tuesday, December 20, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in the Plant Operation 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: \$480,000.00; Breakdown: Electrical: \$480,000.00.

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Technology Resource Assistant (Temporary PT)

United Way of Greater Toledo is currently seeking an individual to support the installation, setup, project implementation and on-going monitoring of technology resources and equipment related to the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) / Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) tax preparation. This is a temporary part-time (20 hrs/wk) position through May 31, 2012. Must be available evenings and weekends.

Qualified candidates must possess:

- o Associate degree in Computer Systems or related field, OR
- o Combination of high school degree and min. of 2 yrs experience.

Qualified candidates should submit a cover letter with salary requirements along with a resume to karri.anthony@unitedwaytoledo.org—subject: Tech.

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PAYROLL FINANCIAL ANALYST Job 9421

The Payroll Financial Analyst contributes to the fulfillment of the university's mission and vision by processing pay accurately and timely; ensuring system functionality; and compliance with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations. The Payroll Financial Analyst responsibilities include but are not limited to problem solving and analysis; customer service in interactions with all employees; processing payroll tax, adjustments, and other payroll related requests as needed; and in identifying and implementing continuous process improvements.

Requirements include: Bachelor's degree required. Finance, Accounting, related business or technical degree preferred. Minimum of 2 years of directly related work experience in Payroll, Accounting, or Audit. Working knowledge of payroll tax rules, regulations, and general accounting with problem solving and process improvement skills required. Proficiency with Microsoft Office, accounting applications, system query capabilities, PC based spreadsheet and data base software for analyzing and forecasting required. Requires a "Can Do" attitude with the ability to manage multiple projects and produce high quality work within established timeframes. Requires strong research, communication, and customer service skills. Must have valid driver's license. Starting salary approximately \$38,250 to \$40,500.

FINANCIAL ANALYST AUXILIARY SERVICES Job 9354

The Financial Analyst contributes to the fulfillment of the university's mission and vision by analyzing the Auxiliary and reconciling the various budgets within the operation. The responsibilities will include reconciling accounts, preparation of journal entries and budget transfers, analyzing procedures, processes, and problems to identify areas for automation or improved workflow. Recommend changes to improve productivity, identifies key performance indicators and maintains the monthly tracking. Interacts with staff in analyzing existing operational procedures and interpreting how operational effectiveness can be better met. Also integrates into daily operations of Auxiliary Departments by being heavily involved in the budget planning process.

Requirements include: Bachelor's degree required. Finance, Accounting, related business or technical degree preferred. Minimum 2 years of work experience directly related to Accounting or Finance. Problem solving, process design and process improvement skills. Excellent customer service skills. Requires a "Can Do" attitude with the ability to manage multiple projects, produce high quality work within established time frames, and problem solve. Must have a valid driver's license. Starting salary approximately \$38,250 to \$40,000.

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Bid Item No. 1 – Ottawa River Middle School Site Work	\$ 337,520.00
Bid Item No. 1 – Ottawa River Middle School Site Electrical	\$ 43,750.00
Total	\$ 381,270.00

Sigma Gamma Rho Toledo Chapter Celebrates 10 Years of Service

By Artisha S. Lawson
The Sojourner's Truth Reporter

Local Sigma Gamma Rho sorority members of Toledo and Bowling Green gathered to celebrate "A Decade of Greater Service, Greater Progress in Toledo," on December 10, 2011. This sorority-member only event included fellowship, reconnecting and acknowledgement of one member for service beyond the call of sisterhood.

The winner of the award was Dominick West-Kimmons, sorority life member, who joined the national sorority in 1997 and has since served in several local leadership positions including advisor, membership intake chairman, treasurer and fund raising chairman.

"Dominick has been more than a soror to me, her love and kindness are beyond words. I only wish I could be half the sister that she has been to me," said Emia Smith, Bowling Green State University advisor. West-Kimmons is a

mother, wife and member of The Armory on Nebraska. Sorority members stood and shared words of gratitude for her many works.

In 2011, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. Iota Theta Sigma Chapter of Toledo reactivated Zeta Alpha Chapter of Bowling Green State University. One of the recent inductees is Jessica Taylor who considers West-Kimmons as another mother figure. "She's like my mother, she cares about me and always wants the best for me," said Taylor.

The reception closed with remarks by honor West-Kimmons. "All I can say is thank you, and everything I do is in the name and love of Sigma."

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. founded in 1922 at Butler University, focuses on greater community service to reach greater community progress. The sorority's nine national pro-

grams seek to enhance the quality of life through public service, leadership development and education for youth. There are 85,000 members in U.S.A.,

Canada, Germany and Bermuda.

Locally, Iota Theta Sigma Toledo Alumnae Chapter was chartered in 2001 by nine members and

continues partnerships with March of Dimes, Susan G. Komen Foundation of NW Ohio, Ronald McDonald House and annual all-day workshop called Sigma

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