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***Deborah K. Nimely-Washington, Ph.D.***  
**Principal, Harvard Elementary School**

*"See the faith I have in our school. To bring my own grand daughter here, to bring her into the public school system."*

## Surviving Rejection

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



*Learning to take hold of one's life is very difficult in a culture that values property over life. - Hadi R. Madhubuti*

"See back then, was when entertainers had talent," I argued showing more than a little generational bias. "They sang instead of talked! You see that fine sister right there? That's Jody Watley. You don't find them like her today. She could sing AND dance."

While watching old episodes of Soul Train, I was trying to stir up a friendly debate among a group of post-boomer generation friends and relatives in hopes of lifting spirits after news of the loss of yet another black male to gun violence.

The Los Angeles coroner had ruled that Don Cornelius, the legendary creator, host and producer of that unapologetically black television program, which was designed to "do for soul music what American Bandstand

and Dick Clark did for mainstream audiences," died from a self-inflicted gun shot to the head.

Soul Train, with its diverse, trend-setting and bold expressions of black culture, aired first run episodes from 1971 to 2006 making it the longest continuously running first-run syndicated television program in history.

Yet much more than the music, clothing, dancing and talent level of the entertainers has changed.

Suicide, once taboo in the black community, evidenced by rates of 5-6/100,000 compared to 12/100,000 for Caucasian Americans (American Association of Suicidology, 2008), is rising and becoming an epidemic among black men.

While a critical health issue for the community, particularly among black youth, suicide has not received the media attention or public response to spur the prevention and intervention efforts necessary to reduce or arrest this disturbing trend.

What lies beneath the rise?

Since details of the Cornelius tragedy are unknown and little evidence-based inquiry exists concerning African-American suicide, no one can offer explanations with certainty.

However, extreme hopelessness, rooted in shame and lack of self-worth emerging from feelings of rejection, ridicule and hostility in interpersonal and group encounters is likely at the core of the problem.

The current period contains more extreme and concentrated poverty than that of the past and comes at a time when resentment has replaced sympathy for the poor and people of color.

The loss of hope that accompanies the unprecedented loss of jobs and homes and the rise in despair commensurate with mounting bills and debt in tough economic times are apt to plunge even those who are emotionally strongest into a state of utter hopelessness.

The American ethos and patriarchal culture which link success and masculinity to a man's ability to make money are also likely to leave one depressed when employment is unavailable, particularly in a society that strives to be tax-free and whose presidential candidates publicly state that they are "not concerned about the poor."

Additionally, perceived burdensomeness and lack of belongingness are likely to produce despair, demoralization, depression and psychological changes.

Another risk factor is due to growing up in today's poverty because it often increases exposure to lead paint and other environmental contaminants which are linked to mental disorders.

When the easy access to guns in the black community is added to economic stress and the above risk factors, suicide rates are bound to rise.

What about the resiliency of the past which seemed to provide African Americans with an immunity against suicide?

Certainly, the coping strategies and resiliency resources from previous generations are missing from today's community.

The past generations were able to ascribe setbacks to systemic structures of racism and discrimination. But the gains of the civil rights movement, in many ways, raised the "personal expectations, achievement opportunity and aspirations of blacks" (Joe, 2006).

Many black persons today believe that their lack of opportunities and success are limited only by their lack of skills, motivation and work. As a result, black males in particular, internalize their frustrations, revert to self-blaming and become angry or depressed when expectations are not fulfilled although the legacy of racism continues to block their efforts and abilities.

These persons are likely to become shame-prone, feel isolated, connectionless, hopeless, unlovable and confused and look for someone or group that will affirm and confirm them (Wimberly, 1999).

The protective social-support systems available in the past were found in healthy black families, churches and neighborhoods. Poor social support and family dysfunction have caused yesterday's coping resources to erode but must return as interventions if an impact is to be made on black suicidal behavior.

Is there a word of hope for the rising numbers of people who are contemplating death as the only way out?

No one knows another's pain except God. But, as Renita Weems, PhD, has stated, "while we have one hand holding the depressed person's hand in prayer, be dialing the number of a board certified therapist with your other hand in search of clinical intervention and medication."

And with Help Comes Hope. Talk to somebody!

Call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 1-800-273-TALK (8255).

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## Community Calendar

### February 9

Toledo Mothers of Twins Club Meeting: 7 pm; Croxton Auditorium of the Toledo Hospital: [www.tmotc.org](http://www.tmotc.org)

### February 11

Bereavement meeting: Bethlehem Baptist; 2 pm

Good News Bible Chapel Valentine's Evening: 6 pm: 419-508-7404

The Glass City Church Ministry Chili Cookoff Competition: 3 to 6 pm: 419-242-2828 ext 23

Habitat for Humanity Open Enrollment: Main Branch Library; Noon to 4 pm; Apply to become a partner family: 419-382-1964

### February 16

Self Expression Teen Theater Institute's "Black History Month Inventors and Innovators Workshop Session:" 4 to 5:15 pm; Kent Branch Library: 419-242-2255

### February 19

GLADettes Federated Club's Black History Extravaganza and Soul Food Buffet: DJ Ice; 2 to 5 pm; Local 14 UAW Hall: 419-537-9042 or 419-893-2228 or 419-535-5960

Bethlehem Baptist New Life Center Community Dinner #4: 2 to 4 pm: 419-241-9360

### February 20

Habitat for Humanity Open Enrollment: West Toledo Library; 4:30 to 7 pm; Apply to become a partner family: 419-382-1964

### February 21

Habitat for Humanity Open enrollment: Reynolds Corner Library; 5 to 7:30 pm; Apply to become a partner family: 419-382-1964

### February 25

Friendly Center "My Guy & I Dance:" A dance for girls between the ages of 6 and 12 and their special male role models; Crafts, food and photos: 419-243-1289

WordUp Drama Ministry Black History Production: "Let the Church Say Amen: A Black History Perspective;" Friendship Baptist Church; 4 pm; Art exhibit and The Mustard Seed

### March 23 & 25

Christian Festival Choir and Orchestra Annual Concert: "Exhaltation 2012;" 7 pm on Friday, 3 pm on Sunday; Northwood High School: 419-865-5795 or 419-260-8284

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# What's in Your Safety Net?

By Lafe Tolliver, Esq  
Guest Column



ply cannot do it. Try all he can, Romney gets itchy and twitchy when he has to go to a soup kitchen or go to a car dealership showroom that sells Fords or Kias.

That simply ain't him and his body language and subsequent gaffes indicate that this man is not at home on the range but rather is home only in the Hamptons or in monitored gated communities.

When asked about the definition of a "safety net," Romney had that glazed look in his eyes and thought that the safety net was the net that you see under the circus performers who do high wire trapeze shows.

So, as a journalist with a steady commitment to ferreting out truth so that the reader can be informed and also participate in this discussion, I have assembled the below

Safety Net quiz so that you can see exactly how Romney thinks when these same questions were placed before him.

The answers that he gave (which are at the end of this column) will show that Romney needs to have someone put a net over him and take him off of the public stage.

Reluctantly, Romney's staff personnel allowed their candidate to take this quiz about what's in your safety net; and then to give us the results. Here they are. Read them and weep.

**QUESTION ONE:** which of the following food joints takes food stamps (snap card):

- (1) Four Seasons
- (2) Vito's Pizza
- (3) Five Guys
- (4) Krogers
- (5) don't know....should I? What's a Kroger?

**QUESTION TWO:** If you suddenly take ill, what do you do if you have no health insurance?

- (1) pray without ceasing
- (2) go to the local ER
- (3) stay in bed and hope for the best
- (4) make out your will
- (5) who doesn't have health insurance?

**QUESTION THREE:** If your employer closes down, what do you do next?

- (1) network to find a new job
- (2) get a stocking cap mask and find a nearby bank

(3) file for unemployment benefits

(4) have your kids at school apply to become janitors

(5) everyone can always find work if they really really want to!

**QUESTION FOUR:** Your landlord evicts you. What do you do?

- (1) go live with grandma until things get better
- (2) find a suitable cardboard box and make the best of it.
- (3) if you got a car, move into it
- (4) panhandle near a busy intersection
- (5) I have four houses, what's your problem!

**QUESTION FIVE:** Your funding for schooling has been reduced. What's next?

- (1) drop out and live off of the fat of the land
- (2) sneak into the classrooms to continue your education
- (3) understand that this your destiny and accept it

(4) apply for more loans and have more debt stress

(5) quit complaining and start your own school!

**QUESTION SIX:** Your childcare and day care benefits are being stopped. What now!

- (1) place the kids up for adoption
- (2) give twice daily plasma donations to raise money
- (3) have the kids apply to become janitors at the daycare center
- (4) quit working and stay home
- (5) my kids are fine! what is wrong with yours?

Well, needless to say I was not impressed by the answers (see below) that Romney provided back on this quiz. It clearly shows that he is out of touch with the poor and is clueless as to how to fix anyone's "Safety Net".

Romney's history does not have the proverbial Horatio Alger's, "rags to riches" story. No, for him, it has always been, "riches to riches."

And now he has the audacity to pontificate that poor people have a safety net and with that net they should be content and satisfied and stay in the 'Net'.

He does however indicate that if the 'Net' has any holes in it, he will fix it.

When you read his below answers to the above quiz, how's about those answers for his fix to your 'Net' problems?

Not answers to help you move up and out from the confines of the 'Net' as a result of any Romney inspired programs that can assist you but rather he states in the same sentence that the very rich are fine as they are...but as to poor people.

Well, that is a horse of a different color. With a Romney presidency, the only 'net' that you will find will be on a basketball court.

Romney's answers: 1(5), 2(5), 3(5), 4(5), 5(5) and 6(5).

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Well, recently we have still another rich, fat cat Republican putting both of his feet, one arm and three fingers into his gold-plated mouth with the now ill famed utterance, "I am not concerned about the very poor, they have their safety net...."

Now, I expect ultra-rich Republicans to say such goofy things but to couple such an elitist remark with the caveat that this "safety net" will be their financial cure-all or panacea is "stupid is as stupid does."

Have you ever witnessed such a person as Mitt Romney falling all over his face trying to be hip and cool with people who earn less than a million bucks a year. He sim-

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## Toledo Community Coalition Calling for Coalitions to Merge

By Artisha S. Lawson  
The Sojourner's Truth Reporter

In a city where coalitions form often, Toledo Community Coalition is urging other neighborhood coalitions to join forces. During the February 3, 2012 conference, coalition leaders and members gathered to report on their progress thus far, to create vision statements per targeted task forces, and to submit their request to other Toledo-area coalitions and community-minded organizations.

Among the five task forces, quality of life task force has met consistently since the coalition's formation in August 2011. The group has compiled a list of six community-minded facilities where a need has been identified, these facilities are Bethesda Christian Center Cathedral in South Toledo, Frederick Douglass Community Association in Central City, James M. Caldwell Center and The Friendly Center in North Toledo, the Grace Community Center in northwest Toledo, and Monroe Street Neighborhood Center in

west Toledo.

The group also identified 15 services that are lacking in these communities. The list includes transportation, access to medical care, legal aid and youth after school programs. In addition, the committee is working to reduce the impact of gangs, arsons, break-ins, and slow response of city services.

"The city of Toledo will be a safe model of collaborative community where open communication, partnership, love, and second and third chances are no longer the dream but the reality of life," said Rev. W.L. Perryman, pastor of Jerusalem Baptist Church.

In addition to quality of life task force, the Toledo Community Coalition is currently working in four other areas: education, economic development, health and housing. This coalition grew from a group of Toledo-area pastors to also include several agencies, major funders to identify and address concerns in the

African American community of Toledo says the coalition's press release.

In the education task force, Rev. John C. Jones of the Greater Toledo Urban League is working to combat some key issues. "Our vision is a community in which all children have equality access in which to compete in a global society," said Jones.



Juanita Greene

*"Our group is blessed because we want to bring everyone together, we're not creating another group,"*

## Sonya Houston Promoted at Fifth Third Bank

Special to The Truth



Sonya A. Houston has been promoted to assistant vice president in the Retail Division, according to Robert W. LaClair, President and Chief Executive Officer, Fifth Third Bank (Northwestern Ohio).

Houston will continue to serve as financial center manager for Fifth Third's Swayne Field Banking Center, 3053 Monroe Street. She is responsible for the management of the overall operations of the Banking Center and for developing and maintaining consumer and small business client relationships. She joined Fifth Third in 1999 and has 12 years experience in financial services.

Residing in West Toledo, Houston is a trustee for the Frederick Douglas Center and is second vice president of the Interdenominational Ministers' Wives /Ministers' Widows Association, and a member of Freedoms Temple Baptist Church where she serves as first lady of the church.

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# Beta Gamma Chapter Holds Teach-A-Rama

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The National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa - Beta Gamma Chapter – held Teach-A-Rama 2012 on Monday, January 30, 2012 at the Sanger Branch Library in order to address the theme of “Enhancing Collaboration between General Education Teachers and Teachers of Students with Special Needs.”

Teach-A-Rama, a national program of Phi

Delta Kappa, was initiated to acquaint teachers, parents and the community with various aspects of the field of education and over the years has addressed a variety of teaching issues such as classroom management, skills in the use of new materials, cultural enrichment and current issues affecting minorities in education, to name a few. Last week’s session at

Sanger brought together a range of presenters including Lynn McCain, State of Ohio Support Team I; Ellen Lamm, Burndale special education teacher; Desiree Carn, Scott High School special education teacher/school counselor; and Betsy Hood, WGTE education specialist.

Closing remarks were offered by Paula Martin, a member of the Beta

Gamma Teach-A-Rama committee. Other members of the committee were Chairman Linda Collins, Rachelle Dunning and Bessie Mack.

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Waterford Bank's Deborah G. Beyer, (left), senior vice president and chief financial officer, and Shelly Wheller, compliance officer, (center) present an investment check to Suzette Cowell, CEO of Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union. The Waterford investment will be a part of TUFCU's Building a Better Future campaign. Waterford, located on N. McCord Rd, was founded in August 2007 by three local bank officials.

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# Deborah Washington, PhD: Harvard Principal Promotes a Successful Learning Environment

By Fletcher Word  
Sojourner's Truth Editor

As we tour Harvard Elementary School on Glendale Avenue, the route takes us past a first-grade classroom full of quiet, smiling six year olds.

One of the first graders is Principal Deborah Washington's grand daughter.

"See the faith I have in our school," she says proudly of the family decision. "To bring my own grand daughter here, to bring her into the public school system."

In fact, there is a lot of pride at Harvard. As well there should be. During Washington's tenure as principal - she's now in her seventh year - Harvard has always been rated effective or excellent (four times) on the State of Ohio Report Card.

This year brought a different challenge to Harvard as it did to so many area schools. Now that the Toledo Public School district has transformed to a K-8 format and eliminated free-standing middle schools,

Washington and her staff have had to blend seventh and eighth graders back into the more rigid elementary school structure the older youngsters may have thought they had escaped.

Once the teachers were identified to work with the older students, Washington and her staff worked through the summer to plan their approach to instruction, deciding to "departmentalize" instruction at Harvard. That is, each of the five teachers instructs in one subject has students in both the seventh and eighth grades.

"We met and worked it out among us," says Washington. "The district encouraged departmentalization."

Of course, students at Harvard, even those who transfer in "out-of-district," have a substantial advantage over many other schools in the TPS system - "a very involved community" as Washington says.

Harvard, part of the Bowsher feeder pattern, re-

flects the community activism that is so pervasive in that part of town.

"Even parents who are out-of-district, when they come into our community, they blend into the culture," says Washington who frequently pulls aside such out-of-district students to gauge their reaction to their new surroundings.

"Dr. Washington, it is so different," she recalls new students saying so frequently. "People treat each other with respect, I can learn here."

"That speaks volumes for us," says Washington of the effort the staff of Harvard is putting forth. "We must be doing something good in this district."

Washington recalled a recent incident with a new fourth grade student who had not yet become accustomed to that culture. When asked to perform a task by his teacher, the student declined because it was an assignment that he had not been used to doing in his former school.



Then he proceeded to disrupt the class with his apparently highly-developed clowning skills.

When taken to Washington's office, one of the questions she put to him was what he perceived to be the difference between his old school and Harvard.

"It is quiet here," he replied in astonishment.

Once he realized that the environment enabled him to understand and focus more clearly on new tasks, his attitude changed substantially, says Washington. He's doing well, she says, now that he has adapted to the Harvard/Bowsher culture.

"That culture is one of

quiet and respect," she adds.

And, success, of course.

And one of Washington's ingredients for success is her effort to get to know as many of her students - approximately 450 attend Harvard - as possible.

"I make it a point to know all my students names," she says. "I certainly know all their first names. There is an African proverb: 'If you don't have anything, your name is what you have.'"

Knowing and using a child's name, says Washington, "personalizes" that child.

It's entirely apt that Washington would quote an African proverb. A native of Monrovia, Liberia, Washing-

ton left her homeland in 1972 to come to America. Here in the U.S., she met Leonard, her husband of 38 years, also a native of Liberia. They have raised four children and have 11 grand children.

What's next for the longtime TPS administrator?

"My goal when I retire is to transition into higher education," she says, possibly to a nation south of the Sahara.

Active in the Toledo community on a variety of levels, Washington was recently elected president of the local chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc, the nation's oldest Greek-letter African-American sorority.

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# TPS Foundation Announces 12th Round of Grants, New Named Scholarships

*Special to The Truth*

The Toledo Public Schools Foundation, established in 1999 to enhance teaching and learning in the leading urban school district in Ohio, expects to award up to \$131,263.13 in its 12th round of grants this spring, announced Susan Zurawski, executive director of the Toledo Public Schools Foundation.

"This year, we have 11 new named scholarships that have been established by alumni, businesses, corporations, community organizations, and friends of the district for our students," said Zurawski.

**Newly Named Scholarships**

Joyce Lee Awls Memorial Scholarship - \$500

The scholarship is for a senior interested in pursuing a career in the culinary arts field or hospitality industry, and is dedicated to the memory of Joyce Lee Awls. Joyce was the mother of Terry (Chris) Awls and daughter, Sherry White. She passed away April 21, 2011. She attended Lincoln, Robinson Junior High, Scott and Libbey High Schools.

Dr. Sean C. Crowley Medical Scholarship for a Jesup Wakeman Scott High School African-American Male - \$1,000

The Fund supports an award to a Jesup Wakeman Scott High School African-American male senior who is interested in pursuing a career in medicine. The scholarship is named after Dr. Sean C. Crowley, second-year resident, at Mercy St. Vincent Medical Center.

Kevin Dalton/Toledo Federation of Teachers Scholarship - \$1,500

The Fund supports a scholarship award to a Toledo Public School District senior who will pursue a four-year baccalaureate degree in the field of Teaching in K-12 public

schools. The scholarship has been established by Toledo Federation of Teachers President Kevin Dalton with a two-to-one match from the Toledo Federation of Teachers.

Dream. Believe. Achieve. Scholarship - \$1,000

The scholarship has been donated anonymously for a senior who will pursue a four-year baccalaureate degree.

**Linda Brown Ewing Broadcast Journalism Scholarship for a Minority Woodward High School Senior - \$1,000**

The scholarship is named after Linda Brown Ewing, 1967 graduate of Woodward High School, who started her career as a news reporter for WTOL-TV Toledo Eleven. Ms. Ewing is currently Senior Vice President, Community Affairs at Fifth Third Bank.

Fifth Third Bank College Scholarships for TPS Minorities - 2 @ \$1,000

The Fund supports scholarship awards for minority seniors who will pursue careers in Business or Finance.

**Health Care REIT, Inc., Scholarship - \$1,000**

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**Medical Mutual of Ohio Scholarship in Honor of President & CEO Rick Chiricosta - \$1,000**

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NSG Group - Glass Technology Scholarship - \$1,000

The Fund supports an award to a senior interested in pursuing a career in sustainable Manufacturing.

The NSG Group is one of the world's leading manufacturers of glass and glazing systems for the architectural,

automotive, and technical markets, which include Pilkington-brand products.

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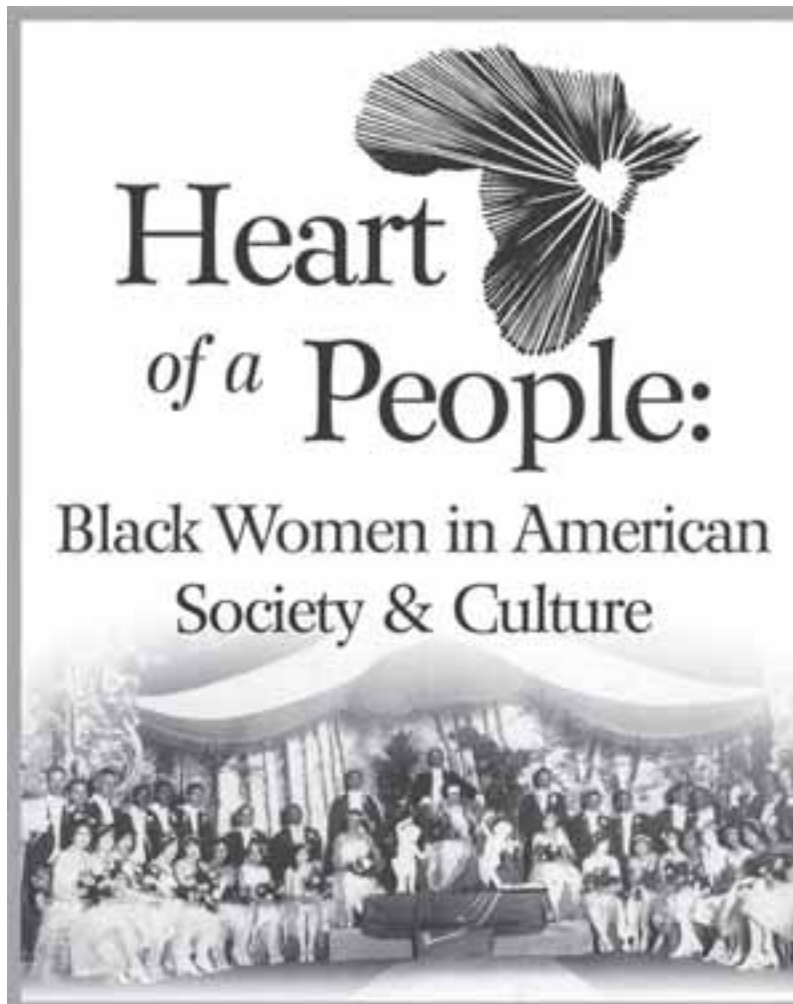
Order of Omega Scholarship for Leadership, Service, and Academic Advancement - \$1,000

The Fund supports a scholarship award to a senior planning to attend The University of Toledo who plans to join a Greek letter organization in college, and has experience in the areas of leadership and service.

"I am very pleased to announce that we are accepting our 12th round of grant applications for funding of proposals that advance the educational mission of the Toledo Public Schools," said Deborah Barnett, president of the Toledo Public Schools Foundation. This has been made possible because of generous support from individuals, businesses, corporations, and community organizations that are committed to working with the district to foster excellence. Special thanks go to Health Care REIT, Inc., and Lourdes University for sponsorship of the Press Conference/Breakfast for this announcement."

Toledo Public Schools teachers, students, schools and organizations are invited to apply online at [www.tpsfoundation.org](http://www.tpsfoundation.org) for funds by the deadline of **1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 7, 2012**. Awards will be announced in the spring at Salute to Scholars event. Funding of selected projects will be released for use at the start of the 2012-2013 school year.

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# Heart of a People:

## Black Women in American Society & Culture

The Heart of a People: Black Women in American Society and Culture

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This Black History Month tribute will feature storyteller Robin Cooper, area spoken word artists, acclaimed jazz vocalist Ramona Collins, and a presentation about the tradition of the Cotillion in Toledo. An exhibit will feature dresses, photographs, and accessories from cotillions through the years. Light refreshments will be served. FREE PARKING!

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## Your Library Observes Black History Month!

By Rhonda B. Sewell, Library Media Relations Coordinator  
Special to The Truth



The annual observation of Black History Month was originated in 1926 by African American historian **Carter G. Woodson**, as "Negro History Week." Woodson chose February because it marked the birthdays of President Abraham Lincoln and abolitionist Frederick Douglass; two Americans who Carter believed influenced the lives of black Americans.

Discover more about the contributions of black Americans during Black History Month as the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library brings you the following sample of **FREE** activities:

- Friday, **February 10** – 9 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.: *What's Your Black History Month IQ (Intelligence Quotient)?* Test your knowledge with our quiz and earn a sweet treat. **Birmingham Branch Library**, 203 Paine Ave. Info: 419.259.5210.

- Friday, **February 10** – 9 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.: *Famous African Americans!* Stop in to identify famous African American inventors and their great inventions. Win a prize for each correct guess. **Reynolds Corners Branch Library**, 4833 Dorr St. Info: 419.259.5320. (Grades K-12)

- Friday and Saturday, **February 10 & 11** – 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m.: *Black History Contest!* Test your knowledge of black history by completing a contest form. Participants will be rewarded with a special treat. **Sanger Branch Library**, 3030 W. Central Ave. Info: 419.259.5370. (Grades 6-12)

- Saturday, **February 11** – 2-3 p.m.: *Hidden Genius: Frank Mann, the black engineer behind Howard Hughes.* With the help of his trouble-shooting engineer Frank Mann (1908-1992), Hughes helped revolutionize the world with unique inventions and designs. Because Frank Mann was African American, he did not always receive the

credit that he deserved. Few people today know of the accomplishments of this talented aeronautical and aerospace engineer, award-winning sports car designer, soldier of fortune in the second Italian-Ethiopian War, World War II officer, and primary civilian instructor for the Tuskegee Airmen. Author **H.T. Bryer**, will tell the story of how his brother and collaborator, Paul Bryer, met this Renaissance man and share their quest to bring Frank Mann's remarkable story to the world. The presentation will include a 15-minute video of news footage, interviews and highlights of Mann's many accomplishments. Bryer's debut book *Hidden Genius* will be available for purchase after the presentation. Bryer, who was reared in Texas, has spent most of his adult life in the Toledo area. His work has been published in academic journals on subjects such as ethnic history, language, and folklore. **Sanger Branch Library**, 3030 W. Central Ave. Info: 419.259.5370.

- Saturday, **February 18** – 1-3 p.m.: *Whence You Came.* A workshop on how to productively research your African American genealogy. Learn the best online resources and more for tracing your family history. REGISTRATION is required. **Kent Branch Library @CCESS Center**, 3101 Collingwood Blvd. Info and registration: 419.259.5340.



- Magic Freddy, a historical tale about the life of American orator, social reformer and statesmen Frederick Douglass (1818?-1895).* Presented by Imelda Hunt's New Works

Writers Series at the following branch locations:

- a) Saturday, **February 11** @ 2 p.m. – Kent Branch Library @CCESS Center, 3101

Collingwood Blvd.

- b) Saturday, **February 18** @ 2 p.m. – Oregon Branch Library, 3340 Dustin Rd, Oregon, OH

- c) Tuesday, **February 21** @ 6:30 p.m. – Heatherdowns Branch Library, 3265 Glanzman Rd.

- \*Library Signature Event - Saturday, **February 25** – 2-4 p.m.: *Heart of a People: Black Women in Society and Culture.* Join us in the celebration of local African American women and their contributions. Storytelling with **Robin Echols Cooper**; songs by African American icons with **Ramona Collins** and pianist **Eric Dickey**; an exhibit and history presentation (**Wilma Brown**) titled *Cotillion History: Debutantes in Toledo*; area spoken word artists, and paper hat crafts. McMaster Center at Main Library, 325 Michigan St. Info: 419.259.5200.

- Join our friends from the Toledo Federation of Teachers for stories and activities in celebration of Black History Month! Presented at the following branch locations:

- a) Thursday, **February 16** @ 4 p.m. – West Toledo Branch Library, 1320 Sylvania Ave.

- b) Wednesday, **February 22** @ 4 p.m. – Kent Branch Library @CCESS Center, 3101 Collingwood Blvd.

- c) Thursday, **February 23** @ 4 p.m. – Point Place Branch Library, 2727 117<sup>th</sup> St.

- d) Wednesday, **February 29** @ 4 p.m. – Mott Branch Library, 1085 Dorr St.

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## SAAB Men Assist TPS at Community Appreciation Luncheon

Sojourner's Truth Staff



The men of SAAB (Student African American Brotherhood) lent a hand to Toledo Public Schools on Tuesday, January 31 by

serving as ushers, greeters and speakers (Vince Hill and Joshua Dunn) for the community appreciation luncheon held at the Summit Annex Building.

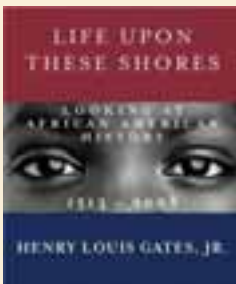
TPS held the luncheon in order to start expanding partnerships in the community and to obtain an idea of the kinds of programs and services com-

munity partners might be able to provide to students, said Romules Durant, Ed.D, assistant superintendent of elementary education.

### Library's Recommended Book for February

Special to The Truth

For the month of February, the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library recommends Henry Louis Gates, Jr.'s, Ph.D., latest book, *Life Upon These Shores: Looking at African American History (1513-2008)*, which gives readers an illustrated landmark book tracing African-American history from the arrival of the conquistadors to the election of United States President Barack Obama.



The Library and *The Blade* are scheduled to feature Gates for a talk here in Toledo at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 3 for their Authors! Authors! Spring Series at the Stranahan Theater, 4645 Heatherdowns Blvd. Visit [toledolibrary.org](http://toledolibrary.org) for the entire spring lineup of authors, which kicks off on Monday, March 5. Tickets are currently on sale for Authors! Authors! and can be purchased at any library location for \$10 or \$8 for students.

*Life Upon These Shores*, informed by the latest, sometimes provocative scholarship and including more than seven hundred images—ancient maps, fine art, documents, photographs, cartoons, posters—this book focuses on defining events, debates, and controversies, as well as the signal achievements of people famous and obscure. Dr. Gates takes us from the 16<sup>th</sup> century through the ordeal of slavery, from the Civil War and Reconstruction through the Jim Crow era and the Great Migration; from the civil rights and black nationalist movements through the age of hip-hop to the Joshua generation. By documenting and illuminating the sheer diversity of African American involvement in American history, society, politics, and culture, Dr. Gates bracingly disabuses us of the presumption of a single "black experience."

*Life Upon These Shores* is a book of major importance, a breathtaking tour de force of the historical imagination.

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Book Review

What Color is My World? The Lost History of African-American Inventors

by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Ray Obstfeld, illustrated by Ben Boos & A.G. Ford
c.2012, Candlewick Press \$17.99 / \$20.00 Canada 44 pages

By Terri Schlichenmeyer
The Truth Contributor

Yesterday, you were a famous singer.

People around the world wanted to hear your voice. Concerts were sold out everywhere and you signed so many autographs that you thought your fingers would break, but the best thing about it was performing on stage. Well, that, and when JLo called. That was pretty cool, too.

Of course, Mom always said you had a good imagination.

Maybe tomorrow, you can be a famous basketball star or, if you find What Color is My World? By Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Raymond Obstfeld, illustrated by Ben Boos & A.G. Ford, you can read a book by one.

Ella and Herbie were not

impressed with their new home.

Mama said to give it a chance. The place had potential, though it was dirty and kinda creepy. Things would change, Mama said, when Mr. Mital arrived. He was a handyman they'd met at church, and he'd help fix things up.

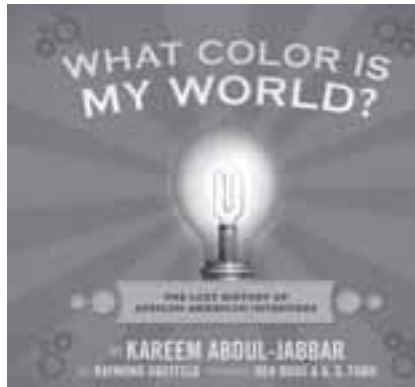
No doubt about it, Mr. Mital was a nice man, and he could sense that the twins were less than thrilled about their new home. He heard them grumble and grump, but he knew that Herbie and Ella were missing something important: this new house had history, and more.

Mr. Mital was a crafty one, and as he began telling the twins about things around their home, he was

also telling them about African-American inventors.

Take, for instance, light bulbs. Of course, the new house had them but without an African-American inventor's work, Thomas Edison's light bulb might not light. And while the twins knew about Edison, without the "Black Edison," communication might be different, too.

Herbie and Ella loved their computers, but without Dr. Mark Dean, those devices might not be quite as useful. Movies and video games wouldn't be the same without Dr. Valerie L. Thomas's work, and race car driving changed because of James E. West. The way we eat, play, live and stay safe might all be different without African



book definitely reflects that. With his co-author Raymond Obstfeld, Abdul-Jabbar tells the story of inventors who learned from their predecessors - both black and white - and refined common, everyday things to make them more widely useable.

In the process of this telling, the authors also mix in a little humor and trivia, a bit of mystery, and wonderful artwork by Ben Boos and A.G. Ford.

I liked the variety of this book, its interactive presentation, and the fact that imaginative children will find a lot to learn here. If your seven-to-11-year-old has a curious mind, in fact, then being without What Color is My World? will leave him blue.

Americans.

So who was this mysterious Mr. Mital, who knew so much? Ella and Herbie couldn't believe what they found out...

Got a kid with a variety of interests and a restless

taste in reading? Then grab this book, because What Color is My World will fill a lot of slots.

Author Kareem Abdul-Jabbar is a big proponent of "standing on the shoulders of giants," and this

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# Owens Findlay-area and Toledo-area Campuses Present A Conversation with Holocaust Survivor Irving Roth, Feb. 14

Special to The Truth



Area residents interested in receiving a firsthand account of the horrors of the Holocaust and anti-Semitism are invited to a free lecture featuring Holocaust Resource Temple of Judea of Manhasset Director and Holocaust survivor Irving Roth at Owens Community College's Findlay-area and Toledo-area Campuses on Tuesday, Feb. 14. Presented by the College's Office of Student

Activities and the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Roth's lecture presentation will occur at 11 a.m. in the Conference Center Room 111 on the Findlay-area Campus. A second lecture event will take place at 2 p.m. in the Center for Fine and Performing Arts Mainstage Theatre on the Toledo-area Campus. Owens' Findlay-area Campus is located on Bright Road in Findlay,

while the Toledo-area Campus is located on Oregon Road in Perrysburg Township. Admission to both events is free and the public is encouraged to attend.

Roth was born in Kosice, Czechoslovakia on Sept. 2, 1929 and arrived in New York City in 1947 via Auschwitz and Buchenwald concentration camps in Germany. The memories of his experience in the concentration camps has never faded as he devotes his time and efforts to educating people on the horrors of the Holocaust and the evils of prejudice and anti-Semitism.

Roth currently serves as the director of the Holocaust Resource Temple of Judea of Manhasset (Manhasset, N.Y.) and an adjunct professor at the University of Maine. He is a recognized speaker on

anti-Semitism and the Holocaust and is a frequent lecturer at colleges and universities in the United States, Canada and Europe. As a Holocaust survivor, Roth provides personal testimony on his experiences during World War II.

His honors include receiving the Spirit of Anne Frank Outstanding Citizen Award from The Anne Frank Center USA for promoting human rights, social justice and initiating the Adopt a Survivor Program, which has been instituted nationally and internationally in public and parochial high schools as well as in colleges and universities. Additionally, Roth has presented at such international conferences as the Yad Vashem in Jerusalem.

Roth edited and coordinated the publishing of the book titled *Adopt a Survivor - An Antidote to Holocaust Amnesia*. He and his

son, Rabbi Edward Roth, Ph.D., co-authored and published *Bondi's Brother*, a book about Roth's experiences before, during and after the Holocaust. They also published a *Holocaust Study Guide for Social Studies and Language Arts Teachers*, which encompasses a complete curriculum on the Holocaust and is taught in conjunction with "Bondi's Brother" in el-

ementary, middle and high schools as well as in colleges and universities. Roth obtained his bachelor's and master's degrees from Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn.

For additional information about the lecture presentations, call (567) 429-3029 or 1-800-GO-OWENS, Ext. 3029.



## UT to Host Debate on Citizens United Decision

Special to The Truth

In a 5-4 decision in January 2010, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that corporations, unions and other organizations have the same political speech rights as individuals under the First Amendment. The Citizens United ruling has left room for debate among many scholars and researchers that is already especially heated for a presidential election year.

The University of Toledo will host "Citizens United, Corporate Personhood and Democracy: Point/Counterpoint" from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8 in the Law Center Auditorium on UT's Main Campus.

The free, public debate will feature Bradley Smith, the Josiah H. Blackmore II/Shirley M. Nault Designated Professor of Law at Capital University Law School, and Greg Coleridge, director of the Northeast Ohio American Friends Service Committee and a Move to Amend Ohio committee member.

"Both sides of this debate are very passionate about their understanding of the ruling's significance," said Cynthia Ingham, Ph.D., UT assistant professor of history and Phi Alpha Theta adviser. "Some regard Citizens United as a victory for free speech, reversing a legislative and judicial trend to proscribe corporate involvement in elections. Others see the decision as a step backward for democracy because it is based on the principle that corporations are entitled to the same rights as persons."

The debate is sponsored by the UT Chapter of the Federalist Society, UT College of Law, Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society, and Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (Toledo).

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## BGSU Celebrates Black History Month

*Special to The Truth*

Bowling Green State University kicks off Black History Month with the Black Issues Conference and other events to celebrate aspects of African-American life.

The 13th annual Black Issues Conference, from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Feb. 11 in the Bowen-Thompson Student Union, will take as its theme "It's Not Just a Black Issue: Politics, Leadership, Civil Rights." The conference is co-sponsored by the Black Student Union and the Office of Multicultural Affairs and will include a keynote address by attorney Walter T. Madison, president of the Board of Trustees of the Akron Law Alumni Association, Foundation Board member of the Akron Bar Association, board member of the Akron Law Library Association and District Counselor for the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

The conference will offer three concurrent sessions, ending with a closing panel discussion. For more information about the day's events, call Chad Coates at 419-372-9645.

A Visions of Legacy Dinner, sponsored by HUE (Honoring, Urging and Empowering: Queer People of Color) will be held Saturday (Feb. 4) in McFall Center Gallery to celebrate LGBT African-Americans who serve as important contributors to the U.S. and the world. The dinner begins at 6 p.m., followed by the show at 7. Student tickets are \$5 in advance and \$10 at the door. Faculty tickets are \$15. Tickets will be sold from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. until Feb. 3 at the Student Union tables. For more information, contact Tiffany Smith at [tifsmi@falcon.bgsu.edu](mailto:tifsmi@falcon.bgsu.edu).

The Office of Residence Life and the SMART (Students of Color Mentoring, Aiding, Retaining and Teaching) Program will sponsor a Taste of February: A Cultural Journey from 6-8:30 p.m. on Feb. 16 in the Lenhart Grand Ballroom of the Union. Contact Ana Brown for more information at [acbrown@bgsu.edu](mailto:acbrown@bgsu.edu).

Sheila Brown, associate director of BGSU's Office for Multicultural Affairs, has been working with Bowling Green High School and Middle School to develop a number of activities throughout the month. These culminate with the third annual Bowling Green High School and Middle School Black History Month Program, at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. on Feb. 21 in the high school auditorium. The show will include the anthem "Lift Every Voice and Sing," a step routine, performance of an original song called "Preparing for Tomorrow," a short skit about Rosa Parks, a spiritual performed by The Shades of Brown and a short tribute to black athletes who broke the color barrier in professional sports.

For updates about the month's events, visit [www.bgsu.edu/blackhistorymonth](http://www.bgsu.edu/blackhistorymonth).

## Lourdes University celebrates African-American History Month

### Documentary, community concert, national read-in and Book discussion planned

Lourdes will host the following events in honor of the 2012 African-American History Month:

#### African American Read-In: February 15

Sponsored by the Black Caucus of National Council of Teachers of English, Lourdes University will be part of the 23rd national African American Read-In. Members of the community can choose from nearly 70 titles including fiction, non-fiction and poetry pieces such as "Nonviolent Resistance Must Remain a Civil Rights Principle" by Martin Luther King, Jr., "Dream Deferred" by Langston Hughes and "A Lesson Before Dying" by Ernest Gaines. Ebeid Student Center in the lower level of Delp Hall, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Free and open to the public.

#### Motown / Charles H. Wright Museum trip: February 18

Lourdes students will have an opportunity to visit the

Motown Museum and The Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History in Detroit, MI. Founded in 1985, the Motown Museum preserves the legacy of the Motown Record Corporation and culture through exhibitions and programs that promote the values of vision, creativity and entrepreneurship. The Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History is the world's largest institution dedicated to the African American experience. *Open to Lourdes community only.*

#### Lourdes University Celebration of Black History Month: February 29

The Lourdes University annual Celebration of Black History Month will feature guest speaker The Honorable Judge Myron Duhart as well as the musical performances by The Clarence Smith Community Chorus, directed by Clarence R. Smith, Jr., the Lourdes University Chorus

and Good Company Ensemble with Director Karen T. Biscay and Accompanist Olga Topuzova-Meade and area high school choirs. 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Franciscan Center. Call 419-824-3825 for more information. Free and open to the public.

#### Growing Up Black in White - Book Discussion with Author: March 1

Lourdes University will host a book discussion with author Kevin Hofmann. His book *Growing Up Black in White* addresses the issue of racial diversity and shares Hofmann's first-hand account of being raised in a diverse household. Born to a white mother and black father in Detroit in 1967, only weeks before the race riots that brought a major city to its knees, the author was taken to a foster home and then adopted by a white minister and his wife. In this fascinating memoir, Hofmann reveals the difficulties and joys of

being part of this family, particularly during a time and in a location where acceptance was tentative and emotions regarding race ran high and hot. 2 p.m. in the Den at Lourdes Commons. Free and open to the public—but please RSVP to [tcobler@lourdes.edu](mailto:tcobler@lourdes.edu) or [msmith2@lourdes.edu](mailto:msmith2@lourdes.edu) prior to the discussion.

*I Have a Dream* Theater Vision presentation: March 5

The phenomenal impact of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., is chronicled in this compelling dramatization of the life and times of one of the most influential and charismatic leaders of the "American Century." Students will be inspired by the story of this great leader's struggle and his dream of lifting "our nation from the quicksand of racial injustice to the solid rock of brotherhood." \$8 per person. 10 a.m. in the Franciscan Center.

## 22nd Annual "Evening with Toledo Symphony" honoring Black History Month at St. Martin de Porres Church

*Special to The Truth*

Wil Clay, artist and illustrator, and Michael Youngblood, former director of the Office of Black Catholic Ministries for the Catholic Diocese of Toledo, will be honored, posthumously, when St. Martin de Porres Parish, the Toledo Diocese and The Toledo Symphony partner for the 22nd Annual Neighborhood Concert in honor of Black History Month.

The concert, held at the Church, 1119 W. Bancroft Street, will begin at 5:00 pm Sunday, Feb. 26th. The Central Catholic High School

Gospel Choir, under the direction of Derrick Hammon, will be featured in the singing of "Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing," the African-American Anthem.

Clay and Youngblood will be honored with the Katharine Drexel Award. Katharine Drexel, born and raised in Philadelphia, devoted her life and fortune to the Indian and African-American missions. She was noted for her educational effort. During her lifetime, approximately 60 schools were opened by her congregation.

The most famous foundation was made in 1915; it was

Xavier University, New Orleans, the first such institution for black people in the United States. Those who receive the Katharine Drexel Award are recognized for their work as educators.

This annual concert features compositions which reflect the contributions of African Americans to the classical music repertoire. Jeffery Pollock, resident conductor of the orchestra, and Merwin Sui, artistic director, have chosen a program which highlights the theme, "Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing." One of the featured compositions is: "John Brown's Body" by

Puts, with Symphony member Robert Clemens as narrator.

The Scherzo movement of the "Afro-American Symphony" by Still will begin the second half of the program. Selections from Porgy and Bess, "A Salute to Ray Charles" and "Oh Happy Day," will round out an exciting and inspirational evening.

For more information or for tickets for the concert can be purchased by calling St. Martin de Porres Parish, 419-241-4544, during regular business hours.

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## The Internet, the Idea of On Line Piracy and What It Means To You

By Michael Hayes  
Minister of Culture



There you are, logged on to Facebook ... killing time.

All of a sudden, you get the urge to hear "The Only Exception" by Paramore since you haven't heard it in a year. You open a separate browser tab or application, gotoyoutube and now you're enjoying some music.

Since you're so polite and thoughtful, you see no reason why your 2,000 Facebook friends should be deprived of feeling as good as this song has you feeling so you click the "SHARE" button allowing you to now send the youtube clip through the Facebook timeline. Within days, federal authorities contact you.

You have just violated laws you didn't even know about.

Atlantic Records/WMG is the company behind the com-

pany Paramore is signed to and they consider you "share" content warfare.

Because you let 2,000 people here this song for free, a case can be made that you have negatively impacted the label from profiting off a product it spent tons of money to create.

Quite the ghastly situation, isn't it?

Well this isn't reality.

Yet.

But it came close just a few weeks back when Republican-backed legislation in the U.S. Congress threatened to change the Internet as we know it.

S.O.P.A. (Stop Online Piracy Act) and P.I.P.A. (Protect I.P. Act) were defeated before they could become law.

Public outcry, digital protest from Internet giants like Wikipedia and Google along with President Obama himself denouncing the legislation all helped to keep our Internet experience the way we've grown accustomed to having it.

But I have a feeling this fight is just beginning.

IT'S LIKE JUNGLE SOMETIMES...

The Internet is something like international waters.

There's some loosely de-

finied, universal rules that keep it from becoming completely chaotic. But for the most part, anything goes. It's a jungle, but safe passage is possible with just the slightest use of common sense.

Child predators, racist extremist groups and virus riddled spam emails are just a few of what I personally feel are serious on line threats the government should be handling.

But instead of better protecting us against those kinds of things, Republicans in Congress are focusing on the part of the Internet wilderness that robs multi-million dollar companies of slightly wider profit margins.

Lobbyists from the television, film and music industries have influenced politicians to pass laws that will better regulate the Internet and stop them from losing money.

It's about content.

The Internet right now is a beautiful place if you love entertainment.

There's a zillion ways to occupy whatever song, video, movie, or random piece of media your heart desires.

There is a Heineken commercial with this kooky Asian retro rock song that I just can't get enough of and

through a few Internet searches I know now that song as "Jaun Pehechaan Ho" and I've watched the original movie scene where it appears at least 100 times.

But each time you access your favorite media without going through the company's portals who produced that media (or without being charged by that company), then mega corporations with endless piles of content can claim you have unfairly ex-

ploited the intellectual property they have rights to.

I'm sure you have seen a youtube clip there one day and gone the next, or sped up or slowed down or even with the sound completely gone...that's what this is all about.

I think the world wide web is the best innovation humanity has come up with since

the automobile. Yes, there is piracy that goes on.

Whoever you get your bootleg DVD's from, they are guilty of piracy.

If you have ever downloaded a song by a major artist and it wasn't free, you are guilty of piracy. Software can be pirated, media can be pirated, video games.. and more.

The question is, are these companies really losing as much money as they claim?

In the case of the music industry, YES!

But they have been beaten up by the Internet so often they have found ways to make it work.

The film industry, however... has had two record-breaking years in the past decade in terms of profit. Cash is pouring into Hollywood now just as regularly

as it always has.

There are websites based offshore somewhere that will allow you to watch or even download every single movie currently at the cinema.

I agree that perhaps it should be regulated, but honestly... Hollywood isn't going broke over it.

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DOUBLESTANDARD?

Now for those of us who are content creators ourselves, is it a double standard that we are using the Internet to promote our own music and art that we hope to make a living from while pirating the music and art of others?

Good question, right? Stay tuned for part two of this feature article coming soon.

Also... if you are on Facebook.. search me: Michael Mercury Hayes.

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## School-Community Partnership Specialist

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## Notice to Bidders: Inquiry # FY12-081,

(Project # 0035-12-658) for Law Center Auditorium Renovation 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, February 28, 2012. 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 419-384-5303 for an ap-pointment to pick up bid package. A cost of \$40.00 will be charged per set. Any further information may be obtained from Mike Rowe of Buehrer Group Arch. & Eng. Inc. at 419-893-9021. One Pre-Bid Confer-ence will be held on Tuesday, February 21, 2012 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: \$257,000.00; Breakdown: Gen-eral Const: \$170,000.00 & Electrical: \$87,000.00.



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(Project # 0018-12-782) for Carter Hall - New Sprinkler System 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, February 28, 2012. 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 Becker Impressions, 4646 Angola Road, Toledo, Ohio 43615. Call 418-385-5303 for an ap-pointment to pick up bid package. A cost of \$45.00 will be charged per set. Any further information may be obtained from David Desjardins of JDRM Engineering at 419-824-2400. One Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Tuesday, February 21, 2012 at 11:00 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: \$500,000.00; Breakdown: Fire Protection: \$400,000.00; & Electrical: \$100,000.00.

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The Alpha Xi Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. hosted its 20<sup>th</sup> annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Breakfast on January 14 at Central Park West – raising monies for its scholarship fund and honoring a respected member of the community.

The annual event – designed to commemorate the life and legacy of Dr. King, is one of two major fundraisers held annually by the local chapter and generates support for scholarships to college-bound students.

This year, the fraternity recognized Johnnie Early, II, Ph.D., with its “Drum Major Award.”

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