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KAPTUR OF TOLEDO



VS.



U.S. REP. DENNIS KUCINICH
OF CLEVELAND ...

... FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP OF
THE 9TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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Seeing With Our Own Eyes

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



When you control a man's thinking you do not have to worry about his actions. You do not have to tell him not to stand here or go yonder. He will find his 'proper place' and will stay in it.

**Carter G. Woodson,
The MIS-Education of the Negro**

The month of February having come to an end, the black relics of Martin Luther King Jr., Booker T. Washington, George Washington Carver and others on the traditional list of "elite Negroes who have made contributions to the American mainstream" will be closeted to collect dust for another year.

Of course, far from an exercise in compiling a list of "exceptional Negroes" who have received white credibility or recognition, black history observance originally was the culmination of a year-long analysis to inform us as to our landscape and political and economic status.

At the close of this year's black history observance, the challenge now, as when Negro History Week was established under Carter G. Woodson's direction in 1926, is the intellectual battle which revolves around historical black core values and the struggle to conceptualize reality.

Historian Lerone Bennett has suggested that the contemporary African-American community needs to develop a new frame of reference, one which transcends the limited Euro-centered conceptualization of reality that has been dominated by the majority population.

Bennett and others believe that there can be "no more desperate and dangerous task than...trying to see with our own eyes."

Here are a few perspectives from our own eyes:

The Legitimacy of Black Leadership:

Mainstream folk who do things their own way, buck the system and play by their own rules become celebrated folk heroes, while innovative black leaders - who think outside the box, can expect to be vilified, called names or branded as outlaws in various power plays designed to keep them in their place.

Is the media charge of failing to perform due diligence leveled at Mayor Mike Bell in his Marina District development deal with Chinese investors a legitimate one?

Bell's leadership style is a reflection of the dual metaphor of "captaincy of a sporting team and captaincy as a military rank." Captains assess risk but tend to refuse to see choices as an opportunity for failure. These leaders evaluate the options (in this case there were no capable domestic investors with a financial appetite for the deal) and rather than sit around "waiting to exhale," decide on a course of action and do not look back.

I see Bell and others who own up to their responsibility to make decisions and are willing to accept the consequences, as an indication of good leadership rather than the lack of transparency.

The Need for Self-Determination :

Recently, a comprehensive and coordinated commitment to early childhood education was legislatively mandated where the effort to appropriately educate the masses of African Americans had been lacking for centuries.

Why are certain segments of the African-American community angry rather than excited?

The answer is that current events in Toledo indicate diminishing opportunities for blacks to determine and act in their own collective enlightened self-interests. Self-determination, rather than being defined or spoken for by others, is a treasured African-American value.

Therefore it is paramount for blacks to have the ability to control or heavily influence the processes by which their children are educated and socialized, particularly when our youth are being informally socialized through television, videos and advertising and formally by what some have termed "miseducation" and "diseducation."

Miseducation, according to scholar Alan Colon, has to do with "redirecting the worldview and behavior of a group of people away from identification with their own historical memory and the cultural self-awareness which fosters their development and well-being." These are replaced with an alien and dysfunctional historical and cultural reference point that is not of their own.

Diseducation has to do with receiving unequal educational resource allocations and access to quality education.

Commonality/Inter-Dependency:

Everyone seems to have an opinion of the black church and these thoughts are almost unanimously negative.

However, as my colleague Lafe Tolliver indicated last week, the nation's 65,000 African American churches are the most valuable institutional assets existing in the black community.

The black church, realizing that we are all in the same boat, is the one organization that bridges the poor into a broader world beyond their poverty and is a venue where poor children are likely to interact with successful people who provide for them a model of the way out of poverty.

Finally, not only are many churches helping to provide youth with safety nets and the skills for improving their lives, but the black church's specialty lies in offering people hope.

Criticize or ridicule the church if you must. But "what people cannot survive without, is the hope that things can and will get better, and the hope that there is a way out."

These are the lessons of black history that one should never forget.

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Community Calendar

March 2-3

Phillips Temple CME Church Ribs and Wings Dinner: 10 am to 5 pm; Pre-Women's Day Event: 419-242-7906

March 3

Rossford First Baptist Church 13th Annual Scholarship Program: 6 pm; Guest speaker Rev. Darian Banks: 419-531-0291

Natural Hair Style Clinic: 12:30 to 2:30 pm; Kent Branch Library; Sponsored by Kitchen Salon and the Toledo Lucas County Public Library: 419-810-5996

March 4

The Movement Church Clothing Closet: 12:13 pm to 1:15 pm; Clothing of all sizes for men, women and children: 419-322-1889

Maturing Young Men 1st Annual Teen Night of Elegance: Our Brother's Place; 5 to 10 pm; For teens 12-18 years: 419-215-9243

March 4-12

23rd Annual Black Church Week of Prayer for the Healing of HIV/AIDS: Indiana Avenue MBC; Services start sat 10:45 am: 419-213-4131

March 10

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority inc Annual Sigma Youth Symposium: 10 am to 2 pm; Frederick Douglass Community Association; Internet safety, healthy living and STEM: 419-345-4486

March 11

Calvary MBC's 23rd Pastoral Anniversary Services: 4 pm; Guests Rev. Melvin Barnes and True Vine

March 18

The Movement Church Clothing Closet: 12:13 pm to 1:15 pm; Clothing of all sizes for men, women and children: 419-322-1889

New Prospect Church Annual Pew Rally: 4 pm; Guests are Canaan Baptist Church

Calvary MBC 23rd Pastoral Anniversary Services: 4 pm; Guests Bishop Tisdale and Friendship

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

March 25

Calvary MBC's 23rd Pastoral Anniversary Services: 4 pm; Guests are Bishop Jones and Agape Love Ministries of Sandusky

April 22

Cookoff Kickoff: 2 to 5 pm; Gesu Sullivan Center: 419-320-4157 or ayeshas03@yahoo.com

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Vote for Issue 1 – The Levy to Maintain Basic Services

By Wilma Brown
Former President, Toledo City Council



This March a primary election will be held that will impact our community in many ways. It an opportunity for Democrats to reaffirm their support for President Obama. While he is unopposed in the presidential primary, it is still important to cast a ballot symbolizing our support for the nation's first black president and the policies he has passed to advance our entire nation

His re-election will mean four more years of progress for the middle class and greater opportunity for the economically disadvantaged members of society.

The second issue does not have a place on the national stage, but is nonetheless important closer to home. It is the renewal of the Toledo's ¾ percent levy. This income tax has been renewed by voters in our community since it first passed in 1982 and is important today as it was then.

Like all of us, the city is feeling the strain of the economy. At city hall they have made cuts, frozen salaries and worked to maintain the services that we all need. Taxes and fees have not been raised because our elected leaders know that we cannot afford increases.

This levy provides basic services for the city and will ensure a \$28 million capital investment in streets in 2012 with another \$31 million in 2013. But just as importantly, it also help us to afford quality of life services that our community enjoys.

Issue 1 will provide continued funding to hire more police officers and firefighters to keep our community safe. After several years of hiring no new safety officers, our community is seeing the effects of low manpower. The Bell administration and City Council have worked to resume hiring of new officers for the last two years, and a class of 40 police officers and 30 firefighters is planned for later this year.

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The Case for Renewing ¾ Percent

By George Sarantou
Toledo City Councilman
Chairman of HR, IT & Finance



In 1983 Toledo voters passed the first ¾ percent income tax. Back then the City of Toledo employed 2963 people. The unemployment rate was 10.6 percent. The population was 354,635 and the city was comprised of 84 square miles. The ¾ percent brought in

\$16,500,000 and the total 2 ¼ percent paid for police, fire, refuse and most other general fund departments.

Fast forward to 2012, the City of Toledo employs 167 fewer employees than they did in 1983. The unemployment rate is 8.7 percent for 2012. The population is 287,208 and the city is still comprised of 84 square miles. The ¾ percent brings in \$51,500,000 and does not quite pay for the fire department which has a budget of \$60.2 million. The police budget for 2012 is \$73.4 million.

Non-employed seniors did not pay the ¾ percent tax then and still do not today. It is not paid on property tax, pensions, social security, dividends, interest, annuities

or capital gains. The ¾ percent is paid on earned income only.

This means over 55 percent of Toledo does not pay income tax.

The 2 ¼ percent income tax rate has not increased since 1983. Most other levies have sought increases; schools, library and the zoo have all increased their millage requests over the years and Toledo has remained constant.

The City Council, along with the administration, has made public safety a priority. Therefore, though there have been cutbacks in general fund jobs due to the loss of solid waste and retirements, upcoming classes are being formed to make sure

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And What About Whitney...?

By Lafe Tolliver, Esq
Guest Column



Usually I do not answer a single letter from readers regarding pop culture icons or similar issues and the reason is that I simply do not care about the latest fad or craze that emanates from Hollywood or is seen on BET or MTV.

I do not follow the latest utterances from rappers nor do I listen to scintillating conversations from guests on Oprah's shows or follow the latest scandal regarding who was found in whose bed or who was found coming out of a swanky Beverly Hills restaurant plastered to the gills.

No. To me that is brain garbage and it has no lasting protein or nutrients and does not have any lasting value or importance.

So. When the following question was posed to me, rather than make a biting and swift answer, I gave it some thought with the hopes that the answer will be provocative and informative and will lead the reader to do their own study or research:

Question: Did you watch the funeral of Whitney and what did you think of it?

Wasn't it a shame for her to die so young with so much talent? I am sure she is singing in heaven.

Regina...

Answer: Hi Regina. Thanks for the question. Allow me to give you a long answer to your short questions because I believe that if you want to know the essence of my answer, you need to know how I approach the subject matter of your question.

I saw bits and pieces of the Whitney funeral proceedings on CNN (and also via Piers Morgan's program). I saw T.D. Jakes and Jesse

Jackson on the podium along with Tyler Perry and heard some of the comments of Rev. Kim Burrell and the actor Kevin Costner.

I understand grief and everyone's right to display grief as they see fit and that my reaction and response to grief may be and is different from your response to the same grief inducing scenario.

My qualm and concern is that we as a country have elevated rock stars, movie stars, rich people and a various assortment of other people who are described as celebrities to an unwarranted level of worship and morbid adoration.

It seems that they can do no wrong and if and when they do wrong, we quickly shove it aside and allow them to continue in their deleterious conduct as if it does or did not matter.

It was a nice funeral insofar as family, friends and relatives coming together to give their final remarks and to pay homage to a gifted vocalist. A vocalist who (as many in the black tradition) had been trained and "raised in the church" and who earned her chops in a church choir but later took that gift and talent to the secular world and made a fortune.

It is always a shame when

the young die young. We cannot control the date of our demise but we can do those things that can, in many cases, slow that demise. Partaking of drug usage, binge drinking, overeating and other destructive habits of the flesh can take a negative toll on the body and mind and spirit.

When those excesses are not curtailed or treated, bad things can happen including death.

Death is an equal opportunity employer. It does not care who your parents are, what zip code you live in, what degrees you earned, how fat is your bank account or who do you know in the

"in crowd".

Death comes with its proverbial pointy and bony index finger, singles you out, calls you by name; and you take your final bow and exit right off the stage of life and await the future judgment that is promised by God.

A funeral is not the final step or stage in the life journey. A funeral is only a temporary staging arena that is for the benefit of the living. Any funeral, be it Whitney's or a king or a queen or a despot or a madman is quite the same.

Someone gathers the remains or the corpse and pre-

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FOURTH IN A SERIES: JIM

Letters from the Heart

Their grief counselors helped me cope.

When my wife, Joan, died, my reaction was overwhelming. Pain I couldn't imagine. Emotions I hadn't experienced before. After searching for help, only one place had everything I needed – Hospice of Northwest Ohio and their bereavement programs. I was in groups with people who felt like I did, led by trained professionals who knew where we had been and where we were going. I was amazed at how effective these programs are.

Jim, 2007

For 30 years, families have been writing to Hospice of Northwest Ohio to express their thanks for support before, during and after the loss of a loved one. Our bereavement programs help each person work through grief in a way that's right for them.

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Kaptur vs. Kucinich: Heavyweight Battle Leaves Democratic Party Bloodied and Bowed

By Fletcher Word
Sojourner's Truth Editor

As two Democratic congressional heavyweights square off in next week's Ohio primary, at least one aspect of the outcome is clear - Ohio Republicans will have had their way in their effort to eliminate a key opposition voice in the United States Congress.

As a result of Republicans regaining control of the General Assembly and a U.S. Census that resulted in Ohio losing two congressional seats, 15-term Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur of Toledo and eight-term Congressman Dennis Kucinich of Cleveland are vying to represent the newly-drawn 9th Congressional District which encompasses parts of the two veteran legislators' former districts.

Kaptur's district retains part of Toledo, Kucinich's retains part of Cleveland in a district that runs along the coastline of Lake Erie. They face off in Lorain County which was part of neither's former district.

Kaptur has the cash. She entered the final several weeks with almost twice as much money in her campaign treasure chest than Kucinich.

Kucinich has the flash. The former mayor of Cleveland at the ripe age of 29 in the late 1970's, Kucinich's

campaigns for president in 2004 and 2008 certainly raised his national political profile.

Both candidates are on the liberal wings of their party. At least Kaptur would be considered a member of the liberal wing; Kucinich might be considered so far

powerful committee and subcommittee. A true workhorse, she has earned the endorsement of most of the new district's daily newspapers including that of the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Kaptur's efforts in the House of Representatives tends to be more focused

war, against drilling, for the Dream Act (allowing children of undocumented workers the right to remain in the country), for a single payer universal health care system.

The challenges each face in their new district may have more a wider gap than

their few policy differences.

Kaptur has never had much of a profile outside of her district. She has always won re-election easily and has been a huge fund raiser within the bounds of the 9th Congressional District. For the most part, her competi-

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battle with the banks left him wounded and out in the cold until he won election to Congress in the late 1990's. Two quixotic cam-

to the left that he could be off the grid.

Kaptur is the most senior woman in Congress and has served on a host of

on her district and what works for her own constituents whereas Kucinich is often a spokesman for more national issues - against

Vote for Issue 1

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Issue 1 will help to maintain recreation programs for our children. This year the city has made it a priority to ensure that recreation programs are funded and that central city pools are repaired and opened so our kids have activities during the summer when school is out of session. Roosevelt pool will be repaired and opened for the first time in several years.

Finally, Issue 1 will help to provide ongoing funding to maintain operations at many senior centers in our community. These centers are a place of meeting for our community elders. They serve as cooling centers on the hottest days of summer and as lunch sites for the senior nutrition program.

Each of these programs is reliant on the 3/4 percent levy in order to continue. Our community has depended on this revenue for 30 years. To lose it would be detrimental to the services we depend on and the programs we enjoy. They contribute to our quality of life and help to attract jobs to the area.

Advertisement for Ohio Lottery Pick 3 Red Ball. Features the text 'FIND SOME RED' with a magnifying glass over the word 'RED', the slogan 'Win more green.', and details about the Red Ball prize: 'Red Ball can increase your Pick 3 winnings by nearly 20% and will appear at least once every 7 draws.' The promotion runs from January 29 to March 3, 2012. Includes the Pick 3 Red Ball logo and the Ohio Lottery logo.

Kaptur vs. Kucinich

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tors for the congressional seat have put forth lackluster efforts in an attempt to unseat her.

Kucinich, with his national profile, on the other hand, has had a much more difficult time winning reelection. His national ambitions have often led to more than a little disgruntle-

ment among his constituents. In recent years, he has reportedly investigated the possibility of leaving the state of Ohio and relocating to Washington state with an eye to running for Congress there.

While Kaptur has more money and has been spending it liberally in the Cleve-

land area, the Kucinich campaign has been remarkably low-key in Toledo both in organization and in spending, perhaps in an effort to rely more on his national name. His advantage would rest in that national profile in those areas such as Toledo and Lorain County where he has not



offended by his wanderlust.

The Plain Dealer summed up its endorsement by praising Kaptur's ability to assemble coalitions and bringing together business, labor, university and government official to work together on common goals — an ability the editors say that Kucinich lacks.



Renewing The 3/4 Percent

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public safety can keep in step and properly protect the citizens.

Currently we have a police class that will graduate 40 officers this May. A fire class of 30 will begin this December. Additionally, another police class of 40 will begin this September. These classes will help us to increase our vital safety forces. However we need additional police and fire classes in 2013 due to many upcoming retirements.

In the general fund only, employees in the city of Toledo are now 1596, in 2002 it was 2126, and this is a reduction of 530 employees. Public safety comprises 1,351 general fund employ-

ees or 85 percent of the general fund employees. That means the other 25 departments including human resources, building inspection, finance, council, economic development, parks and taxation operates on 15 percent of the general fund budget. In all 25 departments there are only 245 employees; this for a population of 287,208.

On March 6, voters of Toledo will decide whether their mayor and council have been effective stewards of the treasury during the greatest recession since the depression. We have not raised the income tax rate and we have reduced our employees significantly. Today, Toledo has 9.1 employees per 1000

people compared to Akron, (10.4) Columbus Dayton (14.1) (10.6) Cincinnati (17.4) Cleveland (21.8). Our bond ratings have held steady and Moody's and Standard and Poors have upgraded Toledo from a negative outlook to stable.

These are historically very challenging economic times but Toledo is much stronger today and our economic future is improving. Jeep, Power Train, Hollywood Casino and The University of Toledo and many other businesses are leading our growth. With your support of the renewal of the 3/4 percent we can continue to make Toledo a great place to live, work and raise a family.

Ruby's Daily Features

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TPS Administration Announces Transformation Plan Progress ... and Challenges

By Fletcher Word
Sojourner's Truth Editor

The transformation plan implemented this academic year by Toledo Public Schools has been a success, said TPS officials during a news conference last week at Hawkins Elementary School.

The key piece in the transformation plan, the elimination of middle schools and the move to K-8 elementary schools, displaced about 3,500 students and moved about 300 teachers and almost 100 administrators into new grade levels or new positions.

"Normally [such changes] are done over a three-to-five-year window," said TPS Chief Academic Officer Jim Gault. "We did it in several months. There are some growing pains."

First, however, the administration outlined what it feels are successes thus far that can be attributed to the transformation plan.

Parent-teacher confer-



(l. to r.): School board member Larry Sykes; TPS Chief Academic Officer Jim Gault; TPS Asst. Super. Romules Durant; TAAP President Don Yates; Board member Bob Vasquez, with Chloe Johnson.

ences are up from 75 to 85 percent, said Gault. "As we went to neighborhood schools, parents started becoming more involved as opposed to the previous

model."

School officials also noted that there has been a decline in discipline rates – down 36 percent – and a decline in the number of days students have

lost due to disciplinary measures – down 40 percent; Almost 500 students are enrolled in early high school options – seventh and eighth graders taking advanced

classes. Programs that focus on enhancing reading and math skill among lower grades saw increased enrollment and reaped benefits on test scores.

Among the challenges still looming, according to Gault, are introducing social/community programs for seventh and eighth graders and expanding mentoring programs of younger students by the older ones in the K-8 format.

There were a number of programs that the TPS officials proposed last year that have yet to be implemented but are still considered to be future possibilities including an international baccalaureate at Start High School, an international school, a boarding school, thematic high schools and the establishing of the STEMM (science, technology, engineering, math and medicine) program at Toledo Early College High School and the Toledo Tech-

nology Academy.

Meanwhile the administration is looking in the possibility of initiating a breakfast program for all students regardless of family status, recruiting TPS volunteers to do the Read for Literacy program and placing administrators in on-line staff positions in order for those at the top to see what employees are facing on a day-by-day basis.

TPS will be holding a round of community meetings to take the transformation message into the neighborhoods.

The meetings will take place at Bowsler High School on Wednesday, February 29, at Birmingham Elementary on Thursday, March 1 and at Woodward High School of Tuesday, March 6. All meetings begin at 5:30 p.m.

Chloe Johnson: Third Grader at Glenwood Elementary Is Perfect

Sojourner's Truth Staff



Each October the State of Ohio tests third graders in reading as part of the Ohio Achievement Tests. Of the 1,728 third graders tested in Toledo Public Schools this past fall, one earned a perfect score – Chloe Johnson of Glenwood Elementary School.

The numbers for TPS third graders are pretty dismal. Only 39.1 percent of third graders were found to be proficient or above and only 8.2 percent were found to be advanced for their grade level.

The above-proficiency number is by far the lowest of the Lucas County school districts, the next lowest being Washington Local Schools with a 56.9 percent. Ottawa Hills third grade cohort tested at a 93.3 proficiency number.

The reading test is comprised of 49 questions – 29 are multiple choice and 20 require short answers.

Senator Brown Announces Funding for Housing Assistance

Funding will help elderly and low income homeowners

Special to The Truth

State Senator Edna Brown (D-Toledo) announced this week that the state Controlling Board released more than \$600,000 in Housing Trust Funds to Housing Assistance Grant Programs in Northwest Ohio. The funds will be split between Neighborhood Housing Services of Toledo and the Area Office on Aging of Northwestern Ohio.

"I am so pleased that two of the agencies that do an outstanding job to serve our most vulnerable populations in Northwestern Ohio have been awarded housing assistance funds from the Housing Trust Fund," said Senator Brown. "Providing the best quality of life possible for all of our citizens enhances life for the entire community."

With their \$253,000 in funding, Neighborhood Housing Services of Toledo will provide emergency home repairs and handicapped accessibility modifications for homeowners at or below 50 percent of the area median income. While the Office of Aging will use a \$350,000 award to provide home repairs to homeowners age 60 and older. Both programs will serve a combined 221 people.

The Controlling Board provides legislative oversight over certain capital and operating expenditures by state agencies and has approval authority over various other state fiscal activities.

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Boys Booked on Barber Shops: Local Organizations and Barbershop Partner to Encourage a Love for Reading

Special to The Truth

For the seventh year, boys, ages six through 12, attended a "Read-In" at Blendz Barbershop on February 27, 2012. Usually boys think of going to a barbershop to get a haircut but not to read books. Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc, Toledo Chapter; Ruth Court #6, PHA, Heroines of Jericho; the Toledo Chapter of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc, and Blendz Barbershop joined in a community partnership to promote the importance of literacy and a love for reading in a creative way. This is also an internal partnership with the Top Ladies Literacy Committee and the Top Teens of America.

Boys in attendance were allowed to browse the many books available for their selection and choose the ones they liked. Tips for "Making Reading Fun: Activities to Promote Reading" were presented followed by some reading games.

They were then encouraged to sit and read with the adults present from Top Ladies, Ruth Court #6, the To-



ledo Club of the NANBPWC, Inc and the barbershop.

At the end of the event, they were allowed to take several books home for their reading enjoyment and a

sheet describing "Ten Facts Parents Should Know About Reading" and "Activities to Promote Reading."

In addition to the free books donated by Top La-

dies, Ruth Court and the Friends of the Toledo Lucas County Public Library, the

boys were treated to pizza provided by the barbershop, school supplies from the To-

ledo Club of the NANBPWC, Inc and a beverage and cookies provided by Ruth Court #6.

Blendz Barbershop is owned by Kyle McGhee who was so kind as to open his facility to the groups for the event.

Mary McKinley-Reed is president of the Toledo Chapter of Top Ladies. Barbara Tucker and Clara Petty are chairmen of the Community Partnership Committee. Denise Black-Poon is the literacy chairman. Members of the committee include: Edith Gholston, Delores Bates, Denise Cardwell, JoEllen Howard, Muriel Webb Williams, Wanda Terrell and Equilla Roach.

Mary Wilkins, Most Ancient Matron, represented Ruth Court #6. Also present were Ruth Court members: Charlesena Smith, Delores Bates, Clara Brank and Jamesetta Royster.

The partnership to promote Boys Booked on Barbershops has been active for the past five years.

And What About Whitney...?

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pires it so that it can remain intact for a few more days while the mourners are notified and they gather together to share and reminisce and say their farewells to the recently departed.

Some funerals are sparsely attended and some, like Whitney's, are massive in numbers and they are replete with "big name celebrities" or "famous" clergy types who apparently lend an air that ostensibly says that God is in the place. Maybe yes...maybe no.

Regina...a few words about God.

You probably heard at the funeral when Kevin Costner and Rev. Kim Burrell, among others, did with great confidence and authority place Whitney in heaven and have her singing before God.

Regina, be very careful at any funeral when anyone tries to preach, shout or shoe horn someone into God's heaven. They may be totally clueless about that person's spiritual standing before God or they may not even know what God requires about gaining entry into his heaven.

Everyone who says "God" or "Jesus" does not necessarily know God or his son

Jesus. Sometimes, it is just a good word to say at funerals when you do not know

what else to say about the deceased.

Oh sure, you can as Kevin Costner did (as others did also) speak in such a way that you could believe that Whitney is in heaven and all is well and for those who mourn without hope, such words are comforting but they can be eternally misleading.

Why? God knows those who are his and the plan of salvation by which one enters a right relationship with God is many times lost on those whose lives have been lived apart from the Jesus of the Bible or who have not submitted to the Jesus of the scriptures.

Regardless of the voice par excellence of Whitney or the singing and dancing performance of a Michael Jackson or the playing of a Ray Charles or a Louis Armstrong or the life of a Mother Theresa, if a person's life does not match up to what is stated in the Word of God, be very, very careful about putting that person in heaven simply because you think that according to your standards, they belong there.

You may want to because you enjoyed that person's talents or gifts. You may want to because in your estimation that person gave of their life and worldly goods to the poor and as such they have

"earned" the favor of God and thus deserve to be in heaven.

Not so. Nobody earns or is entitled to heaven because of who they are or what they have done. And this is regardless of what a Jesse Jackson or a T.D. Jakes may say about a person. Neither a T.D. Jakes, Jesse Jackson, Rev. Kim Burrell or anyone else has the power or authority to tell God whom to allow into his heaven.

God's ways are not our ways and His thoughts are not our thoughts. His entry requirements to heaven are very narrow but can be found by anyone who is willing to follow God's plan of salvation, which is found only in Jesus the Christ.

So, Regina, it matters not if you win the whole world and enjoy its acclaim and you dine on its choicest morsels of success and fame and fortune, because all of those attainments amount to an odoriferous dung hill if you lose your own soul.

I know that I took the long bus tour to answer your question but if I did not, simply drop me a line and I will try to do a better job.

Contact Lafe Tolliver at tolliver@juno.com

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Democrat Phil Copeland, a candidate for Lucas County Recorder, was endorsed recently by three of Lucas County's most prominent elected officials: former Mayor Jack Ford, State Senator Edna Brown and State Representative Michael Ashford.

The three officials are endorsing Copeland in recognition of his many years of service to the community. He has served not only as a member of Toledo City Council, but also as a lifelong leader in organized labor at Laborers Local 500, where today he is secretary-treasurer.

Paid for by the Phil Copeland Committee, Karen Poore, Treasurer
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Toledo Jack and Jill's Annual Cabaret - "Jean Jam III"

Special to The Truth



The Toledo Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc., hosted its third annual cabaret: "Jean Jam III" on February 17. This 2012 event coincided with the Toledo

Chapter's 60th Anniversary, which added a celebratory feel to an already notoriously fun dance.

The gathering sold out for its third year in a row,

with over 400 in attendance, thus living up to its reputation as the "party of the year" and "one you don't want to miss."

Guests enjoyed the

ambiance at St. Clements Hall, decorated to commemorate

the organization's history, including an ice sculpture by Ice Creations of Napoleon displaying Jack and Jill's signature colors of pink and blue in celebration of the Toledo Chapter's 60th Anniversary. Members also invited guests to partake in a champagne toast, offered by State Representative Michael Ashford and cake was served.

Guests wearing a variety of jeans and denim attire, danced the night away to old school tunes by crowd favorite, DJ JRoc, who encouraged a memorable Soul Train line, hustles, and tributes to the late Don Cornelius and Whitney Houston.

Jean Jam Chairman



Guest Kerry Emery and Club member Rhonda Sewell

Bonita Johnson and her committee took care to make guests feel welcome, even providing a

parting gift of bottled water, emblazoned with the Jack and Jill of America logo. (Continued on Page 9)

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Jean Jam III Planning Committee



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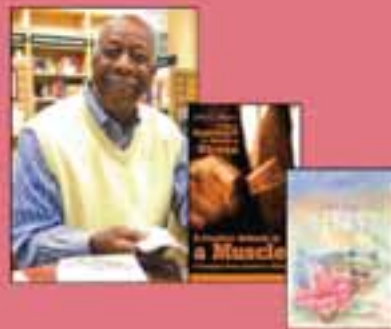
idea of bringing together children in a social and cultural environment.

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elected president of the American Institute of Architects - New York Chapter.

Proceeds from the Jean Jam support the Jack and Jill of America Foundation, a humanitarian branch of the national organization. Jack and Jill of America, Inc., is the oldest and largest family organization in America with a membership of over 9,500 families, providing cultural, social, civic, and recreational activities that stimulate and expand the mind to enhance life.

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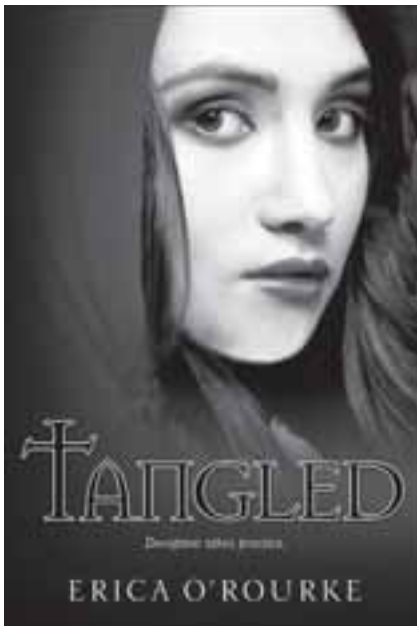
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By Terri Schlichenmeyer
The Truth Contributor



Oh, if your parents had an idea... They think you're a good kid with good grades

and decent friends – and you are, so that's actually true. You're a volunteer, a hard worker, you're honest, decent, and you have a great future ahead.

But there are things that your parents don't know about. You share your life with them, but there are hopes and dreams you keep to yourself for now. If they had any idea, they'd be surprised.

And if Mo Kennedy's mother knew what Mo was doing, she'd faint. That's because, in the new book **Tangled by Erica O'Rourke**, Mo is trying to save two worlds.

Mo Kennedy never wanted to get involved.

If it hadn't been for her best friend, Verity, who transferred her powers to Mo just before she died, Mo wouldn't have to worry about the Arc world.

She wouldn't have to go Between (which hurt a lot), and she wouldn't have the responsibility of being the Vessel. She could've continued being a normal high school girl.

Well, as normal as any girl could be with a Mobster uncle, anyhow.

Mo knew that Uncle Billy had her best interests at heart. Ever since Mo's father went to jail, Billy made sure Mo and her mother were safe and that bills were paid. He'd even given Mo a bodyguard, Colin, who was heartbreakingly handsome and with whom Mo was falling just the tiniest bit in love.

But Luc, the Arc who bonded with Mo, kept visiting her, encouraging her, and he was irresistible, too.

She and Luc, Vessel and Arc, were supposed to

fulfill a Prophecy that would strengthen and save two worlds. But when Verity died, the lines of magic had been somehow altered and that put everyone – Arc and Flat – in grave danger. If the magic escaped, the Darklings could come back, the Seraphim would gain power and the Arcs could be destroyed. As Vessel, only Mo could fix the lines.

But Mo just wanted her life back. Verity was gone, Colin was hiding something from Mo, and Luc wasn't being entirely truthful, either. Why, for instance, was Mo's father getting out of jail early, and why did the Quartoren demand that Mo attend certain ceremonies?

The answer to those questions could cost Mo her life...

No doubt about it, *Tangled* lives up to its name: there's a lot going on here, and it takes awhile to sort it out.

In this sequel to last year's *Torn*, author Erica O'Rourke leads her readers deeper into two complex and dangerous worlds with one unwilling heroine. Seventeen-year-old Mo has always been smart but this time, she learns to embrace the futures and fates she's been dealt and to control them herself. It's good to see her grow; fans of *Torn* will think so, too.

If you haven't read the first book in this series, go find it, then read this book and you'll be one of those fans. If you're already a follower, though, you know that reading *Tangled* is a very good idea.



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OUR OPINION

Keep ... Kucinich in Congress

...this newspaper endorses the candidacy of Congressman Dennis Kucinich.

While Kucinich's congressional district is predominantly on Cleveland's west side, to include suburbs, he has nonetheless been a representative for all of northeast Ohio, to include African-Americans.

As Chair of the Domestic Policy subcommittee of Government Oversight, he led the way in investigating mortgage fraud against the Black community in Cleveland. Leading the Domestic Policy Subcommittee, Kucinich held hearings into the failure of Medicare contractors to provide dental services to inner city

children. Moreover, Kucinich worked [with] the late Congresswoman Stephanie Tubbs Jones, along with Republican Steve LaTourette, in saving 900 jobs at DFAS in Cleveland; jobs held primarily by African-Americans.

It is for these reasons and so many more, that we give support to Congressman Kucinich. We would hope that African-American voters in the Toledo area get to know Kucinich as we do.

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Local Author Has New Book of Life, Love and Liberation

By Artisha S. Lawson
Sojourner's Truth Reporter

The term little black book has many definitions ranging from simple list of contacts to brief list of partners, however, author, playwright and director John Scott, PhD, has a twist with his newest book My Little Black Book.

The first section includes anecdotes about his

experiences at historic black colleges and universities which resulted from his program called Project Search as a university professor and guest playwright with his play Karma.

The list of HBCUs includes: Benedict College, Bluefield State College, Central State University, Fayetteville State University, Florida A&M Uni-

versity, Florida Memorial University, Lane College, Savannah State University, South Carolina State University, Tennessee State University, Virginia State University and others.

This personal memoir also provides a closer look into Scott's experiences in love, liberations, and famous people he has encountered such as James Brown. "I met James Brown in South Carolina, he had a plastic bag and white dinner coat over his shoulder, went into the bathroom to change. And he came out saying 'I feel good,' I was 20 years old," said Scott.

Other passages provide insight into the mindset, music, sounds and tastes during the revolutionary and segregated times of the 1960s and 1970s. Scott dedicates this book to Nile, Easley, Scott and young



people in Toledo, Indianapolis and beyond.

"Everyone has a story, a memoir. It was liberating to focus my thoughts and draw the most important things out. I hope people reading will get the hope or stupidity to write," said Scott.

The Friday, February 24 book signing at The Peacock, allowed fans the opportunity to hear firsthand and receive signed copies of this book. One passage that was read titled "Brenda who smells so good," talks about naive love, lust, with an inno-

cent conclusion. "Some of my memories of both trying to be and being in love, and how that is both terrifying and liberating at the same time," said Scott.

His collections of published work are available on his website www.Scottvisions.com



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Toledo 5 Announces Casting Call for America's Next Top Model

Special to The Truth



Toledo 5, Toledo's CW, is proud to announce a Casting Call for the 19th Cycle of *America's Next Top Model*. Toledo 5, Toledo's CW will take its camera and interviewers to Westfield Franklin Park 5001 Monroe Street in Toledo on Saturday, February 10th from 10am until 4pm. Auditions will be held in the mall's Food Court. Previous casting calls have seen more than one hundred applicants each.

The call is open to women between the ages of 18 and 27, and who are at least 5 feet 7 inches in height and who are American citizens. There is no weight requirement. Applicants should bring with them a completed application, three photos of themselves and a copy of their driver's license or passport, and social security card or birth certificate. Applications and eligibility requirements are available on line on the contest page at Toledo5.com.

At the audition, Toledo 5's camera crew will tape all the applicants, allowing them to show their attitude and personality on camera. A tape of all the applicants will be put together by the Toledo 5 crew, and sent directly to the casting director, along with their applications, copies of IDs and photos. An impartial judging panel also will select one winner from those who audition to receive a prize package from Westfield Franklin Park and Toledo 5.

America's Next Top Model, seen Wednesday nights at 9pm on Toledo 5, follows a group of young women of various backgrounds, shapes and sizes who live together and vie for a grand prize which will include a modeling contract. The finalists compete in a highly accelerated modeling boot camp, a crash course to modeling fame that includes mentoring by supermodel Tyra Banks and exposure to high-profile fashion industry gurus, all under 24-hour-a-day surveillance of the *America's Next Top Model* cameras, which chronicle every move.

America's Next Top Model is produced by 10 by 10 Entertainment in association with Bankable Productions. The executive producers are Ken Mok (*Making the Band*), Tyra Banks and Laura Fuest. The series was created by Tyra Banks and developed by Mok and Kenya Barris.

Toledo 5, now in its 23rd year, is the northwest Ohio/southeast Michigan affiliate of The CW Network, which launched on September 18, 2006. Toledo 5 airs such programs as The Big Bang Theory, Two and a Half Men, Family Guy, and Friends.

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Connie Schultz Headlines Women's History Month at BGSU

Special to The Truth

Covering Women: Journalism, Politics and Activism is the theme of this year's busy Women's History Month celebration at Bowling Green State University.

The events kick off at noon Wednesday, Feb. 29, at The Women's Center in 107 Hanna Hall with Rose Russell, feature writer for The (Toledo) Blade. Russell will discuss some of the advantages and disadvantages she has had as a black female journalist.

Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist Connie Schultz will visit the Women's Center at 1:30 p.m. March 21. Schultz, the wife of U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown of Ohio, will read and discuss her recent book "And His Lovely Wife." The book recounts how she survived the relentless pace of the campaign trail and the attempts to reduce her role to a "political appendage."

Other events include:
"The Women of Ciudad Juárez: Femicide and Other



21st Century Challenges to Human Rights in the Americas," presented by Dr. Susana Peña, director of the School of Cultural and Critical Studies at BGSU, and Dr. John Kaiser Ortiz, BGSU ethnic studies instructor, 6 p.m. Thursday, March 1, Wood County District Public Li-

brary, 251 N. Main Street, Bowling Green

"Saving Muslim Women or Sustaining a Liberal Order," presented by Dr. Tabassum Ruby, an instructor in women's, gender and sexuality studies /American culture studies at BGSU, noon March 14, Women's Center

"Gender, Power and Journalism: New Research on Women in Newsrooms Around the World," presented by Dr. Carolyn Byerly, Department of Journalism at Howard University, 4:30

p.m. March 14, 206 Bowen-Thompson Student Union

"Being Out on the Campaign Trail," presented by State Rep. Nickie Antonio (D-13th District), 1:30 p.m. March 16, 206 Union

"Fat Shame," presented by Dr. Amy Farrell, Department of American Studies at Dickinson College, 7:30 p.m. March 22, 206 Union

"!Women Art Revolution," a film by Lynn Hershman Leeson detailing major developments in women's art through the 1970s, 7 p.m. March 26, Gish Film Theatre, Hanna Hall

"Taking it to the Streets: Transforming Scholarship in an Age of Necessity," presented by Dr. Maria Cotera, director of the Latino/a Studies Program at the University

of Michigan (part of the Women's Studies Research Symposium), noon March 21, 308 Union

Women's History Month is sponsored by the Women's Center at BGSU and the Department of Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies. Co-sponsors include the Office of the Provost; the Office of Student Affairs; American Culture Studies; Communication Studies; the BGSU LGBT Resource Center; the Bowling Green branch of the American Association for University Women; Organization for Women's Issues; Institute for the Study of Culture and Society (ICS); ICS Latin American and Latino/a Studies Cluster; Graduate Women's Caucus; and the departments of Ethnic Studies, Journalism and Political Science.

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The Jeremy Lin Phenomenon – Or How Racism Keeps Rearing Its Ugly Head

By Michael Hayes
Minister of Culture



An Asian-American becomes a dominant figure in the NBA, and all fans lose their damn minds!

This is an important discussion for sports fans and for those mindful of how race affects society.

The Jeremy Lin story should transcend race. He's an under-dog. He was days away from being cut from the team. Which would've been his third such instance. Jeremy Lin succeeding in the NBA even in 2012 is the equivalent of a black man succeeding on Wall Street in the early 1980s.

As black people, we should be among the last to hate and among the first to congratulate.

But young Lin has been getting the very worst of assholes from every shade.

When he lost a game, the ESPN website had the headline "A Chink in the Armor."

When he won a game, a black Fox sports writer tweeted "Some lucky lady in NYC is gonna feel a couple inches of pain tonight!"

Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream released LIN-SANITY flavored Ice Cream featuring what else?

Fortune cookies. These and dozens if not hundreds of other insults prove that so-called professionals are either assholes or ignorant when it comes to Asian-Americans.

I would expect those of us who are minorities to be more sensitive and help defend against the overwhelming amount of racist and stereotypical injustice done to Jeremy Lin in the media.

We've been through it. We had time to go through it.

This man has become a global icon and altered the way millions if not billions of people see men of Asian descent... and he's done in just a couple of weeks.

And how have we handled it?

Black athletes and sports writers, white bloggers and media executives and others have all publicly effed up what is otherwise one of the most endearing sports sto-

ries of my lifetime.

Reason to be SPIKED OUT!

During the 90s, I was just as caught up in Jordan mania as anyone else. He is the best, ever.

But during his brief retirement, when everyone thought they could finally get their rings, I wasn't cheering for The Jazz or The Pacers or The Rockets... I wanted New York to win!

From John Starks, to Allan Houston... I've seen the hopes rise and fall.

From Stephon Marbury to the Isiah Thomas fiasco... I've seen the hopes rise and fall.

I've never been good at playing basketball, but I follow the hell out of it.

And among all the teams, I've always followed the New York Knicks... hoping for the best.

This season began with the highest of hopes.

If a big three guarantees play-off success and maybe a title, then now we have our big three.

When Amare Stoudimire went to the Knicks in 2010, I knew it was going down. I was excited.

Then you add Carmelo Anthony!! What!!?!

Then you pick up my dude Tyson Chandler fresh from winning a ring with my favorite team the Dallas Mavericks!! Dude, this was gonna be a great year for New York basketball.

I'm feeling spiked out and I'm not even there!

Baron Davis is going to carry the offense when he's healthy, and until then Mike Bibby is gonna be a beast for us the way he used to do in Sacramento and Atlanta... we are set!

Then, slowly game-by-game we slipped to a losing record of 8-15.

What the hell was going on! Fire D'Antoni! That "run and gun" offense has no place in defensive-minded, hard-grinding Eastern Conference hoops anyway!

Then, things get even worse.

Without warning Amare and Mello are sidelined by personal issues and injury leaving the already losing and depleted team with barely a chance in hell.

Now it's not even about winning a game, it's simply playing four quarters of basketball without resorting to tactics seen in films like The Waterboy.

But who is that way down on the bench? Isn't that the guy who was just in the D Leagues a few days ago? Isn't

that the guy who the Knicks executives haven't even guaranteed a paycheck for because he's likely to be cut any moment now? Wait, is he Asian? Oh well, throw him in the game.

I won't bore you with statistics, but what ensues is a two-week stretch of one man single-handedly changing the fortunes of an entire sports franchise by not only winning games...but winning them in the midst of a contagious aura that captivated fans from The Bronx to Beijing.

It was dizzying and spell-binding. With every game, the legend grew. Watching someone be tested and every time rise above and create a true chemistry among teammates that until his emergence had been stagnant and fragmented. This story could not have been any better if it was written and directed in Hollywood.

But, even though Jeremy was ready for his moment... were we?

ASIAN AMERICAN RACISM

Why is Chinese food called "Chinese Food"?

Because the people who operate the establishments where Chinese food is sold, ALLOW it to be called "Chinese Food." It doesn't mean everyone working there is Chinese. It doesn't mean every Asian American you see has to be associated with chopsticks and fortune cookies.

Whether you realize it or not, you have been given a stereotypical image of Asian and Asian-American men. One that may be so out-dated and unfitting that now YOU seem like the old out of touch racist while they are the new thing breaking boundaries. I was discussing this with a friend of mine, Sherita Evans, and she pointed out how our society has unfairly made Asian men seem effeminate. Think of films like Romeo Must Die or The Green Hornet or countless Jet Li flicks.

The Asian dude kicks all the ass in the world but never gets the girl. That sends a message.

In pop culture the image of the Asian geek or nerd just about all our lives, so when you have a Yao Ming or someone... you think it's a fluke, an exception to the rule. I mean, can you name five Asian/Asian-American MALE sex symbols?

Comedians make jokes about Asians lack of driving skills, Asian men are found to be losing their women at alarming rates as white male/



Asian female marriages have record increases and let's not forget about William Hung. I can honestly say that blacks and Latinos have made a lot of progress in terms of minorities branching beyond the stereotypes that once restricted their portrayals in American society.

Asian Americans, especially the men, not so much. But it's time.

In fact there has never been a better time for the world to awaken to a new image of Asians and Asian Americans. China will soon be the most powerful nation on earth. If Jeremy Lin can become an icon that transforms how we view things, I

say great!

I hope Lin-Sanity forever destroys any notion that limits what Asian American/Asian men can be.

Why? Because my president is black, and he is helping destroy notions that once limited what people thought a black man could be.

I'm convinced the same idiots who call President Obama "the foodstamp president" share the same degenerated DNA as the idiots finding ways to relate Jeremy Lin to Chinese food items and karate shoes.

Lin has a degree in economics from Harvard College. Could he be more

stereotypically "Asian?"

Our president loves the sport of basketball, could he be more stereotypically "black?"

Yet, the black guy has a degree from Harvard and the Asian guy plays in the NBA. The world is changing... get used to it.

JEREMY LIN – THE DUDE SLEEPING ON HIS BROTHERS COUCH

Beyond his racial heritage and America's failure to put it in its proper context, the guy is humble.

Always an endearing quality but for a professional athlete?

Yea, this is a big deal! (Continued on Page 14)

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The Jeremy Lin Phenomenon

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As many of you surely know by now, The Jeremy Lin saga is so compelling because the man's back was against the wall and it wasn't even a wall in his own home because he didn't yet have one because his job was up in the air.

His contract with the Knicks wasn't even guaranteed the night he came off the bench to save the asses of everyone from Mike D'Antoni on down. Like many of us who recently felt what it's like to not have a steady paycheck, Jeremy Lin had to lean on family. Which meant that even though he was putting up all-star numbers on the court his first week as a starter for the Knicks, he was coming back home to the living room sofa in his brother's apartment for that first week of his stardom.

Living arrangements aside, how Jeremy Lin has handled the gi-normous

amount of media attention crashing down on him is nothing less than superb. He is the consummate team player.

Another President Obama tie in, he comes across as sincere in every word he speaks.

Which could be good PR, or just a good upbringing, or both.

Yet another President Obama tie in, he's taken a pre-emptive stance on clarifying his religion.

The same way people heard Barack H. Obama and assumed he was Muslim, is the same way people heard Jeremy Shu How Lin and assumed he would be Buddhist.

Both men affirm that they are avowed followers of the Christian faith, but should they really have to?

Why can't we have a Muslim in the White House or a sports celebrity who is Buddhist?

But that's another article.

Jeremy is from Palo Alto, so there's the Facebook tie in.

At 23, he is in the final few years of the Generation Y wave... those of us who have grown up with the Internet as a way of life. They say our generation has seen so many examples of rags to riches and overnight success that it may not be as far-fetched as we once thought. In our world, it's possible to take a simple idea in a dorm room and turn into one of the largest I.P.O. events in history. Race isn't as big of deal, its more about the collective. One thing he doesn't seem to have that our younger siblings are plagued with is a massive ego, and that is refreshing.

THE OVERALL LIN-PACT

Okay, I had to. Madison Square Garden shares hit a record high, NBA merchandise has seen a

record surge in sales and even a legal dispute between Madison Square Garden/The Knicks and Time Warner Cable which resulted in millions of New Yorkers being unable to watch Knicks games on TV - even that has been resolved. All during the reign of Jeremy Lin.

Then there's the actual game of basketball, in which he torched Kobe and the Lakers for 38 points in a rare win for New York over Los Angeles. And that's just one of many, many highlights since early February.

I love this game, and its easiest to love when it can just be a sport.

We can't ignore race, so let's hope these are just growing pains that teach us to see people and respect their culture without using it to limit them.

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Literacy Program Assistant

Join the Read for Literacy team and help oversee the successful implementation of the Creating Young Readers program in elementary public and parochial schools. The primary responsibilities of the position are to 1) organize, schedule and manage volunteers and 2) establish and maintain positive relationships with faculty and staff at the schools. A Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education is required with a reading endorsement preferred. Applicants must have a valid driver's license and reliable transportation. This is a full-time, year round position. No health care insurance is available. Salary range \$21,000 to \$25,000.

Send applications to: Read for Literacy, Inc. 325 N. Michigan, Toledo, OH 43604.

INTERESTED BIDDERS: TOLEDO PUBLIC SCHOOLS – LONGFELLOW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – ASPHALT PACKAGE

Sealed bids will be accepted by the Board of Education of the Toledo Public School District until **1:30 pm March 14th, 2012**, at the Toledo Public Schools Treasurers' Room, 420 E. Manhattan Blvd., Toledo, Ohio 43608, for all labor, material and supervision necessary for the **Longfellow Elementary School**, as more fully described in the drawings and specifications for the project prepared by Munger Munger + Associates Architects Inc. and will be opened publicly and read immediately thereafter.

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

Bidders may obtain copies of the documents starting **February 14, 2012 which can be purchased from Toledo Blueprint, 6949 Wales Road, Northwood, Ohio 43619, phone: (419) 661-9841. Drawings may be obtained on CD-ROM for no cost with the purchase of the specifications.**

A **Pre-Bid Meeting** will be held on **March 8, 2012 at 8:30 am** at Toledo Public Schools Board Room, 420 E. 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**, by phone at (419) 776-5600, or fax (877) 281-0784.

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African American Outreach Coordinator – Part time

NAMI of Greater Toledo is looking for a person familiar and involved within the African-American Community, to represent NAMI in outreach efforts in local events, churches, and schools. To assist in promoting and facilitating NAMI's educational classes, and support groups. This position is about 8-10 hours per week.

The A.A. Outreach Coordinator will be paid on a monthly basis, and includes mileage for direct NAMI business. Interested and qualified candidates can send their resumes to:

lcanales@namitoledo.org or mail a resume to:
NAMI of Greater Toledo

2753 W. Central Ave.
Toledo, Ohio 43606

Attn: Education Director, Lisa Canales'
A.A. Outreach Liaison position

Elementary School Position Star Academy of Toledo

Star Academy of Toledo is looking for one Elementary School Teacher (4th Grade). Applicants need to have a current Ohio licensure, must be highly motivated, passionate, team oriented and have a genuine desire to work with young people from an urban community. We are an equal opportunity employer and individuals from underrepresented minority groups are encouraged to apply. Applicants should send letter of interest, resume, copy of license, transcripts, references. All information should be sent to the attention of Dr. Ward Barnett, Curriculum Instruction Specialist Star Academy of Toledo 1850 Airport Hwy Toledo, Ohio 43609.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Board of Directors that Sealed Bids will be received by the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority for:

DOCK WALL BULKHEAD REPAIR – TOLEDO SHIPYARD
2245 FRONT STREET, TOLEDO, OH 43605

This contract is for all equipment, tools, materials, qualified labor, supervision, and services necessary to complete the construction for the bulkhead repair of the dock wall between Dry Dock Nos. 1 and No. 2, Maumee River, Toledo Shipyard (Ironhead Marine, Inc.), 2245 Front Street, Toledo, OH 43605, in accordance with the approved plans and specifications, for the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority at One Maritime Plaza, Toledo, OH 43604. Bids will be received at the Port Authority's administrative offices at One Maritime Plaza, Toledo, OH 43604 until Thursday, March 8, 2012, at 3:00 PM, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Plans, Specifications, Instructions to Proposers, and Forms of Proposal and Contract are on file, and may be obtained by either (1) obtaining hard copies from Becker Impressions, 4646 Angola Road, Toledo, OH 43615, phone 419.385.5303, during normal business hours, or (2) ordering and paying through Becker Impressions' plan room at www.beckerplanroom.com at a non-refundable price of \$30.00.

The full announcement may be viewed at <http://www.toledoportauthority.org/PublicNotices.aspx>.

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PROGRAM MANAGER, CPST

Unison Behavioral Health Group is seeking a full-time Program Manager to provide clinical and administrative supervision to a CPST team. Duties will include providing supervision to employees, tracking and monitoring of program requirements, serving on committees, representing the agency to community partners and providing clinical services as needed.

Qualified candidates must have leadership ability and creative problem solving skills. LPCC-S, LISW-S, or RN is required, along with previous experience with adults with serious mental illness. Prior case management and supervisory experience is preferred.

Send resume with salary requirements or apply to:

Human Resources - PMCPST
Unison Behavioral Health Group, Inc.
1425 Starr Ave.
Toledo, OH 43605
Fax: 419-936-7574
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AOD THERAPIST

Unison Behavioral Health Group Inc. is seeking an experienced AOD Therapist to work with adults, children or adolescents providing individual, family and group counseling, case management and prevention services.

Candidate must possess a bachelor's degree, a minimum of two years experience working with children and adolescents with chemical dependency issues and one of the following Ohio licenses – LSW, LISW, PC, PCC, CDCA, LCDC II, LCDC III or LICDC. A Master's degree and dual mental health /chemical dependency licensure preferred.

Send resume or apply to:

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Family, Friends and Fellow Congregants Help George Kendrick Celebrate 100th

Sojourner's Truth Staff



George Kendrick was born in Clarksville, TN 100 years ago, a 1912 Leap Year/Leap Day baby, and moved to Toledo in 1947. He was born to Mary

Maybry and Isaiah Kendrick, one of 17 siblings combined born to those two individuals. This past weekend, family, friends and fellow Calvary Baptist



churchgoers joined Kendrick at the Laborers Local 500 Hall on Ashland Avenue to help him celebrate a century on Planet Earth.

Kendrick, who has been a member of Calvary for about 40 years, arrived in Toledo from Muncie, IN and worked in construction, primarily as a bricklayer, for years before his retirement.

His wife Nora passed away five years ago but Kendrick remains active and busy, cutting his own grass and taking care of his cooking and cleaning chores.

What keeps the centenarian entertained these days?

That would be baseball. He continues a life-long love affair with America's past-time.

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Owens Community College Toledo-area Campus to Host Northwest Ohio's Largest College Preview Night, March 7

Special to The Truth

More than 100 public and private colleges and universities from Ohio and the surrounding states will visit the Toledo area as Owens Community College serves as host to Northwest Ohio's largest College Preview Night on Wednesday, March 7.

Established in 1987, the event will occur from 6:30-8:30 p.m. and is sponsored by the counseling staffs of 21 local high schools and Owens. College tables will be set up in Owens' Student Health and Activities Center and presentations will be held in the Center for Fine and Performing Arts and the Audio/Visual Classroom Center. Owens is located on Oregon Road in Perrysburg Township. Admission to College Preview Night is free and the public is encouraged to attend.

"College Preview Night is a great chance for high school students and their parents, as well as adult students, to visit with admissions representatives and learn about the various educational opportunities available at colleges and universities throughout the surrounding region," said Kari Morgan, Owens Admissions Representative. "Owens Community College is proud to once again work with area high schools in sponsoring an event that will aid students in choosing their career path."

The event will provide prospective students the opportunity to visit with various college and university representatives and pick up important information about admission requirements. Individuals will also learn about financial aid, student activities, academic program offerings, athletic eligibility and accommodations for students with special needs.

Informational sessions will also occur throughout the evening. Attendees can hear presentations on financial aid, online financial aid resources, planning for college, preparing for the ACT test, preparing to transfer from one academic institution to another and admission to military academies and the ROTC.

In addition, representatives from local financial institutions will be present to provide information on student loans and high school counselors will be available during the event to answer general college questions. Representatives of the various military branches will also be on hand to discuss admission to military academies, the ROTC and other scholarship-related programs.

For more information about College Preview Night, call (567) 661-7777 or 1-800-GO-OWENS, Ext. 7777.