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The Price We Paid

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



If you sell a drum in your own village, you get the money and keep the sound. - Madagascar (Malagasy) Proverb

Without question, African Americans as a whole have progressed and are better off today than during the early and mid-20th Century. However, these gains - successfully won only by a "marching, riding, sitting, and protesting community that was banded together" - came with a steep price.

Whereas black survival and liberation has always been connected to solidarity, the unintended consequences of our progress has been the loss of connectedness and responsibility to one another as well as the bifurcation of the community into separate groups.

I spoke about this troubling state of the black community with Professor Charles Ogletree, one of the nation's leading experts on race and justice issues who also serves as the director of Harvard Law School's Charles Hamilton Houston Institute for Race and Justice.

Perryman: Let's talk about Toledo first of all. You have described Toledo as being the number one battleground in the nation. Could you elaborate?

Ogletree: Well, Ohio is a key state for whoever is going to be the next president and part of it is what I've read from the Toledo Blade and other places, that Mitt Romney and Barack Obama, both Harvard educated — but both are having a hard time connecting with the folks in Toledo, particularly the working class poor. And, unfortunately, I assume that it's an environment where they can't get jobs or careers as a lot of the work at Owens-Corning and other places has disappeared over the last 20 or 30 years.

So I think everybody understands that Ohio's going to vote for who's going to the best in terms of revitalizing their state and the cities around it. And that's why I think the folks here have a lot to say and I hope will say it. It will make a difference.

Perryman: Let me jump off on that word "revitalize." You've talked about today's students and how you've been stressing to them a need to revitalize our communities and to do social justice in an indirect way. What did you mean by that?

Ogletree: That my students, unlike my graduation from law school in the late '70s, we didn't have a choice of a job, we had a choice of several jobs. We could decide which part of the country, which city and what salary we wanted to take. That's gone today because law firms are not hiring people at a relatively cheap rate to do all sorts of work anymore. They're only hiring people that they think are going to be there permanently as partners.

So I'm trying to make students think about your skills are just as important and perhaps even more important working for a city, the state government or some kind of public interest entity or nonprofit. You can draft contracts, you know how to draft wills, you know how to deal with housing issues, and so there's a need and a place for you in cities. And cities won't survive without a strong set of laws about codes or about property and about businesses, etc. And so your talents can be used. That was the big thing I'm stressing to the students. And a lot of them say, "You know what, I think I will go back home and do some work," and that to me is very encouraging.

Perryman: Coming back home is one of the problems that Toledo has suffered. Too many of our talented people leave Toledo to go to school or seek employment and just never come back.

Ogletree: Right. And that's part of the challenge. What can you do to make them come back? You've got to have some real opportunities in Toledo for people to say that's what I want to do and where I want to be. The woman at the breakfast was very honest in her comments saying "I worry about my son being around folks who are poor and especially black."

And I assume that's what is happening in the church as well, that you can see the frustration of people who feel locked into the environment they're in and worried about their kids, and worried about the family, the house, meals, jobs and all that. And the whole thing is try to keep them involved in Toledo in some way and make them see that there's something meaningful there to come back to.

Perryman: Some scholars have indicated that although desegregation was the initial goal of the civil rights movement, integration was what was actually achieved. The result being the loss of black businesses and professionals from the community as well as wide intra-racial disparities and gaps among blacks and blacks. Your thoughts?

Ogletree: Well, as I told you, I've seen it. It's very disappointing in some respects. That folks see that what Brown v. Board of Education did is give them the opportunity to get outside the community and I understand that. But when they leave and take off it becomes a very unfortunate thing because they don't come back.

I think we've got to figure out a way to — churches, entrepreneurs, all of us - to say, "Let's buy back our community," because somebody's going to buy it. And then it's not going to be our community anymore and that's going to be a big issue in terms of what's going to be happening next.

So that's the big challenge that we have to face and I don't know how we're going to do it but there's not going to be anything easy. I don't know if you see differently, but the question is what the lady said, "I've got to protect my son and move out to the suburbs or why can't we have a black enclave right in the city." And I had to challenge her. She obviously had good reasons but it was very chilling to hear that happen and try to figure out what folks are doing to keep folks in the community as opposed to leaving the community because they're worried about what's going on as opposed to trying to change it, which I think is what we need.

How do you make it a better community?

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Community Calendar

May 8-10

Beulah Baptist Church Spring Revival: 7 pm nightly

May 10-12

Christian Community Church Regional Conference for Dominion Assembly: "The Fellowship;" 7 pm; Speaker Elder David Hollis; 7 pm – Thur and Fri; Sat – 9 am to noon: 419-536-8357

Warren AME Rummage Sale, Car Wash, Bake Sale: Thur – 9 am to 6 pm, Fri – 9 am to 6 pm, Sat – 9 am to 2 pm; Car wash – Sat only

May 11-13

Alexis Gardens Mothers Day Events: Independent senior retirement community; Fri – wine social with music at 2 pm; Sat – armchair travel adventure; Sun – Mothers Day buffet at 12:30 pm: 419-472-7115

May 12

Delta Sigma Theta E.M.B.O.D.I. (Empowering Males to Build Opportunities for Developing Independence): "Summit to Success;" Series of workshops for males ages 10-14 on making positive choices; 10 am to 1 pm; MLK School; Lunch provided: 419-787-5483

Pilgrim Church Flower Sale: 9 am to 2 pm: 419-478-6012

May 16

First Annual Parrish Home Care Health Clinic: 10 am to 2 pm; Alpha Tower; Free food, gifts and raffles; Screenings for blood pressure, blood sugar, asthma and more; Information of diabetes, heart disease, diets, drug interactions, safety, nursing homes, and more: 419-389-1020 or 567-225-2331

May 17

Carolyn Goforth Memorial Art Show: Benefit for Harbor House; Hudson Gallery in Sylvania; 6:30 pm: 419-244-6300

May 18

Grace Community Center 29th Anniversary of Junior High AfroBall: 7 to 11 pm; SeaGate Center; Fund raiser for Center; For seven and eight graders from area schools: 419-248-2467

True Vine Baptist 11th Annual Pastoral Appreciation Celebration: Pastor and Lady Melvin Barnes; 7 pm; Pastor John Williams and Eastern Star MBC: 419-539-9104

May 19

My Music Is Major Art Showcase: 5:30 to 8 pm
Gospel Fest Choir Workshop: All Saints Episcopal Church; 9 am to 4 pm; Concert at 7 pm; - Featuring Barbara Tucker, Phillip Hall and Obed Shelton: 419-242-1508

Business Workshop: "How to Grow Your Business through Networking and Relationship Building;" Sponsored by the Toledo African American Chamber of Commerce; 9 to 11 am; UT Main Campus, Stranahan Hall, North Rm 1200 A/B: 419-407-6697

Cash Mob!!: Powell's Beauty & Barber Supply; Noon to 5 pm; The only black-owned beauty and barber supply operation in Toledo: 419-407-6697

May 20

Braden United Methodist 88th Women's Day Celebration: "Under the Wings of God"
True Vine Baptist 11th Annual Pastoral Appreciation: Pastor and Lady Melvin Barnes; 4 pm; Pastor Floyd Smith and Calvary Baptist: 419-539-9104

May 25

True Vine Baptist 11th Annual Pastoral Appreciation: Pastor and Lady Melvin Barnes; 7 pm; Pastor A. Shears and Rossford First Baptist: 419-539-9104

May 27

True Vine Baptist 11th Annual Pastoral Appreciation: Pastor and Lady Melvin Barnes; 4 pm; Bishop Duane Tisdale and Friendship Baptist: 419-539-9104

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But, Can I Trust You...?

By Lafe Tolliver, Esq
Guest Column



When people ask me the invariable WHY question as to the lack of discernible economic or community development in the "inner city" being accomplished by people of color, I understand that the answer cannot be

answered within a few minutes of polite chit-chat.

When I came to Toledo to attend the local law school, I was somewhat perplexed as to why Toledo, with its then seemingly large middle-class black population, was not actively engaged in concerted and aggressive economic and political gamesmanship.

It is not enough to simply tout the few shining examples of a few men or women who "have made it" and thus believe all is well in the kingdom.

Such a lazy attitude stifles the long-term march it requires to both aggrandize and hold economic and political gains.

What can be a death knell

to a community that has the potential to expand and be inclusive of those who "have not" is an attitude that, "I got mine, now get your own!"

When people of color begin to divide themselves on the color line or on the dollar line or the neighborhood line, everyone loses.

Waging political and economic battles takes the energy and wisdom and collective dollars of all who would benefit from the gains.

When the dominant community can speak divisive words to the powers that be in the minority community of whom they think should lead that community, trouble lies ahead.

When economic forces

outside of the affected minority communities decide to pick and choose who lives and who dies in the economic sense, apathy sets in.

When the minority community "leaders" are willing to sell out for a mess of pottage or a pat on the head from a downtown white political establishment, compromise has set in.

So, with those above caveats in mind, the answer to the initial question can be framed in the form of a question: "What has been the overriding factor that has prevented long term, systemic economic and political development from occurring in the minority communities in Toledo in the past 30 years?"

My answer is very succinct: Lack of trust.

If I do not believe that you have my best interest at heart, I will not commit to your agenda because I believe that your motives are suspect and you are out for yourself.

If you do not demonstrate a heart of a servant who is willing to place the good of the group over your personal agenda, I will not commit my time or resources to a leader

or leaders who have not demonstrated community allegiance.

If your goals are no more than appearing in newspaper photo sessions and being seen at local chicken dinner events and you do not speak truth to power when you can do so, you are not going to endear yourself to an oppressed community.

If you believe that your position or title or social ties insulate you from the harsh realities that all is not well and thus you are not well, we have lost the battle and also the war.

A lack of trust means that if you are offering yourself as a community leader and yet you never are seen doing or speaking those things which build community, I do not trust you or your agenda.

If you are reticent to speak out about the actual harms that are occurring in the minority communities for your fear of losing the smile of approval from the white moneyed or political pooh-bahs, you have corrupted your ability to be effective.

If you have the wherewithal to do good and choose

not to because you can not see how you will get an immediate bounce back from it, you have broken trust.

If during the times that you have access to the levers of powers and you can make a difference but you shrink back because you could lose some of the "goodies" that you think you have acquired, you have broken trust.

If you have been given much but chose to give little, you have broken trust.

So, where do we go from here? We have to reset our alliances and seek out those members who motives and agendas are not tainted by "me-isms"; and who are able and willing to advance a progressive and all-inclusive agenda that sees the tangible and intangible benefits of strong communities populated by people who are considered valuable and who have gifts and talents to advance a common goal.

"Trust me," you say. "Show it," I say.

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Rep. Ashford Announces New Funds for Local Manufacturing Site

Over \$2,500,000 granted to Toledo Lucas County Port Authority

Special to The Truth

State Rep. Michael Ashford (D- Toledo) was pleased to announce the approval of a new construction plan in the City of Toledo.

"Manufacturing remains an important component in our state and local economy. This new construction project puts skilled laborers to work while also improving our infrastructure and strengthening our manufacturing capabilities," said Ashford. "We need projects like this to grow jobs and support our local communities."

The Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority and its project partner will prepare 80 acres of manufacturing space, including asphalt and debris removal, fill and grade the site, construct a roadway construction and roundabout, and install railroad switches and siding track. The project will become part of the State's JRS Program property inventory and be certified and marketed under the program.

The funds were released by the Ohio Controlling Board, which provides oversight and final approval for state expenditures.



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TARTA Boss Laments Loss of Perrysburg Service and Impact on Toledoans

By Fletcher Word
Sojourner's Truth Editor

"We have a big problem affecting TARTA," said James Gee, general manager of the Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority. "It's the mentality that we don't need public transit or [in other words] 'if I don't need it personally, I don't care.' It's a mindset that public transportation is not a quality of life issue."

Gee sat down with The Truth last week in the wake of the primary day vote by residents of Perrysburg, one of nine participating members of TARTA, to opt out of the the public transportation service. The vote came about as a result of the state law adopted last year as part of the Ohio budget bill that permits members of Ohio transit authorities funded by property taxes to remove their communities from those authorities between now and November, 2013.

TARTA currently receives about one tenth of its levy revenues from Perrysburg. About 60 per-

cent of TARTA's revenues, according to Gee, derive from property taxes. Nevertheless, he does not spend much time talking about the financial issues of losing that Perrysburg revenue.

"The community opting out is not a financial problem at all for TARTA," he says. "It's a social problem. Those people who have jobs in Perrysburg won't be able to get out there."

Joining the conversation was Rev. Cedric Brock, pastor of Mt. Nebo Baptist Church and president of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance. Brock has several members in his congregation who work in Perrysburg and are in danger of losing their jobs when the public transportation to and from that city ends.

"It's a people thing," says Brock. "We want to make sure they get first class service. Good people need to be able to get to their jobs. I stand behind

TARTA. They've always been fair."

As an example of the impact of the vote on Toledoans, Gee raised the case of the Hilton Garden Inn at Levis Commons. Currently, says Gee, about 30 of the hotel's approximately 100 employees utilize TARTA to get to work.

"There is a benefit to having Toledo folks come to those communities for jobs, for shopping," says Gee. "There is a greater community good to be able to get around to jobs and other places."

The travel from Toledo to Perrysburg is by no means a one-way ticket. At a recent meeting in Perrysburg, residents expressed concern about getting into Toledo from their community in light of the vote to reject TARTA. It's entirely possible that a public transportation system adopted by city leaders of that community will of necessity establish routes that connect the two communities, overlapping TARTA



service.

A great deal of the rationale for rejecting TARTA was economic for the Perrysburg voters, concedes Gee. Nevertheless, saving money on public transportation may prove to be more elusive than the voters realized.

"There are economies of scale," says Gee. "We get insurance cheaper, we buy fuel in bulk, for example."

While Perrysburg has

opted out of the system, Gee does not see any immediate loss of other members. Sylvania Township, he notes, is discussing the matter but he anticipates other members holding firm.

In 2011 TARTA's ridership was approximately three and a half million fares. Adult passenger numbers were up over the previous year, says Gee, while the total number of

fares were down because of the loss of business from Toledo Public Schools. TARPS, the service for those with special needs, has doubled its ridership in the last three years.

"A successful community needs public transportation," says Gee. "For a lot of passengers, it's public transportation or public assistance. If you can get them on the bus, you can get them to their jobs."

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Padua Center's Fourth Annual Urban Chicken Festival

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The Padua Center announces the Fourth Annual Urban Chicken Festival to be held on June 2, 2012 from 1:00-5:00 at The Padua Center, 1416 Nebraska Ave. Some activities will be held behind the Center with the entrance off of Junction Street.

This year's festival will continue the tradition of free children's games all afternoon. Entertainment will include a DJ, drum line, Self-Expression Teen Theater and the Paradise Baptist Church Singers. Barbequed chicken dinners, hot dogs and other festival food will be avail-

able for sale.

A featured raffle includes: 32" TV, a portable DVD player, and gift certificates to local businesses. Tickets are on sale at The Padua Center for \$1.00 each, 6 for \$5 or 6 books for \$25.00.

A rummage sale will make available clothing and household items for a great price. Community resources will be available throughout the afternoon with demonstrations, free materials and community connections.

Tours of The Padua Center will be available throughout the day. The Padua Center is a community-based presence which provides a variety of services to the neighborhood. Last summer, with the leadership of the Brighten Up efforts of The Padua Center, the name of



the community was changed to Kwanzaa Park.

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During the school year The Padua Center provides an alternative to suspension for children from local public and charter schools. During the 2011-12 school year they have serviced 144 children who have stayed from one to ten days each. The Padua Center also hosts seven summer camps. All camps are free and information can be obtained from the website: www.paduacenter.org



For information about the Festival, the summer camps,

"Reclaiming our Community through Proclamation"

Special to The Truth



President Cedric Brock, his cabinet of officers and the body of members (ministers and non-ministers) began their 2012 Spring Revival with prayer to wake up the community. Pastor Shirley Sparks headed this movement of prayer for several weeks, leading up to this time of proclaiming the gospel.

The IMA (Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance) welcomed to the city, Evangelist Sandra Riley of Chicago, Illinois, Alphonse Allen, D.Min, pastor of Allen Temple AME of Cincinnati, Ohio and Walter E. Jordan II, D.Min, senior pastor of Oasis of Love Church located in Mansfield, Ohio.

From May 2 to 4, they convened at the Warren AME Church, where Rev. Otis Gordon is the pastor. They were blessed to have had in worship with them that week Mt. Nebo MBC Choir, St. Paul MBC Choir, the guest church from Mansfield, Oasis of Love and a host of visitors from various churches.

There was also a time that they shared with the community workshops on Music Ministry—"Teaching Leadership within Music Ministry", which was facilitated by Derrick Roberts, Ed.D, and a homiletics workshop taught by Alphonse Allen, teaching "The Structure of a Sermon." In making sure all basis of the community was covered, they had the City Wide Ushers participate within the services also. On Friday evening, a group of resources groups were there to share what they could give back to the community through services that they offer.

The IMA had out stretched arms to the community as they included the young men of the SAAB program from under the leadership of Romules Durant, Ph.D., assistant superintendent for Toledo Public Schools. These gentlemen served as greeters for the three night services.

Pastor Brock stated "we are always trying to make sure that we encourage our young men and women of the community to strive for positive and enriching things that will enhance their lives".

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The Claire's Day Inc. mission is to inspire children of all ages and their families to be lifelong readers through exposure to a variety of literary opportunities and experiences.

Claire's Day Inc. is a 501(c) 3 organization, and through the efforts of a part-

time executive director and volunteers, plans and coordinates a variety of events and activities the week leading up to the book festival. These events include visits to area schools by authors and illustrators; a grant program to benefit schools and libraries, and Claire's Night, a fund-raising event for adults.

Claire's Day is held annually on the third Saturday in May at the Maumee branch of the Toledo Lucas County Public Library, which collaborates with Claire's Day, Inc. to provide venue space and marketing support.

The Claire's Day book festival features children's book authors and illustrators from around the country. The authors and illustrators meet with young readers to discuss their craft and sign their

books. The day also includes storytellers, live music, and hands-on activities.

A highlight of the day is the C.A.R.E. Awards (Claire's Awards for Reading Excellence), which are presented to students recognized by their schools as being the most improved in their reading skills. Principals from the greater Toledo area may nominate students in grades one to eight for the awards.

Claire's Day grants are awarded to schools and community hosts to help offset the costs of the authors' and illustrators' appearances. Schools are responsible for paying the guest speaker's honorarium, and Claire's Day Inc. is responsible for any expenses incurred during their visits. Several hotels in the community have



partnered with the organization and provide complimentary guest rooms.

Claire's Day Inc. has given \$2500 annually to the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library Legacy Foundation. These funds are earmarked specifically towards the purchase of books written or illustrated by the up-

coming Claire's Day participants. Following the 2011 event, the organization has given \$25,000 worth of books to the community through this effort.

Claire's Night will occur on Thursday, May 17 in the children's section, Main Library in downtown Toledo; from 7-10 PM. Tickets are

\$75 per person. Guests can meet participating authors and illustrators, purchase their books and have them personally signed, as well as enjoy scrumptious food, complimentary beverages and music.

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Special to The Truth

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Kids aren't the only ones who get to have some fun, though. Throughout the summer, the Zoo offers great family adventures! Stay overnight along Tembo Trail, camping by the elephants and hippos of this dynamic exhibit. Or spend an evening on grounds after-hours with an Education tour guide who shows you the Zoo as you've probably never seen it. These getaways are expected to fill fast, so check out toledo zoo.org/edzooaction today for the session you want.

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Education Section • Education Section

St. Francis de Sales Names Lewis as Head Basketball Coach

Special to The Truth



Toledo St. Francis de Sales High School has named Travis Lewis as its new Head Basketball Coach. Coach Lewis comes to the Knights after two years as assistant coach and Assistant Director of Athletics at Owens Community College. Lewis led a very busy life as a two-sport athlete during his time at Eastern Michigan University (2003-2008) where he lettered four years in football as a standout wide receiver and three in basketball as a shooting guard.

He was the Offensive MVP of the football team in 2006 and followed that up as a runner-up selection for Defensive Player of the Year in the MAC for men's basketball. A team captain in basketball, Lewis graduated with a degree in comprehensive theater art and secondary education from Eastern Michigan University.

After playing basketball professionally in China and several seasons of Arena II football, Coach Lewis returned to Eastern Michigan as a graduate assistant in its basketball program while earning his master's degree in Sport Management.

Lewis is married to the former Jessica Minnifield, a Toledo Central Catholic and University of Michigan basketball player, and they have a son, Travis Lewis Jr.

The Knights are excited to welcome Coach Lewis as the eleventh gentleman to lead our basketball program in our fifty three years.

PHOTO : Carl Janke, Athletic Director with new SFS Head Basketball Coach Travis Lewis

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Breakfast for M'Lady: Delta Sigma Theta's 34th Annual Scholarship Breakfast

By Fletcher Word
Sojourner's Truth Editor

"It's all about motherhood, scholarship and fashion," exclaimed Cynthia Dye, mistress of ceremonies for the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc's 34th annual Breakfast for M'Lady - Scholarship Breakfast.

The annual event, which brings together Delta members and guests - nearly 500 in attendance this past Saturday, May 5 at The Pin-

naclle - to honor a mother of the year and to provide scholarship assistance to three young women headed to college in the fall, also brings to town the the Vogue-Esquire Models of Chicago for a fashion show.

This year's Mother of the Year honoree, always a surprise to the person selected, was Deborah Roberts. Roberts, mother of son Jeremy and daughter Jalise,

is a long-time member of Indiana Avenue Missionary Baptist Church, a community activist and an advocate for breast cancer and heart health awareness.

Roberts is president of the Jeremy Lincoln Foundation - founded by her son - which has three community projects: a free football camp, a free turkey drive and a music arts project.

Roberts also serves on several committees with the Susan G. Komen for the Cure organization, is a member of the American Cancer Society board of directors and is a volunteer with the American Heart Association.

After the presentation of the Mother of the Year award, scholarships were presented to three students: Ashley Erin Parks, Diamond Sims and Sierra Spruce.

Parks, a senior at Bowsher High School, is



Deborah Roberts (in black) surrounded by Deltas and family

in the top three percent of her class and will attend The Ohio State University in the fall. She has been active in cross country, track and the orchestra during her years at Bowsher.

Sims, also at Bowsher, will be attending OSU as well to pursue a pre-med course of study. She has been active on Student Council and in a variety of community service projects while at Bowsher.

Spruce, attends Southview High School and will be entering the Uni-

versity of Cincinnati to study business. She has also been active with community service projects and is a 2012 Cotillion debutante.

After the awards came the fashion.

The Vogue-Esquire Models presented attire ranging from red for Deltas, to black and white ensembles, to knits, cocktail dress and finally, of course, the wedding finery.

Wanda Terrell served as chairman for this year's Breakfast and Anita Foreman as the coordinator and

co-chairman.

The committee chairmen were: Theresa Wilkins, Mother of the Year; Yatika Langford, scholarship; Sandra Strong and Trevor Black, door prizes; JoAnn Smith, decorations; LaTarsha Cook, hostesses; Bessie Mack, publicity; Clara Brank, tickets and Bonita Johnson, DJ.

Robin Stone is president of the Toledo Alumnae chapter



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African American Festival Committee is now accepting participants for the 8th annual parade.
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AFRICAN AMERICAN FESTIVAL

Book Review

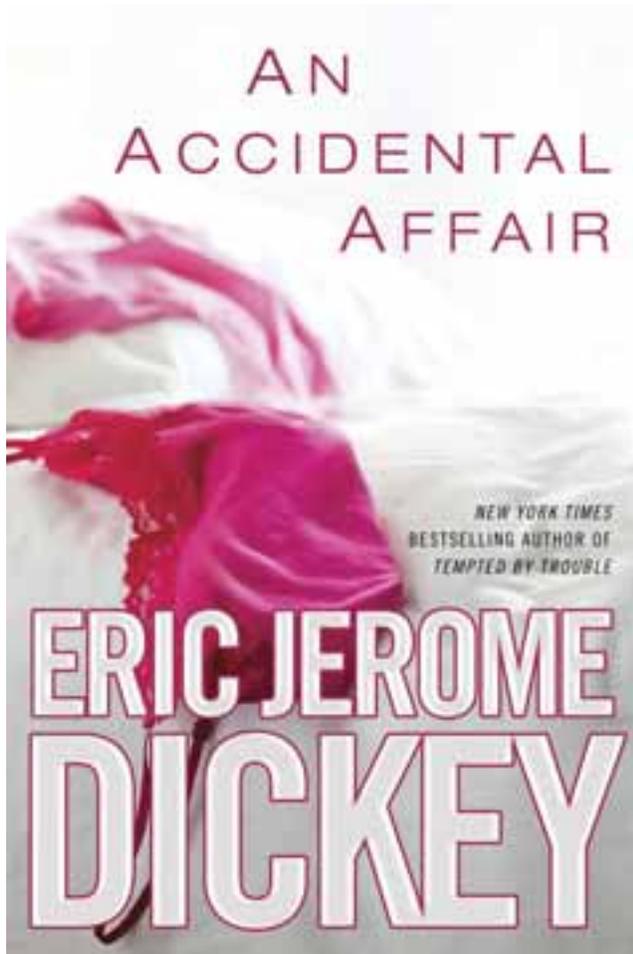
“An Accidental Affair” by Eric Jerome Dickey

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352 pages

By Terri Schlichenmeyer
The Truth Contributor



You'll get yours. Whatever comes around, goes around. Tit for tat, and all that. Whatever you do comes back to haunt you. For every action, there's an equal reaction. You always reap what you sow, and payback's a... well, you

know what it is. When James Thicke beat down Johnny Bergs for sleeping with James' wife, it seemed that Johnny got what he deserved. But in the new book “An Accidental Affair” by Eric Jerome Dickey, James

might pay for the beating with his life. He absolutely lost his temper. When the steamy video went viral, screenwriter James Thicke went crazy. There it was, Johnny Bergs making real love to beauti-

ful Regina Baptiste for the movie cameras. But Regina Baptiste was *Thicke's* wife and while every man wanted to sleep with her, Thicke was the only man who had that right.

Johnny Bergs had crossed a line. So when James Thicke found Johnny that rainy night, he pounded Johnny's handsome face into pulp.

That was Mistake Number One: Johnny was rumored to be the son of a gangster.

In order to escape the Bergs family and his feelings of anger for his wife, whom he trusted to do a love scene without actually doing a love scene, Thicke moved to a low-income apartment complex. It was a good place to hide from the Bergs, the law, and his own thoughts.

Mistake Number Two: there were too many needful women at the complex, and Thicke smelled like

money. It was hard to avoid them, even when he wanted to.

But then Regina Baptiste started following James Thicke, crying, begging. She claimed that the scene with Johnny Bergs was a mistake. She wasn't herself. She never intended for it to happen. It was an accident.

Once upon a time, James Thicke stole Regina Baptiste from another man. She had been living with that Norwegian, Bobby Holland, but she didn't love him and he was bad for her. Holland had gotten her hooked on cocaine, and Thicke knew that the powder would eventually be the death of her. Which was Mistake Number Three: the death was likely to be James Thicke's...

Well, there we go. Author Eric Jerome Dickey has, once again, made me stay awake until all hours of the night, losing sleep

and reading.

Yes, this is one of those kinds of books.

“An Accidental Affair” starts out a little rough. It seemed, at first, that it was going to be another tiresome erotica novel... and then the story grabs you by the throat and slams you into James Thicke's world, where the only people who can be trusted are those who've signed confidentiality clauses – and even then, you're never sure.

I loved the intrigue here. I loved the touches of twisted wit. Reading “An Accidental Affair” is, in fact, like chewing on ambrosia-coated sandpaper: it's gritty, but oh-so-very tasty and if you need a copy of it for your own, you need to get to your library or bookstore now.

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Library's Book Recommendation: *One Day It'll All Make Sense*

Special to The Truth



For the month of May, the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library recommends the book, *One Day It'll All Make Sense*, written by Common.

He's been big in rap circles since his first release more than 20 years ago. Nine top-selling albums and two Grammy® Awards later, Chicago native Common has acted in films including *American Gangster*, *Date Night* and *Just Wright*. Now he shares his inspiring story. Born Lonnie Rashid Lynn, Jr., Common grew up in a mixed neighborhood of professionals and hustlers, and was influenced by both.

His parents divorced when he was six; but his father, former NBA star Lonnie Lynn, was a constant presence in his life, even getting him a job as a ball boy for the Chicago Bulls. But his strongest influence was his "strong black woman" mother, an educator, who gave him the confidence to succeed. When he decided to become a rapper, it took several tries before he struck a hit; but he kept at it, learning all he could about the business and making important and powerful friends along the way because of his talent and the strength of his spirit.

More than just a chronicle of one rapper's rise to stardom, *One Day It'll All Make Sense* is a poignant memoir of how strong relationships, commitment to a cause, ambition and vision sparked his own stratospheric success, while keeping him firmly grounded through it all.

Source: BlackExpressions.com

Kaptur Amendment in Budget Committee Markup Would Prevent Increase in Student Loan Rates

Special to The Truth

U.S. Representative Marcy Kaptur (OH-9) this week offered an amendment in a Budget Committee markup that would prevent a looming increase in the cost of student loans by eliminating tax breaks for big oil companies.

"Student loan debt is a

drag on our economy and a ball and chain for millions of American families—not just young people," said Congresswoman Kaptur, a member of the Budget Committee as well as the House Appropriations Committee.

"Student loans now represent a greater burden on

the American people than credit card debt," said Congresswoman Kaptur. "American families—students, their parents, and non-traditional students—are being forced to borrow more to finance their educations. They're the ones who need a helping hand, not the giant

oil companies who are raking in billions of dollars in subsidies."

The amendment offered by Kaptur and Budget Committee colleague Karen Bass (D-Calif.) would repeal the "dual capacity taxpayer" rule that allows oil companies to claim foreign tax credits against royalties paid to foreign governments for the right to extract oil. Kaptur said that her amendment, which would raise an estimated \$6.4 billion over a 10-year period, also would effectively encourage more

domestic exploration and production by the "Big 5" integrated oil companies (Exxon Mobil, Chevron, Shell, BP and ConocoPhillips).

Under sequestration process rules, which took effect after the failure of the "Super Committee," student loan origination fees would increase by a percentage specified in the sequestration order.

In 2007, with not a single Democrat in opposition either in the House or Senate, Congress passed and Presi-

dent George W. Bush signed the College Cost Reduction and Access Act that cut in half the interest rates on federal loans (from 6.8 percent to 3.4 percent). That provision is set to expire on July 1, leaving more than 7.4 million students with federal loans facing the prospect of a doubling of rates.

"That would raise the interest payments on some students by a thousand dollars a year," said Congresswoman Kaptur. "We simply cannot let that happen."

Owens Community College Announces Summer Bridge to Success Program Expansion

Special to The Truth

Any area high school graduates from public and private high schools, as well as career centers, within the College's legal district will have the opportunity to experience a taste of college life for free prior to the beginning of their first Fall Semester at Owens Community College as the academic institution announces the expansion of the Bridge to Success Program. The free program is designed to help first-year students successfully transition from high school to college.

This marks the first year that the program has been made available to all students within the College's legal district, which encompasses Lucas, Wood and Hancock counties and parts of Ottawa and Sandusky counties. Previously, the program was offered to only high schools associated with the College's Success Program initiative.

"Owens Community College is proud to expand the Bridge to Success Program and offer even more educational opportunities to students throughout Northwest Ohio," said Jacquelyn Jones, Owens manager of Bridge to Success. "The Bridge to Success Program was created to help students strengthen their skills, build their confidence and get off to a successful start as they enter college. We look forward to helping more students in their educational and career pursuits."

Owens' seven-week comprehensive summer program features an array of academic initiatives, including academic preparation, exposure to campus life, mentoring, coaching and embracing the expectations of college-level studies. Additionally, Bridge to Success Program participants have the opportunity to participate in several academic workshops designed to promote enhanced learning and develop necessary study and life skills for college success. Students also learn and obtain an in-depth understanding of the language, culture and resources of Owens through participation in the College's First Year Experience "Bootcamp" class and in mathematics, reading, writing and computer seminars and workshops.

In addition, each attendee is provided with a faculty, staff or Bridge peer mentor during the seven-week academic program and through the first year of their college experience. Students receive free academic textbooks and become part of a learning community with block scheduling for the first year of college with a focus on math and English courses.

In order to be eligible for the Bridge to Success Program, prospective students must be high school graduates within the last academic year and have passed all parts of the Ohio Graduation Test unless there was an exemption. Individuals must also complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by April 30 and complete the Bridge to Success Program application by May 4. Students do not need to be federal Pell grant funding eligible for participation in the Bridge to Success Program.

Enrollment in the program is limited to 50 students on the Toledo-area Campus and 25 students on the Findlay-area Campus. Owens' Bridge to Success Program begins in June with an orientation and an induction ceremony for the participating students. Over 200 students have participated in Bridge to Success since the program was established in 2008.

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Three Steps Forward, Two Steps Back?

GPA Requirements for extra-curricular activities in discussion

By Vickie Shurelds
Sojourner's Truth Reporter

Opening a virtual hotbed of worms, the Lima City School board and athletic directors have announced open discussions that could lead to changing the GPA requirements to participate in sports and other non-graded activities.

At a time when there is a plethora of evidence that our students are struggling with grades and content knowledge strong enough to pass state tests, they are considering lowering the requirements from the current 1.75 (on a 4.0 scale) to 1.50. The discussion has generated animated reactions among educators and the general public.

"So, are we trying to send the message that sports are more important than your school work?" asks one listener on a local talk show. "Are we saying to students, if the work is too difficult for you, we'll lower the standards so you can still play ball? What college are you going to get into with a 1.5 GPA?" asks another.

Lima Senior High School girls basketball coach Vincent Holliday says the

school is looking for ways to include more students in school activities. He believes the move could pull more of those students from the achievement gap. "Maybe if we can get those kids to participate in sports and change the kids their hanging around with to students who care about their grades; who have pride in their school and in themselves, maybe we can get them to work harder...to get better grades," says Holliday. "This could put those students under the watchful eye of a coach who will push them to do better."

Emmanuel Curtis, a middle school basketball and track coach agrees. "We're not talking about a huge number of students, here. We're talking about a few students we may be able to get turned around if they feel more like they are a part of their school. My girl's basketball team Average is 3.1 and those who are higher reach out to those other team mates to pull them to the next level."

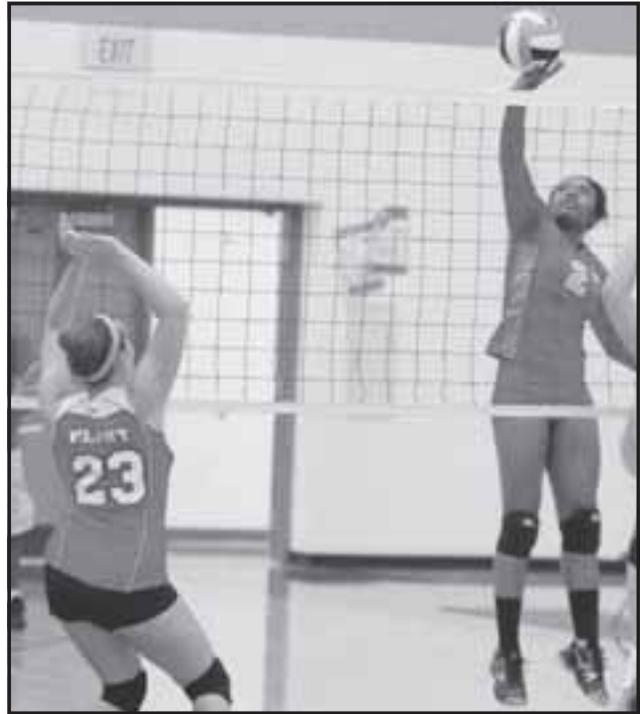
One argument for the

change is that it puts Lima City Schools in line with other schools in their same athletic conference. Of those schools, only LCS and one other are currently at 1.75; some schools have no GPA requirement for participation, others have it set as low as 1.0.

The discussion is clearly centered on non-graded activities; proponents want the public to know. This is not about not meeting state-mandated requirements.

Assistant Superintendent of LCS Jill Ackerman states; "We are trying to get kids to be more involved in our schools. We are looking for ways of reaching across to those students who need more of an incentive, and maybe a couple more positive people in their lives saying, 'You can do this.' Especially in the middle school level; we want to get them involved early so they get the discipline, high expectations, and behavior reinforcement from our coaches. And let's face it, if they don't play sports in middle school, it will be very difficult for them to make the teams in high school missing that valuable background.

"We also lose kids from the city schools because they transfer to other schools that do not have the 1.75 GPA requirement. Their parents take them elsewhere so they can have the benefit of playing sports for those schools. The problem for those students is that they do not do any better academically; and other schools in the area do not offer the resources and programs available for struggling students as Lima City



Schools."

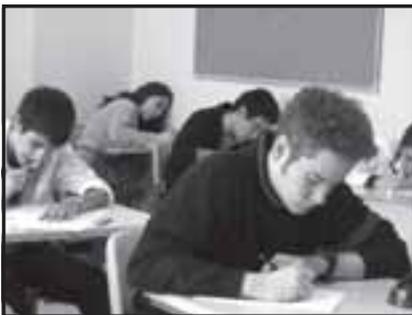
This is likely to be a difficult sell to the public at a time when the school district needs support from voters. The perception that Lima City Schools has a poor track record for state-mandated testing. During the last election, their levy request did not pass. One voter said, "All they care about is sports, and their sport teams just ain't that hot." The adage "Perception is Everything" will certainly come into play during the open discussion before the suggestion is put to a formal vote with the school board. In the mean-

time, the coaches and administrators want to include the community in the discussions. They'd like the chance to explain their theory on how it could work for some students.

Dr. Anthony Atkins, MD, of Detroit first questioned the idea; and then after hearing some of the talk points equated the program to one that he says, changed his life. "The Ohio State University offered a chance for students who didn't necessarily have the grades to get into medical school," says Dr. Atkins. "The program was challenging and intensive; giving those students a chance to prove that they were more than their GPAs reflected. I went through that program, and given that

chance put me where I am now...a doctor; saving lives, helping people. But, if they hadn't let me in so I could prove myself; who knows where I'd be right now? So, now I understand what these coaches are saying, and I think it's worth the chance to give even one kid a helping hand and let them prove they can be successful."

The GPA topic will be put to a vote soon, public input is welcome. For more information or to submit questions visit limacityschools.org. The next scheduled school board meeting is Thursday, May 10, 2012, at 6:00 PM at Freedom Elementary School on Calumet.



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Movie Review

The Avengers

By Michael Hayes
Minister of Culture



My dad grew up on comic books, and like any rebellious child, I stayed away from them for the most part. But luckily, all of us tykes in the 80s and early 90s were treated to cartoon revamps of all the super-hero stories our parents had in their youth.

So in a way, I'm hip to *The Avengers*. Fans of this kind of movie will range from comic-con-dwelling super geeks who know every nuance of every character to a T all the way to casual fans who thought the commercials looked interesting.

In the middle will be a smaller range of moviegoer with varying levels of familiarity with the story.

But rather than reaching back into childhood for cliff notes, you only need to think back to 2008. Yes, this is one of those films that you have to see AFTER you've done your homework.

With over \$200 million made domestically in its first weekend in theaters, *The Avengers* has set a new world record for the biggest opening of any film... ever.

You could see it without any back story and still have a blast, but who would I be if I didn't explain what you're walking into? Okay.

The Avengers is actually the sixth film in something called, The Marvel Cinematic Universe. Action movies that

form a franchise (*X Men*, *Transformers*, etc.) have their own universe that ties fans of the stories origin to its on-screen version but it usually revolves around one central figure.

For example, even though *X Men* had three linear installments and then *X Men Origins: Wolverine* and *X Men: First Class* came along as prequels, it was all still related to the central *X Men* storyline and legend.

This is four separate legends, four separate franchise worthy on-screen action films that have been dropping clues for years about how they were all linked together.

Remember Tony Starks father in *Ironman* and *Ironman 2*?

How he was a weapons manufacturer who had deep ties to the American military?

Well in the *Captain America* film, which takes place 60 years ago, there's Tony Starks playing his role to make a *Captain America*...the world's first super-soldier.

So, I will say it again, doing your homework is necessary before seeing *The Avengers*.

You should be familiar with *Iron Man* (2008), *The Incredible Hulk* (2008), *Iron Man 2* (2010), *Thor* (2011) and *Captain America* (2011) or else, most of *The Avengers* will have you sitting there with the deer face. I'm a huge fan of the *Ironman* franchise. I have to say that it's my favorite of them all, and I've watched both so much I can recite some of the scenes word for word. But *Thor* and *Captain America*... meh. Not so much.

So, I'm not saying you will thoroughly enjoy either of those.

But you absolutely need to see *Thor* because much of the plot in *The Avengers* if you want to know who the bad guy (Loki) is and what his overall threat is.

You also need to know what S.H.I.E.L.D. is, which is evident in all of the above mentioned films.

For those of you have already completed your homework, can we all just let out one giant "aaaahhh, now THAT'S AN ACTION MOVIE!"

I mean, this film just got better with every passing scene.

They had to let Robert Downey, Jr carry most of it because his character is the most magnetic (no pun intended), and it was his wit and humor that made the *Ironman* films some of the most successful action films in history...not just Marvel history, film history.

The Avengers hits a few weak points when it relies on characters and story lines not as interesting or actors not as convincing, but overall...it's such a thrill ride you barely notice any weak points. Remember when action movies in the 90s had a lot of sexual imagery to go along with all the explosions and fight sequences? One thing about the Marvel films is that women are usually portrayed as powerful and intelligent equals to the men instead of accessories, which comes across in this film with ease. But, Scarlett Johansson is hot as Black Widow. Even if her so-called Russian accent seems a bit intermittent.

In the comic books and cartoons, it was only our childhood openness to fantasy that could make a team of super-hero's use their powers collaboratively seem so believable.

But this film is mature enough to admit there would surely be some personnel and communication problems to work out before the team truly became a team.

The interplay between the Avengers themselves is where this film really shines.

They fight, fuss and learn to get along...and it's almost more entertaining than when

they battle their common enemy.

You need to see this film and you need to see it on a big screen.

Yea, yea ... I know.

Hollywood claimed bootlegging was putting them out of business and they almost shut the Internet down talking about how broke they were and yet they are setting

new world records for profits... I know. But, the movie-going experience is worth it for a movie like this. Go ahead and pay that 10 bucks... and enjoy one of the most well-rounded, intense and completely satisfying action movies you will ever see in your life!

The True grade for *The Avengers* is A.

Healthy Soul Food Recipes Gives You the Power to Eat Heart Healthy

New magazine cookbook debuts in May, in time for American Stroke Month Special to The Truth

This May during American Stroke Month, give your kitchen, and the dishes you serve, a heart-healthy makeover with the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association's new *Healthy Soul Food Recipes* magazine cookbook.

African-Americans are almost twice as likely as white Americans to have a stroke. This startling statistic is why the new, colorful, 96-page magazine is part of Power To End Stroke, an American Heart Association/American Stroke Association education and awareness cause campaign that embraces and celebrates the culture, energy, creativity and lifestyles of African-Americans.

Healthy Soul Food Recipes will be available at supermarket checkout stands nationwide for only \$3.99 on May 1, and on ShopPower.org beginning May 15 as part of a Power To End Stroke gift set, while supplies last.

The cookbook includes 45 easy-to-follow, heart-healthy recipes for traditional African-American soul food dishes that are typically considered unhealthy. The dishes featured in the cookbook—including Potato Salad, Three-Cheese Mac Bake, Seaside Shrimp and Sausage Gumbo and Sweet Potato Bread Pudding—meet the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association's dietary recommendations.

"*Healthy Soul Food Recipes* not only offers a wide range of delicious, traditional soul food recipes but also provides additional tools to help keep you on track with your heart health," said Allyson France, senior director of the American Heart Association, Northwest Ohio Division. "You can keep logs for physical activity, blood pressure, cholesterol and weight, as well as educate yourself with lifesaving risk factor information."

Purchasers of *Healthy Soul Food Recipes* also will enjoy inspiring interviews with Power to End Stroke's national ambassadors: musical artist Michelle Williams, of Destiny's Child fame, and R & B singer Christette Michele.

For information on Power To End Stroke as well as register for the campaign and to get information and tools to help reduce your stroke risk, visit PowerToEndStroke.org.

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Communities of Color and Student Loan Debt during the Great Recession

By Christian Weller
Special to The Truth

Last week the Center for American Progress released an analysis on the latest data from a survey conducted from the Federal Reserve of households in 2007 and 2009 showing there is even less economic security today for those who went deeper into debt to pay for their education in those years, particularly communities of color.

The largest increase in the median education debt amount—\$5,715—oc-

curred among African-American households. Households of other races and households with a high school degree also saw comparatively large increases in education debt. That is, households that disproportionately struggled due to higher unemployment, lower wages, and fewer benefits than their counterparts, such as African Americans, saw faster debt increases than their counterparts. It is possible that

struggling groups were more willing to go deeper into debt than their counterparts in an effort to regain some economic security during the difficult labor market during and after the Great Recession.

The summary data show that rising education loans put many student loan borrowers, especially communities of color, into an economic bind, making it more difficult to climb out of a deepening

Doubling Down On The Fight Against Older American Hunger

Nearly 9 million Americans 50 and older are currently struggling with hunger or lacking sufficient nutrition and food resources. And the problem is predicted to increase 75 percent by 2025, according to AARP Foundation.

Fortunately, an effort to eradicate this growing problem is under way and gaining traction. Since AARP and AARP Foundation launched Drive to End Hunger last year, the initiative has donated more than 6.6 million meals and driven corporate and individual donor commitments with an expected value of \$18.1 million. Chase Card Services (Chase), a division of JPMorgan Chase & Co., makes a donation to AARP Foundation for Drive to End Hunger each time an AARP Visa Card from Chase account is opened and the card is used. Last year, Chase contributed \$1.6 million to this important cause, which is equivalent to an estimated 750,000 meals for older Americans in need.

To attract even more attention and resources to this often-overlooked issue, Chase is doubling the donations made with the AARP Visa Card to AARP Foundation for Drive to End Hunger during the month of May, which is Older Americans Month. For more than a year, Chase has been donating \$0.03 for each purchase made with the AARP Visa Card and \$1 for each new account opened. However, in May, Chase is increasing this commitment by donating \$0.06 for each purchase made with the card, \$2 for each new account opened, in addition to a \$100 cash back bonus for cardmembers after their first use of the card. All told in 2012, Chase will donate up to \$2 million to AARP Foundation.

Doubling donations provides an easy way for cardmembers to make a difference in the lives of millions of Americans who face hunger each day. This year, in addition to the donations made through AARP Visa Card purchases, Chase has teamed up with four-time NASCAR Cup Series Champion Jeff Gordon and Drive to End Hunger and will appear on the No. 24 Drive to End Hunger Chevrolet for five 2012 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series races throughout the country.

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INTERESTED BIDDERS: Purchasing Building DEMOLITION project

Sealed bids will be accepted by the Board of Education of the Toledo Public School District until 1:00 p.m. on May 23, 2012 at the Toledo Public Schools Treasurers' Room 3, 420 E. Manhattan Blvd., Toledo, Ohio 43608, for all labor, material and supervision necessary for the demolition of the Purchasing Building as more fully described in the drawings and specifications for the project prepared by Macpherson Architects 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 **May 4, 2012 which can be purchased from Becker Impressions, 4646 Angola Road, Toledo, Ohio 43615, phone: (419) 385-5303. Drawings may be obtained on CD-ROM for no cost with the purchase of the specifications.**

A **PREBID CONFERENCE** is scheduled for May 11, 2012 at 8:30 a.m. at the Purchasing Building, 443 East Manhattan Blvd., Toledo, Ohio 43608.

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

Bid Package - Purchasing Building
Bid Item No. 1 Purchasing Building
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Starting wage: \$18.25 /hr part-time.

Applications are available at the Village Offices, 2125 Richards Rd., or online from the Village web site:

www.ottawahills.org/police

To apply, submit an application **and** signed Background Removal Standards form to:

Police Officer Position
Ottawa Hills Police Department
2125 Richards Road
Ottawa Hills, OH 43606

All applications are due by 05/18/2012.

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POLICE DISPATCHER

The Village of Ottawa Hills is accepting applications for the position of part-time Police Dispatcher.

Required training and experience:

High school graduate or G.E.D. equivalency. Must be available for weekends and holidays. Must be able to perform multiple tasks at once. Prior computer experience with ability to type 35 wpm and the ability to remain calm under pressure are a must. Written, physical, and psychological tests are required, as well as an extensive background check.

Starting wage: \$13.00 /hr part-time.

Applications are available at the Village Offices, 2125 Richards Rd., or online from the Village web site:

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To apply, submit an application **and** signed Background Removal Standards form to:

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Notice to Bidders: Inquiry # FY12-123, (Project # 0054-12-736) for McComas Village Restrooms 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, May 22, 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 419-385-5303 for an appointment to pick up bid package. A cost of \$35.00 will be charged per set. Any further information may be obtained from Jerry Voll of Duket Architects Planners at 419-255-4500. One Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Tuesday, May 15, 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: \$262,000.00; Breakdown: General Const: \$200,000.00 and Plumbing: \$62,000.00.

PUBLIC NOTICE

LCCS is seeking proposals from non-profit and for-profit agencies or entities capable and willing to provide Educational Support and Enhancement Services and Alternative School Suspension/Expulsion Services to families/children. RFP materials will be available from May 9 at 9:00 a.m., through May 22, 2012 at 4:00 p.m., at 705 Adams St., Toledo, Ohio, 43604. To make arrangements to pick up an RFP packet, call 419-213-3658.

An applicant information meeting regarding the RFP will be held on Tuesday, May 22, 2012, at 9:00 a.m., in Room 913, 705 Adams St.

The deadline for submitting completed proposals (NO FAX) is **Thursday, June 7, 2012, at 4:00 p.m. No proposal will be accepted after that deadline.**

By: Dean Sparks, Executive Director
Lucas County Children Services

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