



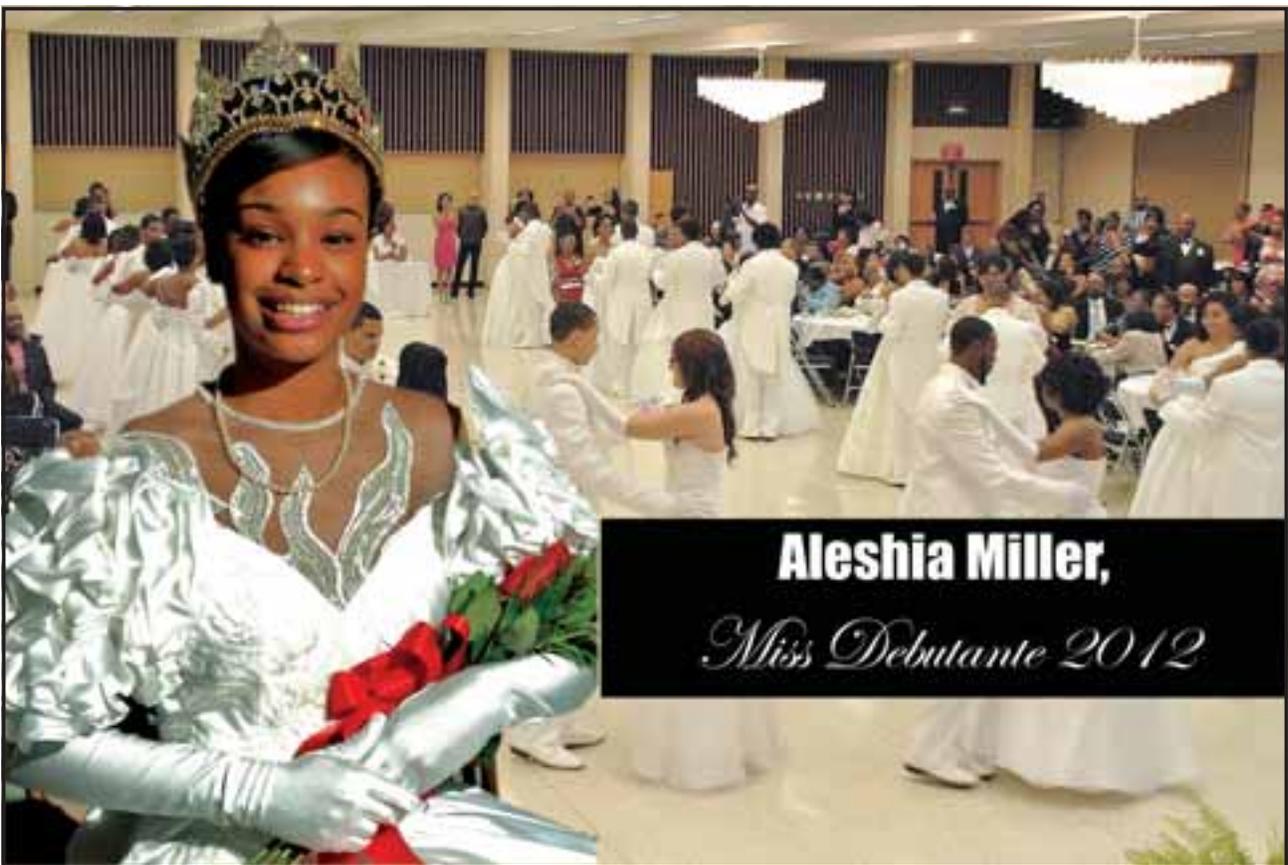
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The 48th Annual Debutante Cotillion



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Miss Debutante 2012

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You Give and Then You Get ...

By Lafe Tolliver, Esq
Guest Column



Well, it is that time of the year when the Toledo Public Schools and their allies start their Pamplona-style Running Of The Bulls.

This time the bulls are aiming their horns at the placement of a permanent school levy (yes, I did say permanent levy) on the upcoming fall ballot.

Permanent as in colorfast. Permanent as in never to go away. Permanent as in dye in the wool. Permanent as in, water is always wet.

So, now that we have established that TPS want to make a permanent nest in your wallet or purse, we need to find out what are they giving in return for this, "tails, I win and heads, you lose", deal.

What goodies is Pecko & Company giving to allure the already tax-fatigued property owner to come and drink their water?

I mean, there must be something, even a box of imported chocolates, that will cause the voter to do cartwheels and vote for a permanent garnishment against their income that will endure forever and ever!

Even though I quietly resigned as the outside consultant to the school board when they would not increase my compensation, I nonetheless maintain very cordial ties with certain persons in the administration who are willing to slip me nuggets of information when so needed.

I am in need, so I went nugget hunting and this is what I found out.

The school board is a little antsy about this permanent levy passing in light of their prior history of woeful report cards from the department of education regarding

the status of the public schools (except for the bright spot being the Toledo Early College High School...great results ... great program!).

My contact person gingerly asked me for some input as to what the school board needs to do in order to frame this ballot issue in the best possible light before the tax weary voters.

I was skeptical that the school board was using this person as a back channel to contact me about what they could do in light of my prior service as a consultant and my many ideas which were outright dismissed.

However in the spirit of compromise and trying to assist whenever I could, I dutifully again informed my inside source that the following measures, if implemented, would be major in showing good faith from the school board about being serious in systemic reform and changes which would produce immediate results and aid in the ballot measure.

ONE: The school board will require, commencing in the school year of 2014, that all school board members, principals, teachers, union members, administrators and staffing members place any and all school age children in a Toledo Public School.

The school board now realizes that it is idiotic to loss approximately the \$5800.00 per child stipend (paid by the State of Ohio) for each child who is not in the Toledo

Public Schools due to their parents getting a paycheck from Toledo Public but yet their kids attend non Toledo Public Schools.

It shows that TPS teachers do not believe in the soundness or the value of a TPS education and neither do they trust their own colleagues to properly teach their children. But yet, they want the parents to support their system!

TWO: Effective in the school years 2015, all new hires in Toledo Public Schools will reside within the city limits of Toledo, Ohio. TPS cannot afford to lose the tax base revenue or income of their employees who work in TPS but live in or buy homes in Rossford, Sylvania, Perrysburg, Maumee and other outlying areas.

THREE: Effective in the school year 2015 and continuing thereafter, the school board membership will expand so as to allow the election of three new board members who have children in the Toledo Public Schools.

These new members will be full voting members with all rights as any existing school board member. The school board now realizes that parents should have a greater say in the education of their children.

FOUR: Effective in the school year 2014 and continuing thereafter, each principal of each public school shall have the powers to make unannounced visits to any classroom for purposes of observations and comment and shall have the yearly duty to evaluate all teachers on his staff for purposes of re-training, promotion, demotion and yearly evaluations which will be sent to the personnel department of the school board for further review.

When my inside contact read the above four points, he involuntarily shuddered as if slammed by a cold Artic wind, but reluctantly told me that he would do what he could do with the superintendent and the school board to get these items passed. Stay tuned.

Contact Lafe Tolliver at tolliver@Juno.com

Community Calendar

May 24-26

End Time Christian Fellowship 10th Annual International Covenant Connection: Thur at 7 pm; Fri at 10 am – Men/Women Workshops, noon lunch; Sat – 10 am closing; Speakers include Pastor Bryan Hudson of Indianapolis, Pastors Jerry and Joyce Williams of Raleigh, Pastors Edward Turner and Ronald Person of Toledo

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 26

Warren AME Prayer Summit: 9 am; A Call to Prayer: 419-535-1290
Thomas Temple COGIC Gospel Musical: "Blessings in Songs;" 6 pm; Presenting The Supreme Angel of Cleveland, Sensational Clefones of Youngstown, The New Ohio Travelers Gospel Singer of Cleveland: 419-255-3447

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
Charity MBC 31st Pastoral Anniversary: Pastor Bobby Welborn and First Lady Vickey Welborn; also, June, 1, 3, 10, 24 and July 1 – services at 4: 419-726-4975
Northwestern MBC Women's Day: 3:30 pm; Speaker Jessie Vance

June 1

Thomas Wernert Center 8th Annual Rummage Sale: For mental health recovery and support; 9 am to 5 pm; Donations of household items, collectibles, small furniture, electronics and clothing welcome through May 31: 419-242-3000

June 2

United MBC Busy Bees Summer Camp: Registration 11 am to 5 pm; Games, food, crafts and more: 419-360-3584
"Freedom from Violence: Prayer Brunch: 10:30 am to 1:30 pm; Kent Branch Library; Sponsored by Promise Land Ambassadors: 404-610-1205
Scott High School Community Hub Celebration: Lawn of high school; Noon to 2 pm; Games, music, tours, food

June 3

Central MBC Installation Service: For Pastor Sylvester Day and First Lady Carolyn Day; 4 pm; Speaker Rev. J.L. Spears of Union Grove MBC
Historic Third Baptist Church Guest Musician: 11 am worship service: Keith Hunter – preacher, composer, pianist, organist

June 9

Mildred H. Gibson Center – Zion Lutheran Church – Flea Market/Yard Sale: 9 am to 5 pm: 419-810-5284
Bethlehem Baptist Church Bereavement Meeting: 10 am
The Friendly Center's Mother & Son Picnic: Wilson Park; 11 am to 3 pm; Free lunch and family fun; 419-243-1289
New Prospect MBC Golf Outing: Detwiler Park; 10 am

June 11-15

United MBC Vacation Bible School: 5 to 8 pm: 419-242-1455

June 16

2nd Annual Fatherhood Walk: Central Catholic High School; 10 am to 2 pm; Free food, fun, inspirational music; Guest speaker James McDonald: 419-377-1488
Kwanzaa in the Summer: Presented by the Toledo Kwanzaa House; Padua Center; 11 am to 5 pm; Entertainment, poetry, African drumming, presented, and more: 419-708-9701

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Hollywood Casino Toledo Offers an Early Peek for Area VIPS

Sojourner's Truth Staff



Casino cast member



Valentine Ononye

The Hollywood Casino Toledo, due to open this past Tuesday for the general public, offered an early glimpse to a list of invitees last Thursday to showcase what the excitement is all about at the

new gaming site. About 500 guests arrived to munch on delectables and toss a few dice on one of the first casinos in Ohio. The Toledo casino opened shortly after the Cleveland one.



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Toledo Couple Step Out On Faith to Create New Transportation Company

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When you see vans rolling around the city with this question on the side "Need A Ride?," then you are seeing the fulfillment of a goal that was set three years ago by two local entrepreneurs. Royce and Yolanda Durden launched their new transportation company, "Need-A-Ride?" in Toledo this year after hard work, sacrifice and a lot of prayer.

"The idea for our company came about because we realized that many of the jobs in the Toledo area are located in the suburbs, like the new casino and the Chrysler plant and we thought how are people in the city, without cars going to get to interviews and to work? Especially those people who work second or third shift and on weekends," said Yolanda.

"We also do a lot of volunteer work at our church and we know a lot of seniors need transportation to medical appointments,"

Royce added. "So Yolanda started doing research and found that there were not any transportation companies operating in Toledo that could meet the needs of these two groups; there were gaps," he said.

It was a big leap, however, from coming up with a good business idea to actually starting a new company. The Durden's are both professionals but neither had ever worked in the field of transportation. Royce is a licensed clinical therapist who provides counseling services to people with substance abuse and anger management issues and Yolanda is human resources professional. In 2009, when the economic downturn hit, Yolanda was laid off from a recruitment firm. She had been down this road before and, like many other professionals, she became frustrated with the cycle of finding a new job in the current insecure economy.

"We decided it was time for us to create something of our own because we were tired of working for other people," she said.

"We were very nervous about it," said Royce. "It is very serious to think about starting a new company because there is risk involved in going into debt and giving up on the security of a full-time job. We wanted to do it but we couldn't see clearly how we could take on the risk and responsibility," he said.

While Royce worked a full-time and two part-time jobs to support the family, Yolanda immersed herself in research on the transportation industry and started networking with people who could help her write a good business plan. It took a lot of time and work but she found great resources at the Minority Contractors Business Assistance Center and through SCORE, a nonprofit group that helps

small businesses get off the ground. Yolanda was assigned a mentor, a retired business executive who helped her think through the business model and business plan.

"Yolanda was so passionate about this idea," said Royce. "After all the research and work she put into it, she really sold me on it. She convinced me this service is needed in Toledo and it would work."

"I knew the key to our success would be to provide a safe ride for the seniors at an affordable price," said Yolanda. "There are many older people who can't drive anymore but they still want to be independent. We can take them where they need to go and give them a sense of independence," she said.

"Need-A-Ride?" is not a taxi service. Individuals who use the service schedule rides in advance so that they can feel confident they



can get to work, school, or appointments and then back home. One-way or two-way service is provided seven days a week. The company also operates a specialty van that is ADA compliant and equipped with a ramp to help people in wheel chairs get to work or appointments. All of the drivers are CPR certified and undergo thorough background checks.

"It's really easy to talk

about stepping out on faith but in reality it's hard to leave your safety net behind and go out on a high wire," said Royce. "It's a real spiritual thing. We really feel that we are being called to provide this service to help people. The Lord wants us to give our all and we are fully committed. We want the business to grow into something great," he said

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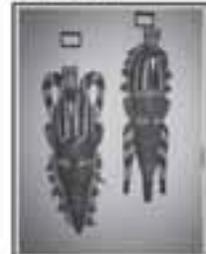
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Elegance, Style and Grace- The 48th Annual Debutante Cotillion

By Candice L. Harrison Sojourner's Truth Reporter



Young ladies hailing from various schools in the Toledo area joined in a showing of class, character, congeniality and excellence for the 48th Annual Debutante Cotillion presented by the Toledo Club of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. (NANBPWC), on Saturday May 26, 2012, in the Stranahan Theater Great Hall.

The annual dance is the culmination of five months of rigorous rehearsals, unprecedented commitment on the part of the participants and their escorts as well as personal development events. It serves as a "Rites of Passage" and presentation of an elite class of young ladies to society. Participation also provides opportunities to embark on various personal learning and cultural exposure through events centered on careers, education and waltz rehearsal.

The participants are selected and nominated by their respective schools based on criteria provided by the Toledo Club which includes moral character and citizenship in and out of school,

grade point average and not having children or currently being pregnant. The criteria has not changed or wavered since its original years.

Toledo Club member and Debutante Cotillion Chairman Wilma Brown shared that the event's purpose is to "encourage them (participants) to continue their col-

lege education and display their talent. We also try to provide them with experiences they may not have had before."

The Toledo Club of NANBPWC INC., provided \$6500.00 in scholarship funding to this year's winners as part of their commitment to ensuring that post-



secondary education is at the center of the Cotillions focus. This contribution is also aside from the three University of Toledo Scholarships and monetary prize for Mr. Escort.

The program began with a welcome by Toledo Club President Denise Black Poon followed by greetings from North Central District Governor of The NANBPWC Inc. Barbara Tucker. First

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Debutante Cotillion

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Vice President Wanda Terrell presented Miss 2011 Debutante, Olivia Phifer. Judges and talliers were introduced by Talent Co-Chairman Beverly Tucker. Judges included Mercy Health Partners President and CEO Andrea R. Price; Toledo Public Schools educator, Robert Duris; renowned entertainer Ramona Collins and retired flight attendant Veeda Cooper. Desiree McGee and Lashonda Horton both served as talliers.

Debs-in-Waiting Chair-

man Leola Hayes and choreographer Jackie Black presented the Debs-in-Waiting who donned scarlet dresses symbolic of the NANBPWC INC., colors. The flow of the evening was then guided by the Mistress of Ceremony Rhonda Sewell whose talent for ensuring the audience was engaged and having a great time was exceptional and well received by the crowd as she led the presentation of the 2012 Debutantes.

Each Debutante graced the floor in the Cotillion



The talent winners - Aleshia Miller, Kia Franklin and Keyanna Jordan



Debutante Jacqueline Ford dances with her father, former Mayor Jack Ford.jpg



promenade with her presenter as she approached the judging table for the traditional curtsy. The escorts met them in ceremonial fashion as the audience learned of the many outstanding achievements earned by each Debutante. Each Debutante received financial awards from various universities ranging from just under \$10,000 in scholarship awards to more than \$100,000. Many of the ladies are University of Toledo bound. However, others will attend the likes of The University of Kentucky, Howard University, Alabama A&M, Eastern Michigan,

Wright State, Bowling Green State University, The University of Cincinnati, among others.

After the initial traditional cotillion waltz, many were wowed and encouraged an encore presentation of the cotillion waltz which they willingly obliged. The Debutantes then danced with their

fathers or other relative in the tradition parents waltz.

The moment that each guest waited for arrived and Wilma Brown approached the podium to announce the awards. The 2012 Miss Debutante was Aleshia Miller, daughter of Al and Fran Miller and a student at

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Debutante Cotillion

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Miss Debutante 2012 and Olivia Phifer, Miss Debutante 2011

ing for Cotillion over the past year. I was a Deb-in Waiting first and did a lot of work to get to this point. To see my hard work pay off was exciting and makes me very proud!"

First runner-up was Skylar Thompson of Toledo School for the Arts and second runner-up was Kia Franklin of Central Catholic High School. The other talent winners were: second place Kia Franklin and third place Key Anna Jordan of Notre Dame Academy. The University of Toledo President's Community Scholarship Award that provides tuition funding for four years and room and board for the first year was awarded to Cherise Brunner

of Whitmer High School and Jacqueline Ford of Start High School.

The Ms. Congeniality award was presented to Israelle Nelson of Notre Dame Academy who received a silver bracelet by Henry Triplett of Henry's Jewelry who sponsored the piece. Mr. Escort 2012 was Timothy Woodson who escorted Kiarah Allen of Central Catholic High School received a monetary award for outstanding work as an escort.

After the club sisters of NANBPWC INC., were presented the dance floor opened up and the sounds for the

evening were provided by Dance Time-Unique Sounds. The event was immaculate and filled with class and el-

gance and is surely to remain the talk of the town until the next Debutante celebration arrives in 2013.



Skylar Thompson and Kia Franklin

Bowsher High School. Miller also placed first in the talent division with a mime dance presentation to the gospel song "Jesus" by Leandra Johnson.

Miller explained the feeling as "A complete surprise! There was another girl who did a really good monologue, when she didn't win second; I knew she would win first." She also added that, "I worked really hard prepar-



Wilma Brown, Barbara Tucker, Denise Black Poon, Olivia Phifer, Aleshia Miller, Skylar Thompson, Kia Franklin

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Residents of the Old West End Work with County to Target Vacant Homes for Demolition

Selected sites will be torn down using money from the national Attorney General robo-signing settlement.

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Residents of the Old West End are worried about the safety risks posed by hundreds of vacant homes in their community. Last night they met with city leaders and presented David Mann, director of the Lucas County Land Bank, with a list of 150 vacant properties they want torn down.

Mann accepted the list and says he plans to work with the concerned residents to get

many of the properties demolished saying, "neighborhoods like this, which have a plan, are the ideal neighborhoods to work with".

Homeowner Brenda Sawyer told the gathering she identified 100 vacant properties within a 15 block range on streets like Parkwood Avenue and Detroit Avenue. Several of those houses had significant fire damage as a result of arson. She fears for the

safety of area seniors, youth and even her own family.

Mann told the group that 1800 burned out, tax delinquent, vacant houses have already been identified as needing to be torn down. The challenge now is to get down to roughly 850 houses to be demolished using the Attorneys General settlement funding. He said that a sizable chunk of the houses on the residents' list would be prioritized first.

City Councilwoman Paula Hicks-Hudson also told the residents about potential legislation which will hold mortgage lenders more accountable for foreclosed vacant properties. She believes there is already enough support to pass the ordinance but encouraged the residents to voice their support to make

sure it goes through.

As for residents' concerns about neighborhood safety, Toledo Police Chief Derrick Diggs was invited to attend the meeting and address their concerns.

Instead he sent a completely unprepared sergeant in his place with no information about the topic of the meeting.

Residents of the Old West End plan to fol-

low up with the chief to make sure he addresses their concerns for more visible police presence in their neighborhood



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Eyes & Ears for the Police?

By Michael Hayes
Minister of Culture



the traffic lights had stopped working!

Not just flashing, but stopped working entirely and in the middle of the afternoon, during moderate traffic.

This isn't the first time I've seen such a catastrophe waiting to happen, so I called 911 and reported which streets and all that. My point is, if TPD wants to use this arrangement to basically say they've just added hundreds of additional patrol cars for the purpose of reporting dangerous situations... this too could be a catastrophe waiting to happen.

They are saying that this so-called partnership between Black & White Cab and the Toledo Police Department will be a way to increase eyes and ears on the streets, not just for crime but for all emergency situations.

Meanwhile, last week, I was downtown about four blocks from Fifth Third Field and I drove through three straight intersections where

I've been in quite a few cabs over the years and no disrespect to the drivers earning a living working those long hours, but I doubt that all of them want to get cozy with the cops.

The Basic Problem

Decades ago, white neighborhoods all across America had gang activity, youth violence and rampant sale of illegal substances. Yet it didn't result in massive arrests, ballooning prison populations, or ridiculous zero tolerance stances. Many of the young men during those times still went on to lead fulfilling lives. But what if police refused to differentiate between which white teens were involved in criminal activity and which ones weren't?

Sure would be a lot fewer white men who have had the luxury of growing old as free men regardless of how much dirt they may have on their hands.

Crime is not new. Urban crime is not new. Illegal drug use is not new.

Gang activity is not new. These societal ills have plagued many nations throughout civilization's history.

Don't let them trick you into thinking you are animals or less than human.

Don't let them trick you into thinking that black people are inherently dangerous.

Don't believe the bull that Toledo is somehow the most violent place in America.

There is a concoction of deliberate conditioning and lack of will that has led to the current climate on our streets.

Personal responsibility is always the key component.

Any inner-city youths dumb enough to carry guns and become involved in criminal activity are going to have to face reality for decisions they have made.

However, the justice system takes other factors into account when the people charged with crimes aren't minorities in urban areas.

Stress. Personality disorders. Environmental influences. Cognitive awareness of one's actions and so on. If law enforcement is savvy enough to weigh in all of those issues when some hillbilly hacks someone to pieces in some obscure rural town, then why doesn't urban crime get the same level of sophistication?

What makes a police officer

so different from you and me?

They show up to work dressed for the job they have just like you and I do.

They show up to work with all the prejudices, pre-conceived notions, fears and phobias they have built up over time just like you and I have.

After 20 years of slanted news coverage, they may have a negative view of young, black youth just as most of America does.

They have just as many off days, lapses in judgment and character flaws as anyone they could ever arrest or protect.

They are simply at work, just like the rest of us.

The basic problem is, they have the authority to imprison and even kill human beings.

Even though they are not super heroes and have no keener judgment or access to premonition than any of the rest of us.

We all want the crime to subside.

The amount of counselors, job developers, teachers, non-profit workers and clergy members out there in the streets doing their part to save the youth far exceeds the amount of cops even with their new cabbie buddies in rank.

But if the goal is to have more eyes on the streets for the police,

shouldn't we first do a

better job at training those eyes on how to spot what truly is a criminal? Because more eyes could just mean more mistaken identities.

More eyes could simply mean more prejudices having dire consequences.

We don't want to protect criminals.

But we do want to protect ourselves from them and those who can't tell the difference between them and us.

Who is "us"?

"Us" refers to the multitude of people... of all colors... living in inner city areas who are tax-paying contributing members of this community.

We are living next door to the criminals, we see them on our way to work.

I saw on line that there are gun ranges now using silhouettes of Trayvon Martin for target practice. People lined up with cash in hand to be the first to take aim.

Before you go crazy with police efforts to curb crime, we really need you to make the distinction of who is and who isn't a criminal.

Who are the violent ones, really?

How much are our lives worth to the people with the power to end them, really.

More eyes and ears wont' mean a damn thing without first having a mind and a heart.

Senator Brown Announces Funding to the University of Toledo

Funding will help technology based Business start-ups in NW Ohio

State Senator Edna Brown (D-Toledo) has announced the state Controlling Board released \$87,500 to

The University of Toledo to expand its incubation program, which is designed to deliver training and outreach to technology-related entrepreneurial companies and individuals.

"I am pleased that additional funding will be given to The University of Toledo to increase their business outreach efforts in the community," said Senator Brown. "These business incubation centers help create exciting opportunities for business growth and the creation of higher paying jobs in northwest Ohio."

The additional Ohio Department of Development funding will allow the university to expand its work with communities seeking to establish business incubation facilities and to assist in the ongoing development of their incubation companies. This expansion will increase the services provided to clients as they work to establish technology based start-ups in the region.

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Nobody likes to be a loser but for once, you wish you were.

You'd like to lose the chub on your chin, the wiggle in your middle, take a few pounds of junk from your trunk, and that ain't all. You know how much better you'd feel but it's easy to make promises and hard to make weight.

In this case, losers always win. You just wish you were one of them.

Ada Howard wanted to lose weight, too, but being healthier was only one of the reasons why. In the new novel, *Ada's Rules* by Alice Randall, Ada's got to lose her suspicions first.

Ada Howard was a daughter, mother, director at KidPlay, the Preacher's Wife and head bookkeeper for Nashville's Full Love

Baptist Tabernacle. Her hands were full and so was her head, so it was no surprise that the pounds crept to her thighs and chest before she really noticed.

But what made her finally see herself was an envelope that came in the mail.

It was class reunion time and Matt Mason - her first real love - had written a personal note on her invitation. It thrilled Ada to her toes just thinking of doing something with him that she hadn't done back in the day. He'd wanted her then and she'd said no, but she wouldn't let another chance pass her by.

Yes, Ada was Full Love's First Lady, but that didn't change the fact that her husband, Lucius - whom everybody called "Preach" and some ladies called "Lucious" - had been

steppin' out on Ada. She had no proof, but with his last-minute meetings, emergency calls, and disappearing acts, Ada didn't need it.

There was no way she'd meet up with Matt Mason carrying 220 pounds. She wasn't about to put flab between her and her old love. She needed to lose weight, so Ada went on a diet.

It was easy to change things at the church's daycare; kids love fruit anyhow. Her elderly parents ate whatever Ada cooked for them. Ada learned to exercise and eat right, to trust her body and to look sharp. She was ready for the New Ada - but first, she needed to do a little housekeeping.

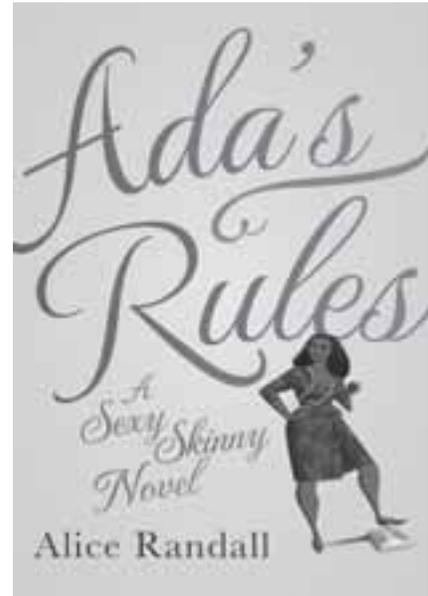
She needed to find out who her husband was cheating on her with...

When I first started reading "Ada's Rules," my first

two thoughts were "Huh?" and "What?" The story's introduction didn't make any sense to me so - I'll admit it - I skipped it. Good thing I did.

Once you get into the meat of this novel, *Ada's Rules* is pretty good. Author Alice Randall gives her main character a sassy vulnerability that makes her feel like a good friend, like someone you'd want to exercise with. Sometimes, the story felt preachy to me, but the presence of such a strong, perfectly flawed character made it okay.

If you're dieting, you'll find sympathy here. If you're already a skinny-minnie, you know that books are fat-free so bite into a copy of *Ada's Rules*. It's a book you'll lose yourself in.



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Sealed bids will be accepted by the Board of Education of the Toledo Public School District until 1:00 p.m. on June 6, 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 Vetter Design Group 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 18, 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 25, 2012 at 8:30 a.m. at the Marshall Elementary, located at 415 Colburn St. Toledo, OH 43604

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20 North Gallery Presents "Tom & Friends: a Tribute to McGlauchlin's Legacy in Glass"

Internationally-renowned artists pay tribute to late colleague and Studio Glass Movement co-founder

Special to The Truth

20 North Gallery proudly presents "Tom & Friends: a Tribute to McGlauchlin's Legacy in Glass", the first major gallery exhibit of the work of studio glass pioneer Tom McGlauchlin, since his death in 2011. The exhibit will run from Saturday, June 9 – Saturday, July 14, 2012, as one of the Concurrent Glass Exhibitions held in conjunction with the Glass Arts Society (GAS) Conference commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Studio Glass Movement in Toledo. A public reception for the exhibit will be held Friday, June 15, 2012, from 6:30 – 10:30p.m., in conjunction with the GAS conference downtown Gallery Loop.

Tom McGlauchlin was one of the leading co-founders of the Studio Glass Movement, from its initial workshop at the Toledo Museum of Art in 1962 and continuing until his death in 2011. McGlauchlin began as a ceramic student of Harvey Littleton. He and Littleton became pioneers in creating what would become a major



Angelina - blown glass and colored pencil

field of contemporary art, the Studio Glass Movement. In addition to his fine artwork, McGlauchlin also enjoyed a prolific teaching career.

Tom McGlauchlin's work is included in the permanent

collections of numerous national and international institutions such as Corning Glass Museum, Corning, New York; The Smithsonian Collection, Washington, D.C.; Portland Art Museum, Port-

land, Oregon; Kunstmuseum, Dusseldorf, Germany; The National Museum of Modern Art, Kyoto, Japan, and the Toledo Museum of Art, Toledo, Ohio

The "Tom & Friends" exhibition will feature a retrospective of the work of the late Tom McGlauchlin with special emphasis on his previously un-exhibited, final, flat glass pieces. Showcased in the exhibit are works representative of all of his major series throughout his lengthy career, including:

McGlauchlin's early studio blown glass work, pieces of the famed *Dessin de Bulle* series, prism blown glass, as well as his more recent blown glass and colored pencil abstract portrait heads, cast paper bas relief sculpture and flat panel glass. The exhibited works serve to demon-

strate the importance of the human face and figure in the development of his artistic career.

McGlauchlin's work will be lovingly surrounded by that of national and regional colleagues and friends—contributing glass and mixed media glass sculpture, as well as ceramic work by McGlauchlin's initial collaborators in studio glass who have continued their artistic careers in other media. This is the first joint exhibition, since the movement's earliest days, to showcase the artwork of all the initiators of that first Studio Glass Workshop in 1962.

The "Tom & Friends" exhibit is a comprehensive gathering of many legendary and iconic talents including: **Herb Babcock, Clayton Bailey, Fritz Dreisbach,**

Edith Franklin, Henry Halem, Philip Hazard, Janet Kelman, Harvey Littleton, Shawn Messenger, Mark Peiser, Jack Schmidt, Norman Schulman, Robin Schultes & Patrick Dubreuil, Kelly Sheehan, John Stephenson and Meredith Wenzel, as well as privately-owned work by **Dominick Labino.**

20 North Gallery will be welcoming friends, the exhibiting artists and collectors at the free Public Reception on Friday, June 15th, from 6:30–10:30p.m., in conjunction with the GAS conference downtown Gallery Loop. Reception attendees can celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Studio Glass Movement—and the artistic accomplishments of McGlauchlin and his colleagues—with the opportunity to view and purchase works by the legendary artists of the genre.

To view a virtual tour and online exhibition catalogue of "Tom & Friends: A Tribute to McGlauchlin's Legacy in Glass": visit www.20northgallery.net (The website posting begins June 9, 2012.



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