March Is Women’s History Month

Local School Administrators and Principals: Treva Jeffries, Robin Wheatley, Ed.D, Cecelia Adams, Ph.D, Daphne Derden Willis, Teresa Quinn
Lucas County Democratic Party Executive Director Yvonne Harper got politically “shanked up” in her attempt to gain Toledo City Council’s approval for the appointment to represent District 4.

Many feel, however, that more political blood than Harper’s remained on the floor after the swift but brutal process that led to the choice of Scott Ramsey, an “independent,” to the seat instead.

“That looks to me like Shaun Enright cuts a deal to get Steve Steel to be president of city council by delivering Republican votes. In return, Steve delivers Democratic votes to the Republican’s candidate. Steel gets to be president of council and he gets to resign as chair of the Lucas County Democratic Party. But in just a week’s time, the choice for his successor with the Party goes past the vice chair, past the secretary, all the way down to Josh Hughes, the central committee chair, who replaces Steel and becomes acting chair,” said another insider.

“Josh is a real decent fellow, but he is an attorney for the buildings trade union. The perception is that he is merely an extension of Shaun Enright and is under the thumb of the union. So it appears that this was a unilateral process where Steel said, ‘There you go folks. Suck it up,’” he added.

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“Can you believe the dysfunction? Steve Steel’s first act after being elected council president was to sell District 4 and the African American community lock, stock and barrel, down the river,” said one political insider. “This is a district that is 82 percent African American and 90 percent Democrat at a time when you’ve got four black people on council that couldn’t even agree on one damn candidate.”

Several residents see newly-elected Council President Steven Steel, who has “some of the best relationships with folks in the African-American community,” at the center of what they term as an outright “betrayal.”

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M. Collins’ term. With Collins’ widow Sandy Drabik-Collins poised to succeed him, Mayor Hicks-Hudson is facing fast-approaching filing deadlines. She also could run without the support or infrastructure from Steel’s allies, who were also closely aligned with the late Mayor Collins.

In addition, Hicks-Hudson is challenged in her efforts to succeed in just trying to move the city forward on a daily basis. A major challenge confronting her as she attempts to present a balanced municipal budget by March 31 is approximately $6 million in unanticipated costs due to contract settlements with the Toledo Police unions and loss of red light camera revenues.

“She’s surrounded by sharks right now. That much I know,” said a source close to the mayor. “I mean, she’s got an entire staff that she did not pick, surrounding her and helping her make decisions. And they’re feeding her a narrow set of information based on their own individual skill sets so she doesn’t have the complete lay of the land so they’re going to move her in a direction that is potentially dangerous for her,” the friend added.

For certain, the consequences of the “politics of Steel” have led to a monopoly of power exercised by a small, select group of political insiders. This in turn, has alienated the black community and led a fractured Lucas County Democratic Party away from inclusivity.

(Much leadership is) too hungry for status to be angry, too eager for acceptance to be bold, too self-invested in advancement to be defiant.

- Cornel West
Well, Excuse Me…!
By Lafe Tolliver, Esq
Guest Column

Do the drum roll. Roll out the red carpet. Let the trumpets blare. Hitch up the wagons. Get all gussied up. Put out your best silverware. Wash the car.

Why? What is the fuss all about?

Haven’t you heard? Her Ladyship, Hillary Clinton, is going to announce that she wants to be the next, and the first woman, president of the US of A.

Let’s not be coy here. The Clinton’s are a money magnet. Their speaking fees are astronomical and legendary and they have no shame is picking up those fat checks from donors, both near and far and overseas.

The looming question will be, does Hillary have the political appetite to rally the troops around the hot button issues: economic class divisions, strained race relations, a crumbling infrastructure, a dysfunctional Congress, a disgruntled middle class that is fed up with the crumbs from the tables of the clueless and greedy one percenters, a bloated and biased tax code, immigration reform and climate control.

The only people who will benefit from this pending bruising campaign will be the owners of the radio and television stations who will make fortunes running political ads from both Democrats and Republicans; and the publishing companies who will be putting out those print ads and campaign paraphernalia that will wind up in the landfills or storage sheds when the fight is over.

Of course if Bill, I mean, if Hillary wins the White House, I trust that the name Clinton has not become a magic talisman for people of color so that when they see or hear the name, Clinton, that all is well and the land of milk and honey is just a few Electoral College votes away.

Any Clinton, regardless of her first name, is not and will not and cannot be the “savior” of America or single handedly eliminate the continuing oppression of people of color. Voter ID anyone?

That is why I hope that when Bill, I mean, when Hillary announces her candidacy, that black folks will not have Bar-B-Que’s on their front lawns or are caught signing, “Happy Days Are Here Again!”

Just as Bill Clinton, “smacked down” Sister Souljah when she got off the plantation and made remarks that were inappropriate, Hillary may have to have her “Souljah” moment when she may have to discipline some unfriendly black politicians or intellectuals (maybe Cornel West or Michael Dyson?) when they might say something that impinges upon her political aspirations.

Of course if Bill, I mean, if Hillary wins the White House, the perennial question is always what “goodies” will the black and Latino voters get for their troubles or are they seen merely as a bridge for Hillary to get to the White House; and then she gives lip service to the voting blocs that made the difference with the White House having a woman in the driver’s seat.

For me, one of the crucial litmus test will be concrete policies that narrow the income gap between the haves and the have not’s. Any bleary promises on that issue from either side will have me sitting at home on election day.

In the meantime, I will not be waiving any rah-rah pom-poms if Bill, I mean, Hillary, decides to seek the unique title of, Madam President.

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On Saturday, March 28, 2015 from 4 pm to 6 pm, there will be a “Lifetime Achievement Celebration” for Joan Bolden held at Third Baptist Church, 402 Pinewood Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43604. Various musical groups from around the city will be performing. The celebration will be followed by a reception in Bolden’s honor. All are invited to attend this celebration of love as we give Joan her flowers while she yet lives.

Joan Bolden, or JoAnn, as she is known by her friends and family, was born on September 15, 1946 in Toledo, Ohio. She is the oldest daughter of the late Deacon Thomas G, and Lessie Mae Graham Jr.

Bolden is a 1964 graduate of Jesup W. Scott High School. After graduation, Bolden attended Alabama A & M University from 1964-66. She also attended Toledo’s Stautzenberger College.

She accepted Christ at the age of 11, was baptized at the Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church under the pastoral leadership of the late Rev. Elijah Benton. At the young age of 13, Bolden became the music director and accompanist, eventually, of five different choirs at the church. They were the Senior Choir; the No. 2 Choir; the Inspirational Chorus; Grace Ensemble; and the Youth and Young Adult Choir. Joan played at Mount Zion for 27 years, while at the same time serving as musician for the Toledo City Wide Male Chorus Union for 25 years.

In the year 1989, Bolden came to the Third Baptist Church under the pastoral leadership of the Rev. Langston C. Bannister. She became the musical director of the Adult Fellowship Choir, and later the Women of Genesis and the Men’s Chorus.

Bolden’s musical training began classically under the tutelage of the late Mary Bell Shealey when she was only eight years old. Being rooted in the Baptist church, she was playing gospel music by the time she was 12, and accompanied her own family (The Graham Singers) during her twenties and thirties.

Bolden has been a faithful member of the Toledo Interfaith Mass Choir for 25 years, and also sang with the David Carter Symphonic Choir for 15 years. As a soloist, she has graced many Toledo area churches, and also accompanied other church choirs and soloists.

At the 189th session of the National Baptist Convention, she received the Gospel Legends Award. Then in 2012, she was awarded the Music and Performing Arts Award by the Toledo Branch of the NAACP.

Bolden has one sister, Tommie McGhee; one son, James Ruffin (Aletha) two daughters, Sharisse Rowell (Rev. Chris), and Leslie Bolden. Six grandchildren, James Ruffin Jr., Sakiya Bolden-Hills, Jasmine Ruffin, Chris Rowell Jr., Joshua Rowell, and Caleb Rowell.

Other family members include two nephews, two nieces, two great nephews, three great nieces, two cousins, extended family, and a multitude of friends.

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The Sojourner’s Truth

March 11, 2015
A Celebration of Women’s History Month:
Educators Then and Now
Sojourner’s Truth Staff

America’s first African-American female principal of an integrated school was Maria Louise Baldwin in 1889 when she was selected to lead a white faculty and predominantly white student body at the Agassiz Grammar School in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Teaching, however, quickly provided an opportunity for African-Americans in general and black women in particular to participate in the nation’s workforce as the 20th century arrived.

One of the most famous and influential 20th century black female educators was Mary McLeod Bethune. In 1904, Bethune found the Daytona Norman and Industrial Institute for Negro Girls in Daytona Beach, Florida. Bethune believed that education was the answer to any problems associated with racial inequality and social injustice.

In 1923, Bethune’s college merged with the Cookman Institute for Men and became the Bethune-Cookman College.

In 1930, Euphemia Lofton Haynes, the first black woman to receive a doctorate in math, founded the math department at Miner Teachers College – renamed the University of the District of Columbia. E.V. Wilkins earned a masters degree from North Carolina Central University and accepted the role as principal of Washington County Union School in Roper, North Carolina. Wilkins raised funds to purchase a school but that provided transportation for black students. Until then, only white student were offered busing options.

After the turbulent 1960’s, black educators continued to make their mark. In 1975, Marva Collins founded Westside Preparatory School, an inner-city school in Chicago, to serve disabled black children. Collins’ work proved that labels placed on children were misleading.

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family to Toledo as a young child.

A long-time TPS employee, Bethany accomplished some legendary feats as a teacher before moving into the principal’s office. During her tenure at the Old West End Academy, Bethany’s students frequently passed all five portions of the Ohio proficiency tests. During one stretch, she taught the same group of students from their second-grade class until the time they graduated from the school – high achievers all through dint of hard work.

Daphne Derden Willis

Derden Willis, TPS director of Career Technology, is a Toledo native and a Notre Dame Academy graduate who earned her undergraduate degree in Education from Bowling Green State University marketing education, her master’s, also from BGSU, in guidance counseling and an administration certificate from the University of Findlay. A 20-year veteran of TPS, Derden Willis had been a teacher and guidance counselor at Scott High School before assuming her current duties at Career Technology.

She is the beneficiary of a $40 million-plus renovation project that, among other improvements, brought the school up to date from a technology standpoint. "I bleed maroon and white," she says of Scott.

She inherited more than the building in which she had once studied. She was able to go home again to a new and vastly improved home. Scott High School is the beneficiary of a $40 million-plus renovation project that, among other improvements, brought the school up to date from a technology standpoint.

Rhonda Jemison

Jemison, principal in her first year at Springfield High School, has been with that school district for nearly eight years. Prior to that, she worked in the Bedford School District for seven years after starting her professional career with Toledo Public Schools.

A product of TPS herself, Jemison graduated from Devilbiss and earned degrees from UT. For her, the Springfield experience – she is the first African-American principal of the high school – with its different demographics, has been interesting and challenging.

"That has enhanced my ability to deal with everybody, see different perspectives and to take everywhere I’ve been and create new things," she says.

Martha Jude

Jude, the principal for the past four years at Pickett Academy, is a Toledo native with more than two decades years of experience in education. She graduated from Macomber and earned her undergraduate degree in education from UT and masters from UT in administration and supervision.

Prior to her appointment as principal at Pickett, Jude served as assistant principal at the school for several years. For Jude, her choice of career has never been in doubt from as early as she can recall. "I knew I wanted to be a teacher from early on," she recalls. That calling was reinforced when she was in the fifth grade at Gunckel and had Ms. Stevens as a teacher. Ms. Stevens, she says now, was the perfect role model for her students especially for someone who would aspire to follow in her footsteps.

Teresa Quinn

Quinn, principal of the Ella P. Stewart Academy for Girls, has quite a track record at TPS’s single gender academies. She was appointed principal of the former Lincoln Academy for Boys for the 2007-2008 school year. When that facility was closed several years later and the boys were moved to the renovated MLK building on Dorr, Quinn moved over to Stewart.

Quinn earned her undergraduate ad masters degrees from

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UT and has been with TPs since the early 1990’s and has served in administrative positions at Waite High School and Deveaux Junior High School. Having grown up in Toledo, Quinn recognizes the need for students to identify with someone who has undergone similar experiences.

“I was very drawn to this position and realized too that students need a true role model in terms of someone growing up in the city,” she has said.

Kathy Taylor

Taylor, principal of Navarre Elementary School for the past eight years, is a Toledo native and has been a principal with TPs for a total of 18 years starting at Mt. Vernon Elementary School. She earned her undergraduate degree in education from UT, her masters in administration and supervision from UT and an educational specialist degree from UT as well.

In her years of administration, Taylor has implemented a wide array of programs to recognize staff and students but her greatest enjoyment has come about when “I know that I have made an impact in their lives,” she says.

“When I see them out and about in later years, functioning, going to college, getting a job and career, that’s the most fulfilling part.”

Deborah Washington, Ph.D.


She subsequently earned her Ph.D. from BGSU.

“There is an African proverb. ‘If you don’t have anything, your name is what you have.’”

Robin Wheatley, Ed.D.

Wheatley, the principal of Toledo Early College High School since the 2006-2007 academic year - the second year of the school’s existence – has overseen the school’s first graduation, a steady stream of excellent marks on the state report cards and scores of successful students earn their degrees – associate degrees from TECH and bachelor’s degrees as they move on.

A Toledo native, Wheatley graduated from DeVilbiss an earned her undergraduate degree from UT, a master’s in journalism from BGSU and a doctorate in administration and supervision from BGSU. She served as assistant principal at Waite High School for eight years before taking over at TECHS.
St. Paul Sponsors Annual Men’s Day Weekend Celebration

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St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church (Pastor James Willis, Sr.) held its annual Men’s Day Celebration this past weekend, March 7-8, with a Prayer Breakfast on Saturday morning and a Worship Service on Sunday.

The Saturday Prayer Breakfast brought together about 70 people to feast on eggs, bacon, sausage, hash browns, grits, fruit and yogurt and to hear the guest speaker, Rev. Floyd Smith of Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, bring the word and address the weekend’s theme: ‘Christian Men Manning Up.”

The master of ceremony for Saturday’s event was Deacon Darryl Reed who, along with Deacons Joseph Diggins and Dwayne Smith, were the co-chairmen of this year’s event committee.

Rev. Floyd Smith, a Toledo native, assumed pastor’s duties at Calvary (his childhood church) in 1989 and is celebrating his 26th pastoral anniversary this month.

On Sunday, the guest preacher was Rev. Aaron Murray, also a Toledo native and Toledo Public Schools product. Murray serves under Pastor John E. Roberts at Indiana Avenue Missionary Baptist Church.

Murray received the call to the gospel ministry in 2005 and was licensed to preach the Gospel on June 5, 2014 at Indiana Avenue. He has served in numerous ministries at Indiana Avenue including the Trustee Board and the Youth Ministry.

Sunday’s worshippers were welcomed by Reed and enjoyed musical selections by the St. Paul Men’ Day Choir.

“You have heard this from me before,” wrote Rev. Willis to the men in his congregation, “when we are given a task to do, it doesn’t matter who works the hardest on the accomplishment. All that matters is that God gets the glory. For this 11th year of service as pastor, I applaud you for all of your efforts.”
Ruth Ashford: Candidate for Toledo City Council District 4 Seat

By Fletcher Word
Sojourner’s Truth Editor

“I understand how governments are run financially; I understand the appropriation of funds and I understand the accountability and the allocation of those dollars,” says Ruth Ashford as she launches her first bid for elected office.

Ashford, longtime resident of Toledo City Council District 4, will be competing in the May 5 special election for the seat vacated by now-Mayor Paula Hicks-Hudson and, prior to Hicks-Hudson’s tenure, held by Ashford’s husband, State Rep. Michael Ashford. Hicks-Hudson, former president of City Council, was sworn in as the city’s chief executive when Mayor D. Michael Collins passed away in February just 13 months into his term.

Ashford, who worked for the State of Michigan for 17 years as an account examiner, departmental analyst and senior auditor before her retirement in 2013, spent years examining the financial and accounting records of businesses.

Although she has not run previously for office, she does consider herself in possession of the political acumen necessary to represent the citizens of District 4 by dint of her long familiarity with politics. “I come from a political family,” she says. “I have always been around politics.” Her grandfather, she notes, ran for office. Her family, during her childhood, was always involved in unions and politics and, of course, during the course of her marriage to Michael Ashford, she has operated behind the scenes to assist him and other local politicians in the Democratic Party – hosting fundraisers, organizing mailings.

“There are a lot of things that go on behind the scenes that people don’t talk about,” she says of the experience she has gained over the years. “I have been consistently involved in politics.”

For Ashford there are four issues which she believes are of paramount importance to the residents of District 4 and the city as a whole.

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For Kids, Books Make Great Easter Surprises

Special to The Truth

The best way to treat kids this Easter may not be with the typical sweets. While candy is predictable, you can really make a child’s day with a different approach.

“This Easter, think books,” says Jaimie Cona, associate director of Marketing at DK, a publisher of adult and children’s books. “Fill baskets to the brim with books, and consider including them in your egg hunt.”

Here are some titles that are fun enough to be a sugar substitute:

- **Super Heroes:** Discover a thrilling, action-packed world with “LEGO DC Comics Super Heroes: Amazing Battles!,” which features the bravest of heroes as they foil yet another evil villain’s scheme. Dynamic images and scenes will appeal to reluctant readers.
- **Super hero fans may also love “Ultimate Factivity Collection: Marvel Avengers,” which combines facts about the Earth’s mightiest super heroes – the Avengers – with fun activities and interesting puzzles.**
- **Pop-Out Surprises:** Using flaps, touch-and-feel textures and pop-out surprises, “Pop-Up Peekaboo Farm,” introduces young minds to sheepdogs, tractors, cows, horses and more.
- **Creepy Crawlies:** “Eyewitness Explorer: Bug Hunter” includes more than 30 hands-on learning activities and step-by-step project instructions. Enter the kingdom of creepy crawlies and learn everything there is to know about beetles, bees, spiders and more. Experiments that can be done at home include raising a caterpillar.
- **Little Chefs:** Encourage your budding chef’s aspirations with creative recipes that are safe for children. The “Mommy & Me Bake” cookbook is designed to offer parents and children the opportunity to work together as a team while teaching basic baking skills. From simple kneading and mixing to creating whimsical and tasty treats, the book empowers kids to experiment in the kitchen.
- **“Frozen”: For fans of the mega hit film, fill up Easter baskets with a great crop of new picks, including “Frozen: The Essential Collection,” which features blankets, stars, sleepy stuffed animals and a range of novelty textures.**
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- **Bedtime:** There’s always time for a little play before bedtime. Capture the attention of infants with “Baby Touch & Feel Animals,” which features blankets, stars, sleepy stuffed animals and a range of novelty textures.
- **ABC’s:** Children around the world have fallen in love with Sophie, the popular giraffe teether toy from France. In the “Sophie la girafe” book series, Sophie and her friends teach new concepts, such as colors and basic vocabulary. “Peekaboo ABC” features every letter of the alphabet illustrated by familiar objects found in Sophie’s world.
- **More kids’ book ideas for Easter can be found at www.dk.com. With a few literary surprises, you can indulge more than just your child’s sweet tooth on Easter.**

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sive politics, a model that has been successful in “spreading the wealth” to a much more diverse constituency in the past. Although a small narrow elite group may benefit politically or even economically through upcoming projects such as Jeep and ProMedica, these and other benefits will ultimately come at the expense of the African American community and the party.

Where do we go from here?

With Right-to-Work a potential political wedge issue in the 2016 general election, Democrats cannot afford to be dominated by one viewpoint, leaving not only blacks, but others, such as the LGBTQ, feeling as if they are on the outside looking in. Someone who knows the lay of the land in both labor politics and in communities of color needs to assume leadership of the party.

Finally, well-known Republican candidates coming out of politically-powerful District 2 and formidable opponents such as Ruth Ashford are poised to challenge Hicks-Hudson for her political future. The time for Hicks-Hudson to decide whether she will run for mayor, her old city council seat or not at all, is soon and very soon.

She will need a substantial majority of the Democratic base and a higher than normal turnout in the black community to win. An ineffective crippled party definitely is not good for her chances.

Certainly, standing closely by and ready for “such a time like this,” is Lucas County Treasurer Wade Kapczukiewicz, an “alpha Democrat.” Kapczukiewicz confidently carries enormous name recognition, massive grass roots support, money, youth and the infrastructure to possibly withstand any political challenge.

“My cholesterol is perfect, my credit is perfect, and I’ve never smoked a cigarette in my life,” he tells anyone who listens.

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How to Get Your Teenagers to Become Lifelong Readers

Special to The Truth

In today’s age of technology, it’s easy for teens to reject books in favor of gadgets. As these emerging technologies become increasingly important in society, parents should reinforce the educational and entertainment benefits of reading.

Here are a few tips for encouraging your children to love the written word.

Treat Reading Like a Privilege

If your kids believe that reading is a chore, they’ll stop as soon as your influence over them begins to wane or they are no longer required to read for school. Instead, show them that reading is a source of fun.

In order to do this, position reading as a “reward.” When they get good grades, take them to the bookstore. When they finish their homework in the evening, give teens “reading privileges,” as you may be inclined to do with electronic sources of media.

Offer Compelling Literature

One of the most important things you can do is make sure that your kids have positive early experiences with books. This will shape their opinions of reading for the rest of their lives. Beyond school assignments, be sure your teens are reading compelling literature for fun.

The best way to do this is to give them books that you know they’ll enjoy -- that way, they’ll always be either reading or anticipating their next read. Serial literature can be a great way to accomplish the goal of keeping kids interested.

One great example is “Hollow City,” the second novel in the “Miss Peregrine’s Home for Peculiar Children” series, a unique combination of fantasy and haunting vintage photography. And since that first book is in the process of being adapted into a movie, kids awaiting its release can read “Hollow City” in the meantime.

Model Good Reading Behavior

Let your kids see you reading. If they know that you like to read, then they’ll imitate your behavior. Teens may not always act like it, but they do look up to you.

Don’t replace reading with interacting with your teens; instead, read at a time when they are already engaging in independent activities.

Start your own little household book club. During dinner or another portion of the day spent together, discuss what you both are reading and what you like about the books. Make recommendations and swap great books.

So when your kids are staring at their screens, remember that this generation can find just as much joy in books as you did when you were younger. All you need to do is give the extra push.

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Sophomore Diyepriye Ngo is one of 29 Notre Dame Academy young women who qualified for the Ohio High School Speech League OHSSL State Tournament on March 6 and 7. Ngo qualified in Student Congress. Notre Dame Academy is a member of the prestigious National Speech and Debate Association 200 Club being one of the top 200 programs in the country out of 7,890 and the only northwest Ohio school. This year Notre Dame Academy was the Tarhe Trails District Champs and National Speech and Debate District Champions. Close to 90 girls participate in the program.

"We deserve safe neighborhoods," she says of her first concern. "It’s a must, an absolute must." To that end, she believes the city should be doing more to increase police presence and to maintain cleanliness in streets and alleys.

"We need a good educational system for our children," she says and also notes that Toledo Public Schools Superintendent Romules Durant, Ed.D, is doing "an excellent job" in getting the school district back on track.

"We need opportunities for our kids," she says of what the city can do to provide such amenities – pools, parks and activities. "Toledo is a good city for kids but there is not enough opportunities for them. Why drive up Monroe to go skating, for example."

"And, of course, economic development is critical to the success of our city," says the candidate. District 4 includes the residential neighborhoods of the Old West End and parts of central and north Toledo, as well as more commercial areas of downtown, UpTown and the warehouse district. A critical component for economic development and rebuilding in these areas, says Ashford, is the "inclusion of minority representation."

Ashford also says that, in general, these commercial areas in District 4 need to generate activity and that the City of Toledo needs to remove the roadblocks to progress. "Activity draws people to the area," she notes.

"Residential construction in these areas also increases activities," she says. "However, there is a whole segment of young people who have trouble buying their own property."

The May 5 special election will be followed by a primary in September and a general election in November to elect the District Councilman for a full term. All six city district seats are up for election this year.

Ashford notes that the ability to operate a business does not necessarily translate into the type of financial acumen that is helpful in operating a government.

"A person may be good at rebuilding boats or installing drywall but I’m the person they call when they need to deal with the financial aspect of their business," she says. "Just because you are a small business owner does not mean you know anything how a government operates financially."

Ashford will likely face a number of opponents this spring including Yvonne Harper, a long-time Democratic Party operative who the party nominated to fill Hicks-Hudson’s seat. City Council declined to vote for Harper and, instead, named local businessman Scott Ramsay to serve until the special election. Ramsay owns Dart Boat Company in the UpTown area.

Other possible opponents include Terry Shankland, a catering business owner; Steven Goldman, a former University of Toledo professor; David Johnson, a UT professor; Scott Sands, an afternoon host on New Radio 1370 and Jewell Lightner, former ProMedica corporate director of diversity. They all sought the temporary appointment.

Ramsay has not yet let it be known if he will run.

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Your father always told you to reach for the stars. Be the best you can be, he said. Never let obstacles get in your way. Strive for success and challenge yourself – all excellent advice, but how can you harness astronomical success in this, or any economy? In the new book *It's Not Rocket Science* by Mary Spio, you’ll find some stellar ideas.

Back when you graduated from high school or college, you were expected to find a job, work hard, and move up the ladder until it was time to retire. The “new dream,” though, is to find work that will allow you to create “a lifestyle of freedom by defining success your way…”

Mary Spio, as it turns out, lives that statement. Born in Syracuse, New York, Spio’s family moved back to their native Ghana when she was a little girl. She grew up hearing her father’s urge to reach for the stars and she took that advice to heart: as a teenager, she came back Stateside, finished high school, joined the Air Force and went to work for NASA. Her passion, however, lay elsewhere and she’s now a serial entrepreneur and “Game Changer.”

Game Changers are a new “tribe” of businessperson, says Spio. They change our world in some way... by altering the way we think... work or the way we live.” Not only do Game Changers ignore the rules, but they ignore conventional, old-school advice, too. Think Copernicus, says Spio, Bill Gates, or Oprah. They share “seven key traits” with all Game Changers.

A big imagination is at the top of the list of Game Changer attributes. Imagination leads to inquisitiveness, creativity and ideas, and “curiosity drives action.”

Game Changers have a deep passion for their work, and they live that passion in their everyday lives. Their compassion drives them, and their days are spent “doing something meaningful.” They possess laser-focus in their actions and their “relentless hustle.” Game Changers are audacious, they make friends with risk and fear, and they have “pit bull tenacity.” Above all they leave a “mark on the world.”

Lately, it seems the math is simple: idea + passion + desire for change = success. And with *It’s Not Rocket Science*, that adds up nicely.

At first, though, on the surface, it doesn’t appear that there’s much new here. Author Mary Spio essentially reiterates a lot of what you’ll find inside similar books. We’re encouraged to follow blueprints comparable to what other volumes espouse... but look closer. The twist is in illustrative stories Spio uses: they’re different, more approachable, more common-man in their scope. Here, impossibly high-positioned, su-
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Is now accepting resumes for
Senior Pastor
Send resumes to
NHMBC, 833 Nesslewood Ave., Toledo, OH 43610
or nhmbc@bbox.net
Attention or Subject: Pulpit Committee

County Building Official
Building Regulations Department has an opening for a County Building Official. The successful candidate oversees the enforcement of adopted building codes; conducts commercial plan reviews; manages the Building Regulations division and supervises assigned staff, and performs advanced level managerial work.

For more details, please visit our website at www.co.lucas.oh.us.
Please apply on-line or submit a cover letter, employment application/resume and professional references to the Lucas County Human Resources/Personnel Department, One Government Center, Suite 450, Toledo, OH 43604 by March 13, 2015.

Request for Qualifications
Lawn-Cutting & Field Services
The Lucas County Land Bank is seeking interested businesses for lawn-cutting and ancillary field services on properties owned by the Land Bank for the 2015 growing season (April - November). Interested businesses must have a demonstrated track record of cutting a large volume of properties to owner’s specifications. A mandatory informational meeting for interested businesses will be held on Wednesday, March 25th at 10:00 a.m. at One Government Center, Suite 800, Room A. Proposals will be due no later than Monday, March 30, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. to the Land Bank, One Government Center, Suite 580.

For more information, please visit www.lucas-countylandbank.org or call (419) 213-4293.

TRANSPORTATION PLANNER II
The Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments (TMACOG) is seeking a highly motivated individual to fill a professional position within the Transportation Department. This position is responsible for facilitating and working with local, state, and federal government agencies; community organizations; regional business interests; and the general public to develop regional transportation plans.

Candidates must have a Bachelor’s Degree with an emphasis in urban, regional, or transportation planning, plus at least two years of planning experience. Master’s Degree is preferred. AICP Certification is desirable. Successful candidate must have excellent oral and written communication skills, be able to communicate tactfully and effectively with co-workers, committee volunteers, public officials, and members of the general public, and be able to demonstrate outstanding interpersonal skills and the ability to involve all transportation stakeholders in the plan development process. Preference may be given to applicants with prior transportation plan development and writing experience with a metropolitan planning organization. Bilingual ability in Spanish may be considered favorably. Detail job information can be found at http://www.tmacog.org/info_employment.htm. Applicants must be legally able to work in the U.S., possess a valid driver’s license. Successful completion of a comprehensive background check and drug screening are required to complete the hiring process. Annual salary is $50,000 DOQ.

To build a diverse workforce, Ohio State encourages applications from individuals with disabilities, minorities, veterans, and women. EEO/AA employer.

NOTICE TO Bidders: Inquiry # FY15-44, (Project # 1020-15-964) for Campus Infrastructure Improvements 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, March 10, 2015. 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 David Oz of The JDI Group at 419-725-7161. One Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in the Plant Operations Building, Room 1000, at the University of Toledo, 2925 E. Rocket Drive, Toledo, Ohio 43606. Total Bid Guaranty and Contract Bond are required per section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code. EDGE Participation Goal: 12.5%. Project Estimate: $2,520,000.00; Breakdown: HVAC: $2,380,000.00 & Electrical: $140,000.00.

OSU Extension, Lucas County is hiring for a Program Assistant position with the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP). The Program Assistant, EFNEP will work 40 hours per week. This position will work in the Lucas County communities teaching nutrition education to diverse adult audiences. This person should be indigenous to the community.

For complete position description and online application instructions, please go to www.jobsatosu.com and search by requisition number 405464. To assure consideration you must apply by March 15, 2015. To build a diverse workforce, Ohio State encourages applications from individuals with disabilities, minorities, veterans, and women. EEO/AA employer.

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Request for Proposals
Housing Choice Voucher Program - Project Based Vouchers
RFP#15-R007
Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority (LMHA) will receive proposals for Housing Choice Voucher Program - Project Based Vouchers. Received in accordance with law until Fri., Mar., 27 2015, 3 PM ET. For Documents: www.lucasmha.org, 435 Nebraska Ave., Toledo, OH 43604 or 419-259-9446 (TRS: Dial 711). Proposers required to meet Affirmative Action and Equal Employment Opportunity requirements as described in Executive Order #11246. Sec. 3 Compliance Applicable.

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