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Black Mothers of the New Movement III: A Driving Force

By Rev. Donald L. Perryman, D.Min.

The Truth Contributor

... It was women going door to door, speaking with their neighbors, meeting in voter-registration classes together, organizing through their churches that gave the vital momentum and energy to the movement that made it a mass movement.

- Andy Young, SCLC



With the exception of Coretta Scott King or Rosa Parks the names of the countless women who played significant and critical roles in the Civil Rights movement are seldom known or remembered. Yet, the fact is that women were the driving force behind the movement while men were more likely to hold the official titles.

Whether due to the politics of identity, stereotypical media representations of black women, or a lack of understanding of the complex role of 21st Century black mothers, the invisibility of black women as activists and/or victims of police brutality persist even to the current Black Lives Matter movement.

However, Cori Bush, an African-American woman, mother, pastor and nurse changes this narrative to properly highlight the responsiveness of black women and their roles as a driving force in social justice movements. Bush is an activist serving on the frontlines of the justice battlefield in Ferguson, Missouri.

This is the conclusion of Pastor Bush's three-part personal story, A Black Mother's Report from the Frontlines of Ferguson:

Cori Bush: ... And so while we're running down the street we finally busted through the broadcast, and there is video of this, you can find it. We are still yelling, "Hey, hey, she's having a heart attack." They didn't believe us. When we broke through the broadcast, all of a sudden it was this right in our face: "Drop her, drop her, drop her!" And so everybody stopped and they began to drop her, but I couldn't drop her because I couldn't let her go. And so I said, "No, I can't let her go. I'm the nurse helping her. You are the police, I'm the nurse. I need a medic. Get me a medic!" They say, "No, drop her, no, drop her." I said, "No, I'm helping her." So I held onto this lady. I held onto her and I kept yelling, "Lisa, Lisa, Lisa stay with me" and the next thing I knew, my body was in the air. The next thing I knew, my body was on the ground. They had grabbed me, picked me up, threw me on the ground, and then I was being stomped and kicked on the ground.

I was rolling from one side to the other side and then to the other. It was this, all over me. I just felt boots, and so I remember on the

ground as I'm doing this, like what is going on? My brain couldn't process it that fast because in my mind I'm trying to help somebody, and so I jumped up off the ground. And you ask how? I don't know. The Lord jumped me, pushed me back up off the ground. I jumped off the ground because I realized that if I don't get up they're going to really hurt me or they could kill me, so get up! And as I got up off the ground, I noticed that it was just green around me, I didn't see the police anywhere around me and I'm looking like what in the world is

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Community Calendar

February 11

TUSA Youth Forum "Colorful Conversation:" 6 to 8 pm; Violence, Education, race and discipline; St. Paul MBC

February 13

St. Phillip Lutheran Church Lent Prayer Breakfast: 10 am; "Hiding from God or Hiding in God:" Guest speaker Pastor Roosevelt Gray: 419-475-2835

February 14

True Vine Baptist Church Mission Open House Service: 4 pm; "For By Grace You Have Been Saved Through Faith;" Guest speaker Rev. Bobby Welborn of Charity Baptist: 419-539-9104

February 21

City of Zion, Mt Zion Church Family and Friends Day: 10:30 am; Guest speaker Pastor Reginald Perry of Victorian Believers Ministry Virgin Islands and the BGSU Choir: 419-246-1850 or cozmtzionchurch.com
Third Baptist Church (Holland) 28th Annual Black History Month Musical: 4 pm
Indiana Avenue MBC 70th Church Anniversary: 4 pm service; "Mark of a true church - to love, others, to honor others, to serve others, to help others, to bless others;" Guest speaker Rev. Jerry Boose and Second Baptist: 419-246-3850

February 27

Abundant Life Ministries 2016 ALM Black History Month Red Carpet Extravaganza: 5 pm - Meet and Greet; 6 pm - program; Black History moments, music, art, vendors, networking

February 28

Third Baptist Church (Holland) 28th Annual Black History Month Musical: 4 pm
Indiana Avenue MBC 70th Church Anniversary: 4 pm service; "Mark of a true church - to love, others, to honor others, to serve others, to help others, to bless others;" Guest speaker Rev. Willie Perryman and Jerusalem Baptist: 419-246-3850

March 6

Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance Black History Month Celebration: 4 pm; First Church of God; Speaker Bishop Robert Culp

March 19

Flanders Road Church of Christ Clothing Giveaway: 10 am to 1 pm

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Did You Know About This...?

By Lafe Tolliver. Esq

Guest Column

Did anyone hear former President Bill Clinton's remarks while he was campaigning for his wife to become the first woman president that there is a new and startling health factoid that more and more middle-aged white males are experiencing a hike in their death rates.

The underlying premise of this new and startling health care concern seems to be that white middle aged American males are evidencing more distress and alarm over their falling economic standing in the US of A and their perception that their status of being privileged white males may nigh be almost over.

Let that sink in for a moment. Here you have a certain segment of white males in America who have ruled the roost since the founding of this country, having a hissy fit that with all of this alarming talk of they becoming a minority in the year 2050 and the privileges and perks that they have grown accustomed to enjoying may be whittled away by the growing numbers of non white minorities.

In other words, black and brown people are starting to edge closer and closer to white folks and such a closeness is simply too close for many white people to enjoy.

Sure, it was all fun and games when the invisible Mexican illegal cleaned motel toilets for a few bucks a day or when a Demarcus flipped your burgers at the local diner, but when they begin to procreate and started having larger and larger families, an internal clock went off in a lot of white middle-aged males.

A clock that ticked: You are losing it buddy and losing it fast! A clock that said, watch out, they are coming for your jobs! A clock that intimated that your new neighbors could celebrate their birthday parties with a Pinata in the backyard or rap music playing over the common fence between your yards.

The economic muscle of white America, particularly the middle class, is in freefall due to the acts of certain ultra-rich white Americans who own the means of production and who have shipped off those once lucrative jobs that established the middle class to Taiwan, China, India, Pakistan and Vietnam.

So much for some rich white Americans loving this country that they are willing to cause such economic grief to so many millions of fellow Americans who, because of such severe job losses, are now experiencing home foreclosures, alcoholism, suicides, illicit drug usage, depression, domestic discord...all partly or wholly related to not being able to being the breadwinners for their families.

What calculus did the barons of Wall Street take into consideration when they consciously and deliberately plotted this game of avarice and duplicity?

Answer: Money...money and more money! Any considerations for the dire results their policies would affect hourly workers was secondary at best.

It was and is all about profit...and then they wonder why Donald Trump and Bernie Sanders are getting huge voter turnouts for their message of righting this listing ship called American capitalism.

Sadly, the Obama Administration, including former Attorney General Eric Holder, have not issued ONE criminal indictment against the robber barons who used esoteric and complex tax dodges and worthless financial products

to bilk and milk billions out of the working class and middle class to the point that these robber barons have been able to ship hundred of billions of dollars (some estimates are in the trillions) overseas to safe tax havens far from the reach of the under-manned IRS.

In one sense, it is difficult to cry any crocodile tears about the newly-found poverty of so many white middle-aged Americans who for hundreds of years have allowed their white skin privileges to lord it over the former slaves who enabled this new America to gain a critical mass of economic wealth off of their free labor. Such free labor allowed America to become a world-wide colossus powerhouse.

Now, those chickens are coming home to roost in the sense that the tensions and fears and losses that the former slaves and now black Americans face as a daily part of their struggle in America are now, in some degree, being faced by working class and middle class white middle aged male Americans.

As white America turned a deaf ear and blind eye to the paper thin economic security of slave America and current black America, so has the "ruling" white American ruling class turned a similar deaf ear and blind eye to the plight of the white working class and middle class families.

The Republicans would have you believe that their message of unity includes you and me and the working stiff at the local sweat plant making minimum wage. Not so.

The Republican Party is not aggressively reaching out to boost up the downcast and outcast. They ostensibly view poor people as weak and of no consequence and hence of no value.

Bernie Sanders message that the economic system is rigged and Wall Street is corrupted by massive wealth and power is hitting a nerve with those who have felt the whip of losing their homes and jobs and pensions to the policies of fat cats who seemingly begrudge even giving crumbs to the poor who sit under their over laden tables of wealth and privilege.

One would think that the oppressed lower-class white worker and the depressed and dispossessed middle class white male would realize that they are being played in a Three Card Monte game and that their enemies, real or perceived, are not black or brown people but a structured system that is designed and maintained by an army of legislators, a decrepit tax code and lobbyists to maintain things as they are.

Unless you keep in focus that the god in America is the unabashed worship of money

and its offspring of perks, powers and privileges, you will lose sight and be taken captive by side issues of race baiting and stories of welfare queens and false tales of voter fraud.

You will not understand how a fair minimum wage is being held hostage by those who do not want to see the gross and obscene income inequality gap being bridged.

Could this become a "class warfare" between the haves (rich white folks) and the have nots (poor and middle class white folks)?

SIDE ISSUE: What's up with this clamor about black movie makers, actors, actresses, writers and producers not being given their professional due by Hollywood?

Are you kidding me? Again, we have black folks running round carping and complaining that white folks are not respecting their arts and crafts.

Message to black folks!: Hollywood and The Oscars do not care about you and your abilities; and to gloss over their obvious inherent racial biases, they will, now and then, throw a golden statute our way as a sin offering.

Hollywood (and that environment) was not designed to be user friendly to black people. We are a second or third thought. A minor player. An irritant, if you please. Hollywood has had decades of chances to reform its procedures and drop its bad habits, but it hasn't and why would it?

The big buck movies and attendant ticket sales are geared to the majority culture who want to see "their faces", victories, musicals, love lives, dramas and comedies played out to them on the big silver screen.

Seriously, is every undertaking that white folks do, is it worth it for us to yell and scream to get into it so we can say that we got black folks in it? Should Hollywood even count?

Why do we make Hollywood even important to us?

Solution? Simple. Hollywood responds only to one thing: ticket sales baby...ticket sales!

Don't like what you see on the silver screen? Boycott the theatres. Send letters to Hollywood studios telling them that you are on a fast of their products until they take off their thick ivory covered glasses and acknowledge that your history and stories are worthy of getting Oscar nods.

For me...I do not affirm my self worth via the lens of a Hollywood movie made with or without black characters.

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Rep. Hearcel Craig Recognized as a Leader in the Advancement of the African-American Community

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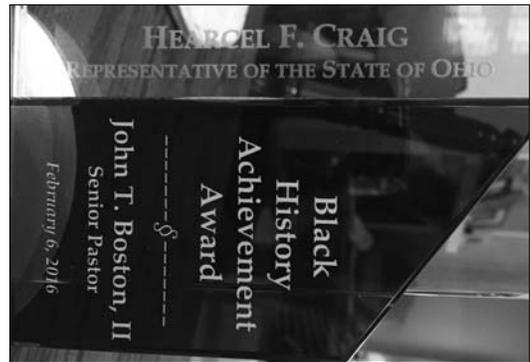
The Central Seventh-day Adventist Church of Columbus, Ohio honored Rep. Hearcel Craig (D-Columbus) Saturday with the Black History Achievement Award. Rep. Craig received the award during the Church's Worship Experience.

"It is a humbling honor to accept this award on behalf of all those who have dedicated their lives to improving the quality of life for African Americans and all people" said Rep. Craig. "I look forward to working to expand opportunities and equality while continuing to influence policy that unites and empowers African Americans across the state of Ohio."

The Black History Achievement Award is bestowed to individuals who have made outstanding contributions to African Americans and their communities. The honor is awarded in February during Black History Month to commend recipients for their commitment, dedication and service. Past honorees of this award have included former Mayor of Columbus, Michael Coleman, Philanthropist Dr. Jacinto Beard and NASA Engineer for the first manned space flight, Dr. Clark Beck. Among this year's honorees was U.S. Representative Joyce Beatty.

Since his time in office, Rep. Craig has introduced legislation that would increase job opportunities for Ohio's veterans, as a means to provide more meaningful employment for some of the state's most highly trained and educated workers. Craig has also helped lead the Commission on Infant Mortality, a bipartisan panel created to address Ohio's troubling rate of babies who die before their first birthdays. The state leads the nation in African American infant deaths.

The former Columbus City Councilman has an extensive background in service. Rep. Craig has been a continued advocate for job creation, economic development, access to health care, improved schools and better access to public recreation centers. Craig has also served on the Southside Learning and Development Center's Board of Trustees, the Ohio Hunger Task Force Board of Trustees and the Columbus Cultural art Center Board of Trustees.



Black History Achievement Award - 7th Day Advent Church

African Art Has Arrived!!

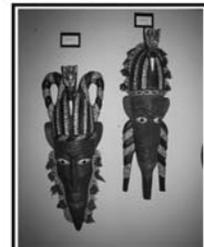
Hundreds of wood carvings from Ghana have recently arrived at The Truth Gallery – masks, statues, village scenes! All at unbelievably low prices!



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Kaptur Visits Flint, MI, Calls for Immediate & Long-Term Federal Protections for Lead-Affected Families

Special to The Truth

Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur (OH-9) traveled to Flint, Michigan last week with Toledo Mayor Paula Hicks-Hudson and several other members of Congress to participate in a series of neighborhood meetings with families affected by the city's ongoing water crisis. The meetings were organized and hosted by Congressman Dan Kildee (MI-5).



Kaptur in Flint

Kaptur is a co-chairman of the Congressional Great Lakes Task Force and the ranking member of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development. She has been a national leader on water safety and environmental stewardship, a role that garnered national attention in 2014 when her hometown of Toledo, Ohio faced a drinking water ban as a result of toxins in the water caused by Harmful Algal Blooms in the western Lake Erie basin. Kaptur has spearheaded numerous legislative efforts to secure water safety for thousands of Great Lakes communities.

Her full statement appears below:

Congressman Kildee, the Mayor of Toledo, Paula Hicks-Hudson all my Colleagues, thank you for being here today and for this church community; wherever I go in the world, wherever there is a need, there always seems to be a church there that keeps its doors open.

We are here today from Ohio, just over the Michigan border, because about a year and a quarter ago, we suffered our own water crisis, very significant, where the water was shut off for three days. We have actually lived through a different type of crisis, and when we read about Flint we wanted to stand with you and walk with you.

What has been, frankly, shocking to me, in listening to the citizens who were kind enough to meet with us today, is the lack of dispatch, and an emergency coordinator, and an emergency team that is fully at work 24 hours a day dealing with the people here, dealing with the health needs, dealing with the human needs, dealing with the infrastructure planning that will be essential to help Flint meet a new future. And what I heard today, first from the children, no child in Flint should go without medical care, particularly those physicians who are trained in detecting this type of toxin in their bloodstream. There should be trailers here; there should be doctors here; there should have been regularized health care from day

one. I have just been shocked at this kind of neglect and frankly I put it at the doorstep at the State of Michigan because in our State, when the water crisis hit (in Toledo), we worked together to assemble that kind of emergency response.

I will just say that we will stand strong with you. I am the co-chair of the Great Lakes Task Force in the House of Representatives and we will work with your Congressional Delegation to give them an opportunity to testify and to bring forward what is happening here in Flint; and know that you have friends over in the Buckeye State who want to come and join our Wolverine friends and try to move this region forward more quickly. Thank you Congressman Kildee for bringing us together. The People of Flint – the Citizens of our County – deserve better than what they have been delivered.

Local Residents Provide Assistance to Northern Neighbors

Dozens of Toledoans have not only dipped into their pockets to help provide clean water for the besieged Flint residents but have also taken the time to deliver the water themselves. Last week, for example, Charles Turnbough and a co-worker in the City of Toledo Department of Neighborhoods raised funds to purchase 52 cases of water. Turnbough's father, Joe Turnbough, Sr., and son, Charles, Jr., made the trip with him to Flint.



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Library to Host Teen Job Fair Workshops

On April 23, the City of Toledo Youth Commission will host a Teen Job Fair at SeaGate Convention Centre from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. In preparation for the Job Fair, the Toledo Lucas County Public Library is hosting a series of workshops designed to help teens with skills such as resume writing and interviewing in February, March, and April.

Let the Words Speak for You (Resume Writing)

February 13, 2 p.m. – Main Library
 March 1, 6 p.m. – Birmingham Branch
 March 2, 4 p.m. – Point Place Branch
 March 12, 11 a.m. – Washington Branch
 April 14, 6:30 p.m. – Sylvania Branch
 April 20, 6 p.m. – Sanger Branch

Interviewing 101

February 20, 2 p.m. – Main Library

March 5, 11 a.m. – Washington Branch
 March 8, 6 p.m. – Birmingham Branch
 March 9, 4 p.m. – Point Place Branch
 April 18, 6 p.m. – Sylvania Branch
 April 21, 6:30 p.m. – Sanger Branch

I've Got the Job, Now How Do I Keep It?

February 27, 2 p.m. – Main Library
 March 15, 6 p.m. – Birmingham Branch
 March 16, 4 p.m. – Point Place Branch
 March 19, 11 a.m. – Washington Branch

Community partners for the Library's Teen Job Fair Workshops include the City of Toledo Youth Commission, the Lucas County Department of Planning & Development, Ohio Means Jobs, and Work Ready Lucas County. Registration is not required; but suggested as

seating is limited. Interpreters for the hearing impaired are available and can be requested at least one week in advance by calling 419.259.5266/419.259.5266. For more information, call 419.259.5200/419.259.5200.

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Lecture: 2:30-4:00 PM.
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Play: 6:00-8:00 P.M.
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Students: Great Tips for Finding a Scholarship

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College is expensive, and while families should focus on saving what they can, students should not forget to apply to the wealth of scholarships available nationwide.

Millions of scholarships, worth billions of dollars are awarded annually. Beyond in-house scholarships offered by the institutions themselves, a number of federations and organizations offer money to students with particular aptitudes, achievements and aspirations.

“Scholarships can make a significant dent in out-of-pocket college spending, but finding and applying for them requires an up-front investment of effort,” says Martha Holler, senior vice president, Sallie Mae.

The college financing experts at Sallie Mae are offering scholarship application tips:

- Applying is worth the time and effort. Even if the award is small, take the time to apply to every scholarship for which you are eligible. It is money that doesn't have to be paid back, and it can be used for textbooks, supplies or other college-related expenses.

- Deadlines and details matter. In the highly

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Education Section • Education Section

Toledo Public Schools, U.S. Education Department Reach Agreement to Address Issues of African American Student Access to Resources

Special to The Truth

The U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights and Toledo Public Schools announced last week that the district has entered into a resolution agreement to ensure compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 in providing equitable resources to African-American students.

The agreement, reached before OCR had completed its investigation, identifies concerns about access to experienced teachers, teachers with master's degrees, library access for K-8 students, and distance learning classes for high school students.

"Toledo Public Schools' commitment through this resolution agreement, together with steps the district had begun during the course of our review, spotlight their important pledge to equity," said Catherine Lhamon, assistant secretary for civil rights. "Superintendent Romules Durant's efforts to examine and address racially equitable access to Toledo's resources is critical to all the district's students' academic and long-term success."

She added, "We applaud and are grateful for his and his board's leadership toward ensuring that all students receive the opportunity our nation's civil rights laws promise to them. And we look forward to working with the district to ensure that all terms of this agreement are fully and effectively implemented."

The agreement acknowledges the district's on-going efforts to ensure equitable resources and provides opportunities to further enhance the focus on giving all students' equitable access to district resources and supporting student success.

OCR's compliance review, begun in 2010, indicated that the district increased facility equity through a building plan started in 2005 which rebuilt or renovated nearly every district school, developed programs to recruit and retain strong building leadership across all district schools, offered substantially equal access to strong teachers at least

in the measures of teacher certification and highly qualified status, and made efforts to provide the same textbooks to students at all of its schools.

However, OCR's review also uncovered a number of potential Title VI compliance concerns regarding equitable access to resources for African-American students, including experienced teachers, teachers with master's degrees, library access for K-8 students and distance learning classes for high school students.

The terms of the resolution agreement address the office's concerns identified during its investigation. The agreement provides that the district will:

- Disseminate and post a non-discrimination notice which informs all members of the school community of their rights and the district's responsibilities under Title VI, and the procedure by which students, parents and employees may report concerns.

- Obtain OCR approval of revised policies and practices if its program assessments reveal the district's initiatives fail to ensure that equally effective and qualified teachers are equitably distributed to all district schools.

- Obtain OCR approval of revised policies and practices if its program assessments reveal the district's initiatives fail to continue to ensure that equally effective and qualified building leaders are equitably distributed to all district schools.

- Ensure that all students at the district's

K-8 schools can access their schools' libraries with the same frequency and check out the same number of books.

- Deliver "live" instruction of distance learning courses, including Advanced Placement and other higher-level courses, across its high schools in a racially equitable manner; ensuring Advance Placement and other higher-level college preparatory courses are taught from the district's racially identifiable African American high schools providing students the opportunity to engage in-person with course instructors.

- Conduct outreach activities for students and parents to better assess, provide, and monitor its distribution and allocation of resources.

A copy of the OCR letter to the Toledo Public Schools and a copy of the agreement can be found online.

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin in all programs or activities that receive federal financial assistance.

OCR's mission is to ensure equal access to education and promote educational excellence throughout the nation through the vigorous enforcement of civil rights. OCR is responsible for enforcing federal civil rights laws that prohibit discrimination by educational institutions on the basis of disability, race, color, national origin, sex, and age, as well as the Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act of 2001.

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 - 2) Have an interest in reading and promoting reading to youth.
 - 3) Be available for most, if not all, book distribution events (other scheduled programs should be fun, too). This is typically during the summer - beginning at the end June and ending in September.
 - 4) Please circulate the word that participation as an ambassador has been used to fulfill high school community service credit requirements, but is otherwise voluntary.

Testimonials (B4B graduates):

David Henninger, Marymount, NYC, 2013 Lake H.S.

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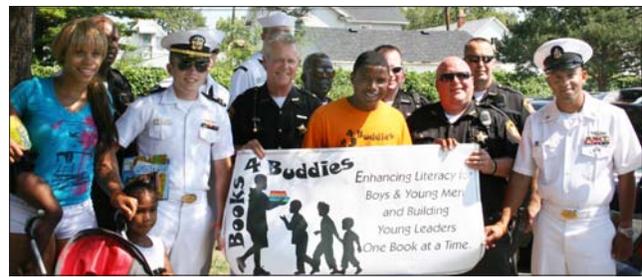
• To have that one on one experience is unique and something I really value. I enjoy working to promote B4B online and in the community because I believe strongly in what we can do.”

Malcolm Johnson, Harvard University, 2013 Sylvania South View

• A huge factor that comes into play when colleges decide whether to admit an applicant is their character and volunteering only illuminates qualities of good

character. I would spend countless hours surfing the web and asking my fellow classmates about possible volunteer hours.

- My ample volunteering opportunities presented me with a way to discuss with underprivileged youth the importance of reading books for intellectual growth.
 - My most satisfying experience as an ambassador was simply being able to read to the young children and show them that reading is a “cool” activity to participate in. *Volunteering for me is a great way to serve others without expecting anything in return.*
 - Becoming an ambassador for books 4 buddies was one of the best decisions I have made in my life thus far.
- We hope to hear from you.

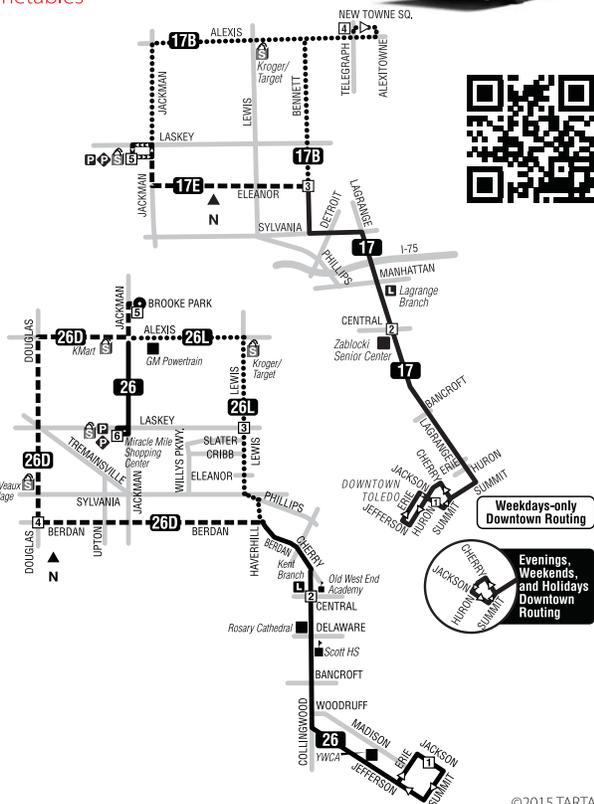


Winter 2016 updates effective January 3.

On Sunday, January 3, 2016, TARTA's winter route schedules will begin. As most routes will be affected by time changes, new timetables and maps are available at TARTA.com/Winter2016



- **2C Sylvania-Centennial/Franklin Park Mall**
 - interlined with Route 3 at Franklin Park Mall;
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- **11/12/13/14 East Toledo**
 - Sunday and holiday schedule adjustments
- **17B Lagrange/Bennett via Miracle Mile**
 - all 17B trips will stop at New Towne Square Drive;
 - schedule adjustments
- **17E Lagrange/Eleanor via Miracle Mile**
 - schedule adjustments
- **26D Berdan/Douglas/Miracle Mile**
 - schedule adjustments
- **26L Lewis/Alexis-Miracle Mile**
 - all 26L trips will no longer stop at New Towne Square Drive;
 - schedule adjustments
- **27A/B/C Reynolds Road Crosstown**
 - schedule adjustments
- **34A/B/C Airport Highway Crosstown**
 - 34A morning schedule adjustments



Education Section • Education Section

Experience African American Culture at the Library

Special to The Truth

The Toledo Lucas County Public Library is celebrating African American History Month with a film festival and a diverse array of programming and interactive activities for all ages, including:

Black History Month Film Festival

Sponsored by the Library Legacy Foundation, the film festival takes place at Main Library in the McMaster Center. Films include a documentary about soul food on February 15, a family film on February 20, and a documentary about the Black Power Movement on February 22.

Adinkra Symbol Fun!

The word "Adinkra" comes from the combination of two African cultures, the Ghanaian and Akan people of West Africa. Many of the symbols have meanings just like a Coat of Arms. Create an Adinkra symbol to take home and display at this multi-location Library program. February 17 at Point Place Branch and February 22 at Sylvania Branch.

Foods from Africa

Guests will be able to taste delectable dishes from the continent of Africa at this multi-location Library program. Discover some of the wonderful fruits, vegetables, spices and cooking traditions that were brought to North America long ago. February 16 at West Toledo Branch and February 22 at Locke Branch.

The History of African American Music

On February 27, the Library is partnering with the Toledo School for the Arts to present an educational and involved music lesson on the history of African American music and how it has influenced both past and present culture. The program will be held at noon in the McMaster Center at Main Library.

For a detailed list of all African American History Month programs visit <http://tlcpl.org/AAHM2016>.



Ivory Coast native Sogbety Diomande teaches audience members about West African music and culture at Main Library. Find more African American History events at tlcpl.org/AAHM2016.

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Lifelong Learning Announces February and Early March Classes

The Lourdes University Lifelong Learning program is pleased to offer the following classes that are offered or begin in February 2016 or the first few days of March. The classes are held at various Lourdes University classroom locations, 6832 Convent Blvd., in Sylvania.

To register for Lifelong Learning classes and review the entire list of spring 2016 classes, visit www.lourdes.edu/lifelong, email lifelong@lourdes.edu or call 419-824-3707/419-824-3707.

Registration may be made by credit card or check. Checks should be made payable to Lourdes University and mailed to: Lourdes University Lifelong Learning, 6832 Convent Blvd. Sylvania OH 43560.

Great Decisions – 2016

Instructor: Norm Thal

Thursdays, February 11-April 7, 1 to 2:30 p.m. (except March 24)

Cost: \$84 members; \$96 non-members

Would you like to dig deeper into the hottest topics in foreign affairs? Each year, the Foreign Policy Association creates a Briefing Book and television series focused on the most significant issues of the day. The result is Great Decisions – 2016 and you are invited to join the discussion. Eight subjects will be covered (one each week), ranging from the rise of ISIS to the Koreas and human migration. Each Lifelong Learning session begins with the appropriate television segment and is followed by a spirited and wide-ranging discussion within the group.

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around the world and keep the arguments lively and on track. The textbook required for this class, Great Decisions, is available at the Lourdes bookstore (www.lourdes.edu/bookstore) for about \$25. For a unique exploration of the world around us, join Great Decisions – 2016!

Global Cinema: Films of the World, Pt. II

Instructor: Diana DePasquale

Saturdays, February 13-20, 12 to 3 p.m.

Cost: \$57 members; \$69 non-members

Following Films of the World, Pt. I, this course introduces you to the styles, directors and performers of some of the most critically acclaimed international cinematic masterpieces including The Seventh Seal (1957) by Sweden's Ingmar Bergman; La Dolce Vita (1960) by Italy's Federico Fellini; and Das Boot (1981) by Germany's Wolfgang Petersen.

A Conversation About Mathematics

Instructor: Dr. George Shirk

Tuesdays, March 1-22, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Cost: \$51 members; \$63 non-members

Many people feel they are "not good at math." It's a common experience that classroom mathematics serves as a filter to sort students, rather than as a pump to encourage students. This class focuses on an alternate view of mathematics, a view that insists that everyone is good at math. The instructor discusses alternative approaches to thinking about math, dispels stereotypes and assists lifelong learners in discovering mathematics in unexpected places.

Dr. Shirk earned his PhD in Mathematics Education from the University of Illinois and his MAT from the University of the South. He currently teaches at Adrian College and is a Professor Emeritus from The University of Toledo. His work includes Professional Development programs in the use of Investigation in Number, Data and Space.

Thinking Outside the Box: Number 6 – a Perfect Number

Instructor: Barbara Mauter

Wednesday, March 2, 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Cost: \$15 members; \$27 non-members

The Pythagoreans acknowledged that number 6 is the first perfect number. Perfect numbers are rare! Throughout history, perfect numbers have fascinated mathematicians. Participants in the previous "Thinking Outside the Box" class have requested yet more THINKING! Is thinking rare? Not in this class! The challenge continues. Instructor Barbara Mauter presents new metacognitive activities ("thinking about thinking"). Lifelong learners take part in interactive "thinking" activities and more challenging and thought-provoking

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State Scholarship Enrollment Period Opens Today

School Choice Ohio helps families learn about their children's education options

The application window for four of Ohio's scholarship programs opened on February 1.

Parents whose children are applying for a Special Needs Scholarship must enroll their child in a participating school or service provider before April 15. Students applying for the Cleveland Scholarship must enroll in a participating school before April 29. Those applying for an EdChoice or Income-Based scholarship may enroll in a participating private school through July.

Ohio's Special Needs scholarships are worth \$7,447 to \$27,000, depending on the child's special needs. The scholarships can be used to cover the cost of services outlined in a student's Individualized Education Program (IEP). Any funding that remains can be used toward the student's education at a participating private school or a provider that has an educational program approved by the Ohio Department of Education.

EdChoice Scholarships are available to students who are attending, entering or assigned to attend the state's underperforming public schools. The scholarships are worth up to \$4,650 per year for students in grades K-8 and up to \$6,000 for high school students. They are to be used toward tuition at the participating private school of their choice through high school graduation. There are 60,000 scholarships available for eligible students.

Income-Based Scholarships are an option for students who are entering kindergarten, first, second or third grade in the 2016-17 school

year, if their family's income is at or below 200 percent of Federal Poverty Guidelines. The scholarships are worth \$4,650 and are to be used toward tuition at the participating private school of their choice. The scholarship is renewable through high school graduation. There are roughly 8,000 of these scholarships available.

Applying for one of these state-funded scholarships is just one of the many education options available in the state. School Choice Ohio is the only statewide organization that educates families on the full range of education options available for their children.

Families who have questions about scholarship eligibility, the programs, or any of the other education options available to Ohio students can contact School Choice Ohio at 1-800-673-5876-1-800-673-5876 FREE.

For more information about Ohio's scholarship programs or the wide variety of education options—public, private, special needs, online, homeschool, etc.—available to Ohio students, visit www.schoio.org.

Editor's Note: The preliminary EdChoice eligible schools list is available on the Ohio Department of Education's website. You can reach the list by clicking here. The list released by the department is preliminary and subject to change until the state releases the overall grades on the Performance Index and Value-Added progress measures on the 2014-15 school report cards at the end of February. You can also search the participating providers for each scholarship program by clicking here.

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competitive scholarship arena, missing a deadline or overlooking application requirements will likely disqualify an applicant. Stay organized with a spreadsheet that includes due dates and other important information.

- Apply each year. Approximately half of available scholarships are for students already enrolled in college. Take the time to apply annually to ease the year-to-year tuition burden.

- Impress the judges. Something seemingly as small as a thank you note can have a disproportionately large effect on how an application is regarded. Be courteous and thoughtful throughout the process.

- Shop around. Go deep. There are scholarships for students who want to study subjects as diverse as candy making, potato growing and welding technology. Additionally, scholarships are available for particular circumstances, such as community college students transferring to four-year institutions, or students who are the first in their family to attend college.

- Don't spend. The goal is to save money, not spend it. Guidance counselors and school financial aid offices can recommend free, reputable scholarship search sites, such as Scholarship Search by Sallie Mae, which just added two million scholarships to its database, offering access to more than five million scholarships worth nearly \$24 billion. Those who register are automatically eligible to win the Plan for College Sweepstakes,

which awards \$1,000 each month to a winner selected at random.

- Continue to save and plan. Landing a scholarship is just one component of being prepared for college. Continue to set aside savings. Free college planning tools are available online in Sallie Mae's College Planning Toolbox.

For more tips on how to get started finding free money for college and for information on saving, planning and paying for college, visit www.SallieMae.com.

Spend some time investigating all your college financing options. Scholarships are an excellent way to supplement your savings and other funding sources.

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February 1, Kent Branch Library, 6:00-8:00 pm
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February 15, Lagrange Branch Library, 6:30-8:00 pm
3422 Lagrange St., Toledo, Ohio 43608 (Corner of Manhattan & Lagrange), 419.259.5280

February 29, Kent Branch, 6:30-8:00 pm
March 14, South Branch Library, 6:30-8:00 pm
1736 Broadway St., Toledo, Ohio 43609, 419.259.5395

March 28, Kent Branch, 6:30-8:00 pm
April 11, Kent Branch, 6:30-8:00 pm
April 25, Kent Branch, 6:30-8:00 pm

Please help spread the invitation to anyone you know who might be interested. All are welcome! For more information or to start sharing ideas, please contact Lynne Hamer, 419-283-8288, lynne.hamer@utoledo.edu, or Willie McKether, 419-309-4931, willie.mckether@utoledo.edu. Or, [Community Conversations for School Success Toledo](#)

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this, and then I felt a burning. They had teargassed me so bad it was sparks all around me, as if I was some type of a threat.

The next thing I knew is they reached over and grabbed me. They put a gun to my head. The police kept yelling, "Arrest her! Arrest her!" I said, "I can't breathe, I have asthma." My bandanas and everything fell off of my face, so I had ingested all of that teargas and I'm like this (gasping). The next thing I knew, I woke up, the police had grabbed me and they tried to arrest me, but when I woke up I was on the ground and the Ferguson Fire Department put the mask on me and the man was trying to bring me around. He was like, "calm down, it's okay." But when I came to, I had this up against my head and I was wondering what is this, as I'm trying to breathe in this mask, what is this on my head and I turned and I said, "what are you doing?"

"Arrest her. See, I told you she was faking, she was faking!" And it took the paramedics to knock the gun off of my head and say, "She's not faking, leave her alone" and finally the police officer left.

I'm a victim of rape. When I was raped, I remember in those moments thinking if someone could just hear me scream, if someone just heard me or walked past, walked in the room, I would be okay. Someone could call the police and help me. I remember thinking that, but then in that moment when I was rolling around on the ground, that was true helplessness and hopelessness. That was a place I had never understood, never felt, never thought I would ever feel before because that was truly it, because in that moment who could I call? Who could I say come help me? Because I was on the ground at the feet of the police, that was hurting me.

Who do you call when it's the police? Who do our babies call when the police are harassing them? Now let me tell you this much, this is not an anti-police speech, I know that's what you're thinking. It's not an anti-police speech. I'm not anti-police, I'm anti-police brutality! I'm anti-foolishness! I'm pro-peace! I'm pro-people, all people!

So, this is a wake up, community, and hear the cries, accept the uncomfortable, validate the voices and act to build a hope for every person speech. Justice for all, that's what this speech is. Truth is power. Your voice has power. Your truth is empowering, awakening and it will be uncomfortable. It gets down to the roots so that healing can

begin. People are changed when they hear truth.

I had this young white guy in Pennsylvania when I spoke. I was on a panel. Afterwards he came up to me and he said, "You know what, Pastor Cori, I've got to apologize to you because I never had to deal with racism in my life. I'm a white boy living in suburbia, I've never had to encounter it so it didn't bother me. I never cared about it before, it didn't touch me, but coming to this, I just happened to be walking past and I heard the noise and I came in, and now I'm so sorry that I didn't do anything before. I'm sorry that I allowed my life to just go on and kept allowing this to happen." He said, "I'm sorry."

So you have stories of experiences that can open up dialogue that can change the world. Racism, sexism, religious persecution, etc., exists because we allow it to exist. Like Dr. King said, injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere, even if these issues don't directly affect you. Just like the young man in Pennsylvania, step out of that seat of comfortability. Listen to your neighbor, that youth, that person of a different background, break those boxes and take off those labels. You never know, your subcategory could be next.

Let's drive out the hatred that lives in our communities that's been dressed up and disguised like a barrier or a side note. Drive it out with love and mutual respect for humanity. These aren't the days to be afraid. My shirt says, "bulletproof" and I wore it on purpose. I know I'm tacky, I don't care, because this is a war, I don't care about being cute. I can get cute when we have life. I can get cute when we accomplish something, but right now we in the middle of a war. Dr. King said faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase.

So tell your stories, change your world. Your voice counts. Your heart matters. If you believe in justice for all and raising the voice of the voiceless, then you are the change the world needs. So now I want to say this: Everybody stand to your feet, you've been sitting for a while, stand to your feet. Now if you believe what I just said, if you believe in justice for all and you won't turn back and say that it doesn't affect me now because the thing is this. Our white community, now you can go to your cousins and say, "hey look, let me sit you down and tell you what's going on in the black community." That's the only way it gets to your cousins. So we need you to do that for us, because there's certain places we can't get to, but when you talk to your family, that's how the world changes.

So this is our declaration, I want you to say: "I am the change the world needs. I am the change the world needs." Now I'm a preacher, so now you've got to turn to your neighbor and tell your neighbor. You've got to turn to your neighbor and you've got to decree it into their life, call that thing forward: "You are the change that the world needs. You are the change the world needs."

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The Parker Sisters: A Border Kidnapping by Lucy Maddox

By Terri Schlichenmeyer
The Truth Contributor

Your neighbors said they'd keep an eye on your house for you this summer.

They'd get the mail in, and grab the newspaper while you were on vacation. They'd do everything for you – and, as in the new book *The Parker Sisters* by Lucy Maddox, you should be glad if they watch your children, too.

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Along the border between Pennsylvania and Maryland, Thomas McCreary "earned a reputation" as slave catcher, did jail time in 1849 for kidnapping, and was mistrusted by many, black and white. Still, he'd managed to find work as a mail carrier in both states, which may've given him opportunity to observe the comings-and-goings of Elizabeth and Rachel Parker, two free black children.

Elizabeth, somewhere around 10 years old, was a headstrong, "difficult" child who'd left (or been kicked out of) her family's home years before and had worked and lived with a series of white families. The latest was near-destitute; Maddox hypothesizes that Elizabeth's presence in the Donnelly household may have been on purpose, so that McCreary might have an easier chance to snatch her.

Two weeks later, Elizabeth's older sister, Rachel, was taken in broad daylight, right in front of the family who employed her. Rachel's abduction, says Maddox, probably made neighbors notice that Elizabeth, who was already on her way to a slave auction in Baltimore, was gone.

The man who employed Rachel, Joseph Miller, was outraged over her kidnapping. There had been similar trouble before nearby; the federal government and individual states had long argued over the laws governing escaped slaves, free blacks, and slave catchers who generally lied about both. Miller and his neighbors sprang into action and, says Maddox, "Within twenty-four hours, the abductions of the Parker sisters would no longer be local matters."

Neither would they be resolved happily or quickly. Says author Lucy Maddox, Rachel and Elizabeth spent months in jail, while their legal status and identities were resolved. In the meantime, one man lost his life and another got off "scot-free."

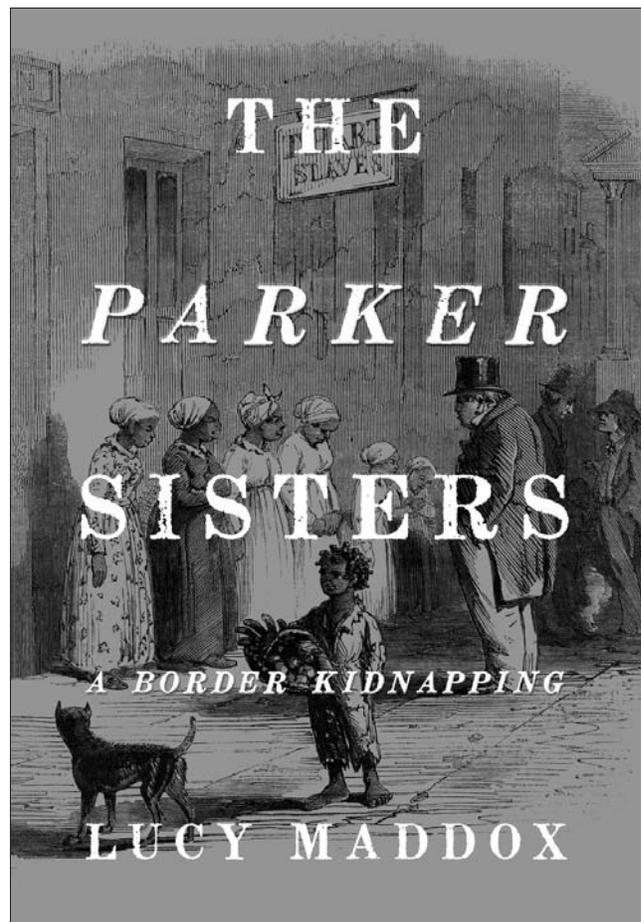
I'm normally not a fan of books that offers dozens of names to keep track of, but that profuseness somehow works in *The Parker Sisters*.

That may be because Maddox explains in detail the significance of what happened by telling the history behind the laws that made this event possible (and illegal). Readers will appreciate the story's movement between North and South, and the clarity of explanation, even on the smallest of details. There are some big surprises in here,

too – particularly in what happened to Elizabeth Parker.

On the matter of murder, Maddox is rather like a detective, which is another well-done aspect of this book. Officials tried to explain the death as a suicide, but she walks readers through events and clues to prove otherwise.

Despite all that's appealing, and because it's packed with a lot, this isn't an easy book to read – but it's worth it. If you're a lover of a good tale or a historian, particularly, *The Parker Sisters* is a book you'll want to keep your eyes on.



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puzzles to stimulate their creative thinking. What a great way to exercise your brain! *NOTE: Attendance in previous "Thinking Outside the Box" Workshops is not required.*

Barbara Mauter is an adjunct instructor with over 20 years college experience. She has taught and presented various workshops for The University of Toledo, Bowling Green State University, Monroe County Community College and Owens State Community College. Her interests center around thinking, reading and how individuals' minds work.

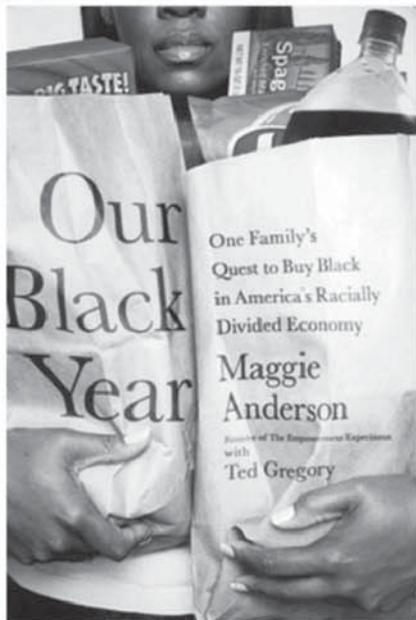
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The primary objective of position shall be to protect the property and integrity of The Toledo Zoo. Effectively carry out safety and security policies that provide for protection of visitors, employees, animals and zoo assets. Duties will include but are not limited to monitoring and reporting on the following: air & water temperatures, water filtration systems, intruder/fire detection and camera surveillance equipment. Responsible for training of security officers in all aspects of their assignment, including radio communication, foot patrols, lock ups, reports, fire and intrusion alarm systems, monitoring and recording of temperatures, lighting, proper procedures relating to specific special requests, any other security related duties. Must have a minimum of 2 years security experience and degree in Criminal Justice or related field or any equivalent combination of education and experience. Prior experience in law enforcement, firefighting, or military service preferred. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age, have a valid driver's license and be insurable by the fleet insurance carrier. EOE. Drug and alcohol free workplace. Competitive salary and benefits package. Resumes must be submitted by February 12, 2016 to resume@toledozoo.org.

Full-Time Development Database Manager The Toledo Zoo

The Development Database Manager will oversee, manage and maintain the Blackbaud Raiser's Edge, Outbound online membership store, Centerstage, Sendblaster, and Membership POS and provide training, data entry and computer/software support. Manage the membership processing area and supervise membership staff. Requires strong database management, Excel, alpha/numeric data entry skills, communication skills and the ability to work with vendors to trouble-shoot software issues. Requires a BS in management or computer science, and a minimum of two years exp. in database management, computer/data entry science, or an equivalent combination of education/experience. Will work some weekends and holidays. Must have a valid driver's license and be insurable by the fleet insurance carrier. EOE. Drug and alcohol free workplace. Competitive salary and benefits package. Resumes must be submitted by February 12, 2016 to resume@toledozoo.org.



NOTICE

LUCAS COUNTY JOB & FAMILY SERVICES WILL BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC FOR MANDATORY AGENCY-WIDE TRAINING ON **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2016**

INVITATION FOR BIDS

DEMOLITION

IFB#16-B001

Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority (LMHA) will receive bids for **Demolition. Received in accordance with law until March 1, 2016, 11AM ET.** Pre-Bid Meeting: Feb. 16, 2016 at 10AM ET. For documents: www.lucasmha.org. 435 Nebraska Ave., Toledo, Oh 43604 or 419-259-9487/419-259-9487 (TRS: Dial 711).

Bidders required to meet Affirmative Action and Equal Employment Opportunity requirements as described in Executive Order #11246, Sec. 3 Compliance Applicable.



COMPROLLER

Metroparks of Toledo has an opening for a Comptroller to administer Metroparks accounting and finance functions in accordance with governmental accounting standard and to manage accounts of the Board, financial reports, audits and internal controls. Position is full time with benefits and is located in the administrative office at Wildwood Preserve Metropark. The qualified candidate must have a minimum of three years experience in accounting, finance or treasury. Governmental professional accounting and treasury management experience preferred. Position requires a Bachelor's degree in Accounting or Finance or equivalent combination of education and work experience; CPA or CMA preferred. Go to www.MetroparksToledo.com to view the job description, position requirements and apply online by February 14, 2016. EOE

Call to place your ad

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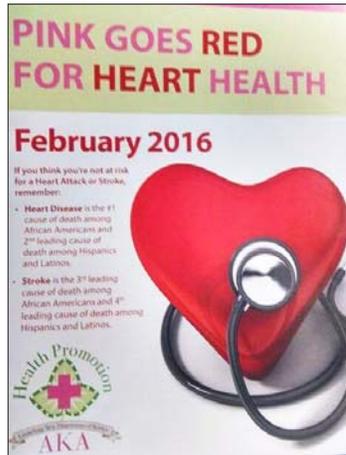
www.TheTruthToledo.com

AKA Goes Red to Promote Heart Healthy Lifestyle

Special to The Truth

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc, Zeta Alpha Omega Chapter of Toledo members collaborated with Angela Steward, owner of *Fabulously Fit Studio*, to participate in a community aerobic exercise class to promote and educate African-American women about heart health on February 1, 2016.

The participants were reminded to check their blood pressure and cholesterol numbers with their primary care provider. American Heart Association's "Know your Physical Activity" cards were handed out. The card describes a sample-walking plan. Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority distributed posters and flyers explaining cardiovascular disease and knowing the signs of a heart attack and stroke.



Members will wear red attire on February 13 to support the American Heart Association's Go Red for Women and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority's "Pink Goes Red" Community Impact Day month-long activities. Chapter members are asked to complete the American Heart Association's *My Life Check* survey to determine their heart health score and to participate in a fun educational activity to test their knowledge of heart and stroke diseases.

Zeta Alpha Omega Chapter is under the leadership of President Felicia Dunston and Vice President Morgannia Dawson. The Health Promotion Target Chairman is Cheryl Wallace and Andrea Price is the Chairman of the "Pink Goes Red for Heart Health" Community Impact Day Activities.

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