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This Strikes Us...

A Sojourner's Truth Editorial

If you are female or African-American or if you are female and African-American or even if you just want to see this country try a little something different for a change, things promise to get even more complicated for you in the 2008 presidential race.

It seems that Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice has quietly inserted her own name into the Republican vice presidential discussion, lobbying McCain advisors and party conservatives for consideration.

Many observers believe that McCain is seeking someone to bolster what is already an impressive set of foreign policy credentials and that Rice fits that bill. Given his age and Rice's relative youth, it is not inconceivable that she could be a future president. It is entirely possible that we have before us two viable African-American presidential candidates over the next few years should McCain win the White House race in November.

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April 4 marked the 40th anniversary of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. assassination by James Earl Ray.

McCain, who has on numerous occasions during that time opposed a holiday honoring King, both in his home state of Arizona and nationally, went to Memphis to honor the man he has declined to honor so often over the years. Would he have done so were he not the presumptive Republican nominee?

It's interesting to note the reaction to recent sound blips of Rev. Jeremiah Wright. Wright's name has been dragged through the mud endlessly because of the seemingly unpatriotic, racially divisive comments excerpted from a decades-long career in the pulpit for this ex-Marine.

It's so easy to forget that King was, for most of his time in the limelight, vilified as being divisive, being a communist, being unpatriotic. He was accused of being an outsider. He was accused of giving comfort to the enemy when he came out early in opposition to the Vietnam War.

These days, however, all is forgiven by his former accusers. Now they speak of his courage and his devotion to a level playing field. Now they use, or abuse, his memory by trying to calculate how he might react in certain situations.

It seems relatively easy to read whatever one wants into the writings and speeches of someone who died four decades ago.

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Mark Penn, the architect of the Clintons' scorched earth strategy has been demoted in the Senator Hillary Clinton campaign organization chart. Penn was the chief strategist who was caught trying to strike a deal on trade with Colombians even as his boss was campaigning on the fact that she opposed such deals.

Penn is also the man most responsible, along with former President Bill Clinton, in the Clinton camp for urging a no-holds-barred approach in her contest with front-runner Senator Barack Obama.

As one looks at the manner in which the Clinton campaign has been waged, it is hard to imagine that a victory by the Democratic Party in November means anything to the Clintons if that victory is not led by Clinton herself.

Clinton has a bit of a chance to win the nomination if everything breaks for her in the remaining 10 state primaries and caucuses. A small bit of a chance.

And, certainly one cannot blame her for continuing the battle if she feels she has such a chance. How she wages the battle, on the other hand, is an issue for debate.

We know she and her surrogates are telling super delegates that Obama is not as electable as she is, we know that she has expressed the opinion that both she and McCain are more prepared to be president than is Obama, we know that she, and Bill, have repeatedly played the race card with respect to their opponent.

Our favorite Bill line was when he commended Obama for winning South Carolina just as Jesse Jackson did in 1984 and 1988. Somehow the master politician conveniently forgot, or overlooked, that a certain Bill Clinton also won South Carolina in 1992. Why wasn't that comparison made?

On the issues, Obama and Clinton are virtually identical. There is a little matter of mandated health care, which Clinton prefers. And there is a matter of opening up dialogue with Cuba, which Obama prefers. Since opening up to Cuba is not what so many voters in Florida prefer, Clinton is sticking by the tried and true line that sucks up to Cuban emigres.

The fact remains, however, that given the many similarities in the two candidates' positions, one would expect that Hillary could see some value in leaving hopeful for a Democratic president to take the reins in 2009, even if that someone is not her.

That's not the way we expect to see the rest of this campaign play out.

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April 11

BGSU Generation Next Leadership Award Fundraiser: Holiday Inn French Quarter; Dinner/dance and silent auction: 419-372-3043

Evening of Worship Spring Concert: Grace and Peace Ministries; 7 pm; 5516 Silica Drive: 419-882-2118

April 12

Healthy Hearts, Health and Wellness Workshop: United Missionary Baptist Church; Sponsored by the Nurses Guild; 11 am to 1 pm; Topics include heart disease, high cholesterol, high blood pressure and diabetes: 419-242-1455

Ohio Baptist General Convention Youth Auxiliary: G. Thomas Turner Youth Conference; 8 am; Indiana Avenue MBC

April 17-18

Intercessory Prayer Conference: City of Zion, Mt. Zion Church: 7 pm nightly; Guests include Bishop William Murphy of Pontiac, MI, Pastor Juandolyn Stokes of Atlanta and Pastor Curtis Beckles of Jacksonville, FL: 419-246-1850

April 18

25th Pastoral Anniversary for Rev. Robert Wormely and Sis Edna Wormely of Southern MBC; 7 pm; Guest pastor Rev. John Williams of Eastern Star MBC

April 18-20

Calvary Baptist Women's Ministry Spring Retreat: 419-531-9443

April 19

Health Fair for Minority Health Month: Sponsored by Nurses Ministry of Bethlehem Baptist and the House of Bread Ministries; New Life Center; 10 am to 2 pm; Issues affecting adults such as high blood pressure, cholesterol and diabetes; Demos on exercise routines and healthy cooking: 419-241-9360

Health Fair: Warren AME and Frederick Douglass Center's 4th Annual; Warren AME Church; 10 am to 2 pm; Health checks, fitness demonstration, smoke detectors, children's activities: 419-266-1065

"Experiencing the Release Revival:" Prophetic intercession at noon; Worship service at 1:30 pm; Genesis Dreamplex; 419-531-1862

Edwin Hawkins and Walter Hawkins Music and Love Fellowship Conference: St. Paul AME Church; Noon; Musical at 6 pm; Christian Community Church: 419-241-7332

April 19-20

Glaciy Theatre Collective's Open Auditions: For 2008-2009 season; Sarah Ruhl's *Eurydice*, Tina Howe's *Birth After Birth* and a summer Shakespeare production; Noon to 5 pm; UT's Center for Performing Arts: 419-530-2254

April 20

Pastoral Anniversary: For Pastor Bruce and Lady Karen Mitchell; Tamaro Country Club; 7 pm: 419-246-9357

25th Pastoral Anniversary for Rev. Robert Wormely and Sis. Edna Wormely; 4 pm service featuring Pastor Ronald McCraney of Rhema Word

April 22

Amazon Lodge #4: Annual wild game dinner; Octagon Hall; Featuring venison, rabbit, raccoon, duck; Doors open at 6 pm

April 23-25

Pastoral Anniversary: Bibleway Temple's Pastor Bruce and Lady Karen Mitchell; nightly services at 7 pm; Guest speakers - Evang. Kim Drewry-Brown, Pastor Nolen White, Pastor Pat McKinstry, Bishop William Polley: 419-246-9357

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My View

By Jack Ford
The Truth's Political Columnist



This past week I traveled to my hometown of Springfield, OH to receive an award as one of 10 recipients of the outstanding Springfield's school system graduates.

The event was held at Casey's Restaurant in downtown Springfield with an attendance of 200. I saw and reminisced with some old classmates and friends, some of whom I had not seen or spoken to in over 43 years since I graduated in 1965.

As much as I appreciated receiving this award in a group that included several noted scientists, it was

the recommendation process that was most touching for me.

I was nominated for the award by three Springfield women – Deborah Burch-Humphrey, Alice Bell and my cousin Marsha Norris. All three of these women are related by longstanding friendship, parental friendship and strong social ties between these women and myself.

I deeply appreciated their recommendation for the award. That three such beautiful, talented, educated women would choose to recommend me meant more to me than the award itself.

Toledo City Councilman Michael Ashford and Mayor Carty Finkbeiner continue to grapple over spending on street and curb repair. There is not enough money to go around and the mayor does go out of his way to limit city goodies to Ashford's district.

But remember, Ashford's district is the "travel through" district from downtown to the suburbs. Ashford's district gets beat up every day because of where it's situated.

Some leeway should be made for districts, and their streets, that are subject to overuse.

The Black and Veatch contract continues to generate comment and concern. What I know is this – Black and Veatch will only deliver what they are contracted to do with respect to minority hiring. They won't go above and beyond. If you don't put it into the contract, do not expect the company to be diligent about minority inclusion.

If the Finkbeiner regime does not go after increased affirmative action in the next phase of the project, it won't happen. By the way, the Plan Commission and its staff director could raise hell on the issue of the lack of minority inclusion if they wanted to do so.

No one has said anything about it but I think Stan Joplin got a raw deal from The University of Toledo. Since when does a coach have to be a marketing guru as well as put a winning team on the floor? Just a year ago, Joplin won a championship. Now he is fired after a down year. I

was surprised that Dr. Lloyd Jacobs dropped Joplin like a hot potato. It will be interesting to see what happens to Coach Tom Amstutz if UT football

has another awkward year. Toledo City Councilwoman Lindsay Webb's attempt to ratchet up the amount of minority contractors' participation in

city projects looks like a pathetic effort to clean up her image in the black community. Too little, too late, Lindsay.

Open Letter to Toledo City Council

It is my understanding that legislation recommending that Black and Veatch is awarded the Phase 2A design decree consent contract for the City of Toledo Waterways Initiative Item 34-08 will appear before you on April 8, 2008. I also understand that the contract is projected to cover 10 years at a cost of \$4 million plus. I have followed the proceedings closely and I have appeared before you at a previous public hearing to voice community concerns over the minority inclusion percentage that Black and Veatch have proposed for Phase 2A.

I, along with other community leaders, encourage you to do the right thing by requesting an increase to the minority inclusion percentage starting at 18 percent on this project. We are basing this request on a number of factors. The minority citizen population exceeded 30 percent as of 2000 according to the U.S. Census Bureau. African Americans are the largest minority group in the City representing 23.5 percent of the population.

The Toledo Public School system is striving for a 20 percent MBE and 5 percent WBE inclusion rate on their Building for Success Program. Lucas County Commissioners on May 22, 2007 passed a resolution committing to a 15 percent minority inclusion rate on

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Thanks for The Health Issue

I was pleased to see that your April 2, 2008 issue dealt with health issues within the black community. This subject is often overlooked or underestimated when considering the quality of life within our community.

Keeping our bodies healthy is often seen as a chore, something we prefer to brush aside until absolutely necessary. However, we have a responsibility to our families and communities to promote physical health and teach our children healthy habits that promote longevity. This is a matter of extreme importance, given the fact that African Americans

suffer and die from many diseases at higher rates than other populations.

For those of us who believe we are created by a higher power, we also believe that we must maintain and honor our temples. Most of us would consider it a slap in the face if we gave a dear friend a valuable gift, only to visit their home and find the gift buried under trash and sitting in a corner. We do the same to our creator when we dishonor the gift of life by devaluing and destroying our bodies with junk food, alcohol and drugs (including caffeine and nicotine), and lack of exercise. Many of us

are quick to pray for healing, but often unwilling to prevent illness by maintaining healthy habits. In fact, when instructed to change our bad habits, we would rather die than not eat certain foods. Many of us will die because of our resistance to change and our disregard for the health of our bodies and the gift of life itself. We are "fearfully and wonderfully made," and should thus respect the gift of life and the one body through which we live this life.

I encourage your readers to examine how they can best honor the gift of life and support

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Councilman Ashford Calls for More Central City Street Repaving

Sojourner's Truth Staff

"The City of Toledo is 88 square miles and Carty's [Finkbeiner] plan is to repave 14.9 miles in residential neighborhoods," said Toledo City Councilman Michael Ashford during a news conference on Monday.

With that statement Ashford expressed his "disappointment and disagreement" with the mayor's proposed 2008 street repaving plan. That plan calls for much less money to be spent repaving District 3 and District 4 streets than in the other four districts. It's a plan that has raised the ire of Ashford and District 3 Councilman Mike Craig.

"[The mayor] should have come up with a plan to repave. You can fill all the potholes you want to the end of the year," said Ashford criticizing the city's recent concerted effort to attack the pothole problem.

Part of Ashford's disgruntlement with the way funds have been recently allocated to repaving is the fact that a good part of the downtown commercial section lies in District 4 and those streets, he feels, have been given priority under the Finkbeiner administration to residential streets.

"District 4 includes downtown and 40 percent of what has been paved in District 4 has been in the downtown area," said Ashford. "I'm

more concerned with residential streets."

Ashford also expressed his disagreement with the administration's proposal

pressed his opinion that the priorities for municipal government are public safety, jobs and infrastructure "which in-

"I'm more concerned with residential streets."



to spend \$19.4 million to automated garbage pickup.

"Given the fact that homeowners are paying an increase in garbage tax, just approved the 3/4 [of one percent] levy that will bring in \$55 to \$57 million, that homeowners pay property taxes and if you work in the city you pay income tax, you are taxed to death," said Ashford.

The councilman ex-

cludes streets, sidewalks and sewers."

In the meantime, the city announced that it was abandoning plans to build a bike path at Greenwood Park and drastically reducing the funds earmarked for a dog park in order to reallocate those funds to the city's mill and fill pothole program.

Open Letter

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its Arena Project on a contractual and workforce basis.

City Council passed the Domestic Partnership Registry Legislation within the past year as a way to promote diversity throughout the City of Toledo, yet when it comes to promoting diversity in the way public dollars are spent, the city proposes inclusion rates established over 20 years ago.

At a hearing on Tuesday, January 15, 2008, Black and Veatch proposed a seven percent inclusion rate and are now proposing a 10 percent inclusion rate because of subsequent hearings on the matter.

Further we understand that they were able to achieve an approximately 14 percent inclusion rate on Phase 1. How can we claim to be a "City of the Future" when we are going backwards? Unlike the Toledo Public Schools and county projects, the available capacity and experience in the Minority Contracting Community for the Phase 2A project is not an issue. For instance, Ribway Engineering Group played a signifi-

cant role on the Phase 1 project. We are told that they were awarded 10 percent of the total Phase 1 project. Why are they not receiving 10 percent or more of the Phase 2A contract, especially since they have the engineering expertise and capacity to do the work and they have had the experience of doing acceptable quality work on Phase 1?

In summary, we ask Toledo City Council to exercise the same type of leadership and commitment as the project owner that the Lucas County Commissioners and the Toledo Public Schools exercised on their once-in-a-lifetime projects by starting at an 18 percent Minority Inclusion Rate on the Phase 2A project. We also urge you to encourage Black and Veatch to again partner with Ribway Engineering Group and other minority contractors in a significant way on this project.

It is our request that you exercise proactive leadership by passing a resolution committing the City of Toledo to a new and higher standard of minority inclusion in all of its

purchasing decisions. We recommended that the City's inclusion rates mirror whenever possible its population of minority residents. It is only then, we can truthfully claim to be a "City of the Future."

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Larry Sykes

Thanks

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port the health of their physical bodies. Respecting the gift we are given is a responsibility, not an option. Doing the opposite is killing us.

Sincerely,
Charisse Montgomery

Ed. Note: Charisse Montgomery is the UT Scientific Editor and College Communicator. The Health Section is a regular monthly feature in The Truth and will run each first week of the month.

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Jeremy Lincoln Foundation Hosts Fundraiser Dance

By Artisha S. Lawson
Sojourner's Truth Reporter

The Jeremy Lincoln Foundation hosted a fundraiser titled "A Night of Dance" on Friday, April 4, 2008 at the Sylvania Country Club.



"Tonight's event funds the summer football camps, annual turkey drives, while the rest filters down to the programs throughout the city to our feeder schools," said Jeremy Lincoln.

After Lincoln, a cornerback, was drafted out

of the University of Tennessee by the National Football League in 1992 he took his mother's advice and started a foundation. Lincoln already had a long his-

story of service to others. "Mom said 'why not form your own foundation.' I then said 'okay I guess I could do that,'" said Lincoln.

His eight-year NFL career began with the Chicago Bears. He then went to Seattle Seahawks, St. Louis

Rams, New York Giants and finally to Detroit Lions. However, before his retirement from football he established The Jeremy Lincoln Foundation in 1998 which focused on his own shared beliefs in hard-work and success with the community where he was raised.

Since its conception the foundation has focused on three projects. The first is an annual Turkey Drive, in which the foundation has fed over 4,000 families over the past 14 years.

"We've come a long way, never really wanted to be a big organization, just wanted to make a difference in any way we possible could," said Lincoln.

Another foundation project is an annual summer Pro Football Camp for student athletes ages 12-18, in which Lincoln's professional friends come to Toledo and teach the fundamentals of life and sports.

"The camp teaches not just football, but team work and positive attitude. They also talk with the kids about staying in school and at-

tending college," said Althea Baldwin, foundation board member.

Lastly, since 1999 the Foundation has worked with Nathan Hale Elementary School and has donated computers, offered tutoring, provided breakfast during proficiency testing, donated hats and gloves during winter months, donated turkey dinners to families and established a reward program for students who pass all proficiency tests.

"We've adopted Nathan Hale since that was Jeremy's school, and we help them from time to time," said Yvonne Johnson, foundation board member.

Foundation board members Terry Awls, Althea Baldwin, Yvonne Johnson, Deborah Roberts, Charles McDaniel, Pete Pharis, Aaron Wizgen and Sam Baldwin were hand-picked by Lincoln several years ago and stay because of their belief in the foundation's positive work.

"We're a working board, we believe in what he's doing in the community. He



strives to be a positive role model and set a positive example," said Althea Baldwin.

Supporters of the dance held at Sylvania Country Club enjoyed music provided by D-Peeps and the Professor.

The Foundation also thanked its host of community and corporate donors: Dana Corporation, The Kroger Co, City of Toledo Youth Commission, NFL Youth Services, AT&T Pioneers, SportsCare, Apex Printing, State Farm Insurance Agent Jeff Trout, Sam Okun Produce, Black Enter-

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Karen Smith: Educating Diabetic Patients on Health Care

By Fletcher Word
Sojourner's Truth Editor



"Why am I so determined?" asks Karen Smith performing double duty during an interview as she poses the question and then provides the answer.

And part of the answer is that Smith, a physical therapist, did not come easily to her career.

She made her decision to go back to college—full-time—while married and with three young children. She made the decision after a stint in the U.S. Army and after having been disappointed with her first choice of career—accounting.

But it's all working out for Smith now. "It's an excellent career," she says. "There's an extreme shortage of therapists, especially minority therapists.

And everyone who visits this Saturday's Community Health, Wellness and Weight Loss Challenge Coalition Health Fair at Cordelia Martin Health Center will have the opportunity to observe Smith's determination up close and in person.

One of the organizers of the Health Fair, Smith will also be one of the presenters. "I'm going to talk about diabetic foot care and educate patients on techniques and the importance of good foot care. Good foot care for diabetics can prevent amputation, and not just of the foot but of the whole leg."

Smith will be working with a prosthetist (certified to measure, design and fit prosthetic devices for patients) to emphasize the value of care and the importance of exercise for diabetics.

In addition to discussions

and advice about coping with diabetics, visitors to the second Community Health Fair will be able to undergo free health screenings for cholesterol, hypertension, HIV and prostate cancer.

The Health Fair, sponsored by the Toledo Chapter of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women Clubs, Inc; the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity; State Farm Insurance, Owens Corning, the Toledo Council of Black Nurses, the Alpha Phi Boule, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, The Urban League and the NAACP, among others, will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Among the features offered by the Health

Fair is an ongoing weight loss challenge.

Smith, a product of Scott High School, entered the Army after graduation in hopes of becoming an accountant. She was lured by the Army's promises of career development and college education. She spent six years in the Army but the whole accounting thing was a bit of a bust.

"As it turned out, I was just 'accounting' for supplies in a big warehouse," she recalls. After the Army and her return to Toledo, she joined a bank and started processing loan applications. One of the applicants was "this little Filipino lady, small in stature and she was a physical therapist."

Smith saw what physical therapists were paid, understood with little effort the immense satisfaction that would be derived from such a job—she is, after all, a "caregiver at heart"—and was determined to grab the brass ring for herself and her family.

In 1989 she started her college career at the Medical College of Ohio (now The University of Toledo Health Science Campus). It certainly was not the easiest of college curricula. During the first year, students take the same courses that future physicians take, says Smith. A lot of students struggle with the necessary academic requirements which include a lot of math and science—trigonometry, geometry, physics and gross anatomy. "It's basically a degree in science," says Smith.

And it was an intense course of study. For at least two and a half years, Smith was in school from nine to five, every day. She was required to maintain a grade point average of at least 3.0 to stay in the program.

She earned her bachelor's of science degree in physical therapy as one of only two minorities in her graduating class. In subsequent years, she has encountered only three other African-American women who are physical therapists.

Because of the demand for physical therapists, Smith often finds herself working two jobs in order to fill the void. She is a clinical supervisor at United Rehab but she also does *per diem* work for a number of other agencies in the area because of the shortage in her field.

Her work for the Health Fair came about at least in part because she is a newly inducted member of the Toledo Club of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc.

Smith has three children: Michelle, 23, is married to former UT basketball star Keith Tripplett who is playing professional ball in Rumania; Alan, 19, is an engineering student at UT and Briah, 15, is a sophomore at Start High School and plays for the girls' junior varsity basketball team that won this year's city championship.

Smith will be assisting patients this Saturday at Cordelia Martin from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Marian Wright Edelman Appearance

Special to The Truth

Marian Wright Edelman, Founder and President of the Children's Defense Fund (CDF), is scheduled to speak at the Stranahan Theater Great Hall, 4645 Heatherdowns Blvd., at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 16 at the 2008 Spring Authors! Authors! series presented by The Blade and arranged by the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library.

Edelman, author of eight books including her successful work, "The Measure of Our Success: A Letter to My Children and Yours," will speak for about one hour before hosting a short question-and-answer session. Edelman is a lifelong advocate for disadvantaged Americans and the CDF has become one of the nation's leading voices for children and families.

Edelman, a graduate of Spelman College and Yale Law School, started her career in the mid-1960s when, as the first black woman admitted to the Mississippi Bar, she directed the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund office in Jackson, Mississippi. In 1968, she moved to Washington, D.C., as counsel for the Poor People's Campaign that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. began organizing before his death.

She founded the Washington Research Project, a public interest law firm and the parent body of the Children's Defense Fund. For two years she served as the director of the Center for Law and Education at Harvard University and in 1973 she founded the CDF.

Edelman serves on numerous boards and has received many honorary degrees. Her awards include the MacArthur Foundation's "genius" award. She is married to Peter Edelman, a professor at Georgetown Law School. The couple has three grown sons, two granddaughters, and two grandsons.

Following her presentation and question-and-answer session, Edelman will be available for book signings.

Some of Edelman's books, provided by Barnes & Noble Booksellers, are scheduled to be available for purchase at the Authors! Authors! presentation.

Authors! Authors! tickets are \$10 per person. Tickets are available for purchase at all Toledo-Lucas County Public Library locations and are limited in quantity. Student discounts are available. For other scheduled Authors! Authors! speakers log on to toledolibrary.org.

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Owens Community College Names New Dean of Academic Services

Special to The Truth

Owens Community College has named Tamara Williams as the new dean of Academic Services. Her responsibilities will include assisting with all aspects related to the coordination and development of instructional programs and support services on the Toledo-area and Findlay-area campuses.

In addition to providing assistance in curriculum development, Williams will be responsible for special programs related to Outcomes Assessment, Tech Prep, the Weekend College, Post-Secondary Enrollment Options and the College's satellite learning centers. She will also assist with Owens' Program Review and Evaluation Process and Assessment of Learning Outcomes and work closely with the fellow academic deans to enhance educational opportunities and resources for current and future students.

"Owens Community College is honored to have Tamara Williams serving as the new dean of Academic Services," said Bruce Busby, Ph.D., Owens vice president of Academic Services. "Tamara brings to the College a distinguished academic career and extensive knowledge and experience in higher education that will be invaluable as Owens continues to

meet the needs of the surrounding communities through innovative academic programs and resources."

Since August 2005, Williams has served as the Academic Dean of Career Education at Wayne County Community College District. While at Wayne County, she was responsible for the strategic direction and development of



Tamara Williams

liaison officer with accrediting agencies and played an integral role in establishing articulation agreements with high schools and four-year academic institutions for Wayne County. Prior to her position at Wayne County, Williams served as the associate director of Cooperative Education and Diversity Initiatives at The University of Toledo for six years, where she directed and coordinated student programs and developed and marketed cooperative education/career services to local and national industries. Her professional and community involvement includes membership with the Michigan Occupational Dean's Council, the Community College Leadership Team, the Ohio Cooperative Education Association, the Greater Toledo Urban League and Leadership Toledo. Williams also serves as an Ohio Reads tutor and a United Way and a Boys and Girls Club of Toledo volunteer.

The Toledo resident holds a master's degree in Education and a bachelor's degree in Communications both from The University of Toledo. Williams is currently pursuing her doctorate in Higher Education Administration from UT.

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Mercy College Freezes Tuition, Takes Other Steps To Keep Tuition Affordable For Students

Special to The Truth

In response to the economic challenges facing its students and the region as a whole, Mercy College of Northwest Ohio announced that it has frozen tuition for the 2008/2009 academic year.

This is the first time in the school's history that tuition has been frozen. "As a mission based educator, we believed it was the right thing for us to do in this economic climate," said John Hayward, president of Mercy College of Northwest Ohio. "We believe it reflects our overall philosophy of education, which is to put the student and their future first."

In addition, tuition for the core prerequisite courses of Algebra, Biology, and Chemistry will be reduced to \$99 per credit hour and scholarships for first-time college students are being offered. "Taken together, these efforts reflect a strong commitment to providing access to higher education for people in Northwest Ohio, and make Mercy College even more affordable to both new and returning students" says

Shelly McCoy Grissom, associate dean of students for Enrollment Services.

Mercy College's tuition, (\$278 per credit hour), is considerably less than most private four-year colleges and many public colleges. "Mercy College remains committed to providing students interested in health careers a high quality, faith based education at a reasonable cost. We strive to keep our tuition and fees as low as possible, including maximizing financial aid to students," said Hayward. "Students who graduate without debt are in a better position to thrive in their professional careers," he added.

Of course, the true cost of higher education includes more than tuition. For example, in the medical fields the curriculum consists of both classroom work and hands-on training in a clinical setting. Many college students find themselves on waiting lists for necessary clinical seats. While on the waiting list, they also find they must take classes not needed for their degrees just to remain on the list.

At Mercy College, students can complete their degrees without lengthy gaps waiting for the classes they need, enabling them to join the workforce sooner. Many students also value the smaller class size and close faculty relationships of a private institution.

Mercy College of Northwest Ohio, a Catholic undergraduate institution, is sponsored by Mercy Health Partners and primarily focuses on health care and health science programs. It offers Bachelor of Science degree programs in Health Care Administration and Nursing and Associate in Science degree programs in General Studies, Health Information Technology, Nursing and Radiologic Technology. The College also provides continuing education and other community educational programs enabling individuals to develop knowledge, skills, and interests in various facets of health care and health science.

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UT Program Offers High Schoolers Inside Look at Health Science Careers

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As the school year winds down, almost three dozen students from area high schools are on the brink of an exclusive graduation ceremony.

But before their May graduation approaches, 34 students in the Toledo Starz Program will present what they've learned during a juried symposium Tuesday, April 15, from 4 to 6:30 p.m. in the lobby of the Center



for Creative Education Building on The University of Toledo Health Science Campus

Toledo Starz, established in fall 2006, is an after-school enrichment program particularly geared toward underrepresented populations and designed to augment the experiences of those motivated toward health science careers.

"This program has had a significant impact upon students' career decisions, as several former participants have already enrolled at UT," said Sandra Rivers, manager of institutional diversity programs at UT. "Starz can be a foundation and a great opportunity to engage students and show them what health careers offer."

Since September, students have been exposed to presentations from UT physicians, faculty and staff and explored diverse medical issues, as well as the roles that health-care professionals play in the delivery of care.

Students' presentations are judged on the information they've learned regarding:

- Careers in health care;
- Health-care procedures and processes;
- Diversity, cultural competency and communication in health care; and
- Interdisciplinary health-care teams.

Participating high schools include Bowsher, Toledo Early College, Scott, Libbey, Maumee, Springfield, St. John's Jesuit, Start, St. Ursula, Rogers, Notre Dame and the Toledo School for the Arts.

For more information, contact Rivers at 419.383.3438.

Turning Boys into Executives: Teaching Teamwork to Make a Dream Work

By James Fowler
Sojourner's Truth Reporter

Like most boys his age, 11-year-old Jordan Braden enjoys the privileges that come with being a kid.

He doesn't worry about paying the rent because he lives with his parents. Food and shelter are provided. And he's too young to drive, so gas prices don't concern him yet. His life is relatively stress free. Except when he's at work.

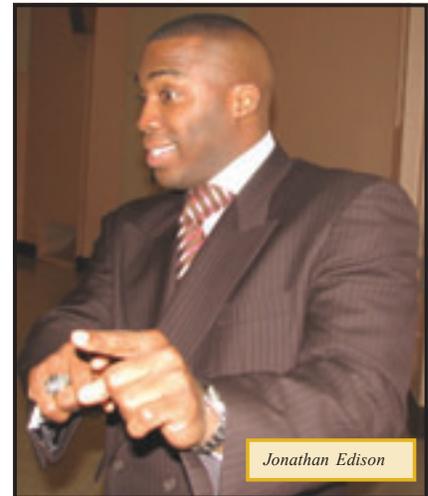
Braden's the CEO of a new enterprise called National Leaders, which sells candy, lemonade and popcorn to parents, teachers and the students of Lincoln Academy for Boys. His team, which includes a vice president, a treasurer and several officers, is currently engaged in a heated competition with several other student-run organizations to see whose prod-

ucts can bring in the most revenue.

If this sounds like business school for elementary students, well, it kind of is. It's part of an innovative new program that's exclusive to Lincoln Academy. Titled the Young CEO Program, it strives to teach students about concepts that will be beneficial to them later in life: teamwork, decision-making, leadership and economic supply and demand.

"Can you imagine teaching a nine and 10-year-olds how to run their own business? Talking to them about product, seed money, their own brand? These are things I learned in my late 20s," said Jonathan Edison, a Detroit-based motivational speaker who created the program and instructs the students at Lincoln Academy.

Edison, CEO of Edison



Jonathan Edison

Speaks International, believes people are most open to learning new concepts when they're young because their attitudes and opinions about things are

still being formed. While this is hardly a new idea, his program's structure is unique.

The program consists of
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Turning Boys into Executives:

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60 fourth and fifth grade boys who are divided into six different groups. Edison instructed each group that team members would be responsible for creating a business, choosing a company name, selecting products to sell to the public and creating a pricing plan. Student CEOs are in charge of each group and team members were selected based on a variety of criteria.

For some, deciding whom to choose was not easy.

"We would choose them if we thought they were a good choice, on their abilities, and depending on how well they worked with others," said Braden when asked about the process.

Others took a more diplomatic approach.

"Some of them just did rock, paper, scissors," said Su Breyemeier, a fifth grade teacher at Lincoln. "But that's about fairness and to them that's a sign of fairness."

Authenticity is stressed throughout the



program, which takes place on Friday afternoons in the school auditorium. Each week the students, dressed in shirts, ties and occasionally even full suits, meet with Edison for an hour to 90 minutes. He assigns tasks during the sessions and it's up to the students to resolve any conflicts that may arise.

"Part of the program is teaching them about making good decisions and building rapport," said

Edison. "Sometimes they'll say, 'Mr. Edison, James isn't participating or Allen isn't participating.' I say make a decision. 'What are you going to do with James? What are you going to do with Allen?'"

Jeramey Frelin, an 11-year-old fifth grader who named his business Jeramey Inc., believes Edison's approach is a good one.

"It teaches people dis-

cipline, how to take charge," he said. "Picking people that you know will get along. Otherwise there would be fights all the time and no work would get accomplished."

Frelin isn't the only one who believes the program has been good for him and his fellow students. Breyemeier thinks so too.

For years she has taught social studies and occasionally struggled to help her students understand concepts such as entrepreneurship and capital. It's not that they weren't trying. The concepts just didn't seem completely tangible to them. Now everything's different.

"In social studies the four factors of production are entrepreneurship, capital, land and labor. I thought every leader would say they're the entrepreneur, but they weren't," she said. "They'd say, 'I might be the leader but someone else had the product idea so he's the entrepreneur.' So it's been helpful teaching the four factors because they understand it."

The boys' knowledge of

the four factors will be put to the test on Wednesday, May 7. A competitive marketplace will take place in the school auditorium from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Edison will provide most of the products for the teams, who'll receive play money for their merchandise. The winning business will receive a prize at the end.

Regardless of the competition's outcome, the

program has had an impact on Lincoln's boys and that's exactly what Principal Teresa Quinn hoped for.

"It takes teamwork to make the dream work," she said. "What's happening in the classroom is targeted instruction, enriched instruction, but then they get to apply it on a higher level, a business level."



Quinn and Breyemeier

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Interested parents still have just over a week left to enroll in one of the more than 300 participating private schools and receive an EdChoice Scholarship. The scholarship, offered by the State of Ohio, is worth up to \$5,150 per year and can be renewed through high school graduation.

EdChoice Scholarships are only available to students in underperforming public schools. According to Ohio law, an underperforming school is defined as one that has received a "D" (academic watch) or "F" (academic emergency) grade on the state report card for two of the last three years. These 223 underperforming schools are located in 31 school districts across Ohio.

Current EdChoice scholarship recipient Tracey Booker, of Columbus, urges parents to check out the private school option to see if it would be the right fit for their children. "The EdChoice Scholarship has allowed me to choose from a wider range of school options. I would not be able to afford private school tuition on my own, so private schools were not an option before. The scholarship lets me feel more comfortable living in urban areas without feeling that my children's education has to be compromised."

The EdChoice Scholarship program can provide up to 14,000 scholarships per year to eligible students. Participating private schools throughout the state are currently fielding applications from and enrolling new students who qualify for the scholarship and were previously unable to afford tuition fees.

The 2008-09 school year will be the scholarship

Pharmacy Camp

The University of Toledo College of Pharmacy is hosting two Pharmacy Summer Camps for high school students in the Class of 2009 who are considering careers in pharmacy. The four-day camp features field trips, laboratory experiences, job shadowing, and many fun activities on UT's campus.

The cost of the camp is \$200, which includes all room and meal expenses, scheduled activities and materials, and a camp T-shirt and photo. Financial aid is available for qualified applicants. Camp dates are July 27-30 and August 3-6, 2008. The deadline to apply is **April 14, 2008**. For more information, visit <http://www.utpharmacy.org/summercamp/> or contact Christine Wickenheiser at 419.530.4173, or by email at Christine.Wickenheiser@utoledo.edu.

Dr. King Remembered

Special to The Truth

The Toledo-Lucas County Public Library joins the nation in remembering slain civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (1929-1968). Last Friday marked the 40th anniversary of his assassination. Dr. King was shot on April 4, 1968 while standing on the balcony outside his room at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tennessee, where he was to lead a protest march in sympathy with striking garbage workers.

He was just 39-year-old at the time of his murder. In September, 1967, about six months prior to his death, Dr. King visited Toledo, OH and spoke to a crowd of some 3,500 at Scott High School.

The Library encourages its patrons and visitors to check out books, DVDs and videos available on the life and speeches of the late Dr. King. By visiting your local Library you can learn many interesting facts on Dr. King, a world figure of nonviolent social change.

*Dr. King was born *Michael* Luther King, Jr., but later had his name changed to Martin.

*Dr. King attended segregated public schools in Georgia and graduated high school at the age of 15.

*At the age of 35, Dr. King was the youngest man to have received the Nobel Peace Prize.

*Dr. King was named Man of the Year in 1963 by *Time* magazine.

For more on Dr. King's life, visit your local Library, or call 419.259.5207.

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Alpha Phi Alpha's Annual Miss Black & Gold Scholarship Pageant

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As we continue on our never-ending journey to uphold these ideals, on Saturday, April 12, 2008 at 7 p.m., the Epsilon Alpha Chapter at The University of Toledo will be hosting its annual Miss Black & Gold Scholarship Pageant at The University of Toledo Doermann Theatre in University Hall.

The pageant is a national event that allows the winner an opportunity to compete in levels of competition at the District, Regional and National levels. The purpose of this pageant is to highlight and foster the inextricable connection between success and etiquette amongst young women as well as, provide an academic scholarship to the winner. This pageant will attract over 350 students and parents from northern Ohio and the greater Toledo, Cleveland, Akron and Michigan area and is to be held at on the main campus of The University of Toledo.

For more information contact Matthew Person, pageant chairman - 330-348-6130 or Donte' Stoner, pageant co-chairman - 216-533-1518

Unveiling of Wil Clay Mural

Special to The Truth

National Library Week is quickly approaching, and award-winning artist and children's book illustrator **Wil Clay** is helping the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library celebrate in a major way!

On Monday, **April 14**, at 6 p.m., the Mott Branch Library, 1085 Dorr St., will reveal a visual masterpiece for readers of every age.

Commissioned by the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library, Clay created a forest-themed mural to illustrate the magic of reading in the imagination of a child. Area children and adults were used as models for Clay's inspirational work. The removable large mural is split into two halves - one panel is 60-inches high and 129.5-inches long, the other panel is 30-inches high and 180-inches long.

The unveiling of Clay's highly anticipated work will mark the local launch of 2008 National Library Week (April 13-19). Mott visitors will see the new mural, which will be displayed in the branch's rear

Children's Room, hear fantastic stories and meet the artist.

Multi-talented artist Wil Clay is skilled in design, painting, illustrating,



sculpting and more. He studied at The American Academy of Art in Chicago, the Vesper George

School of Art in Boston and the University of Toledo. His noted children's book illustrations are included in the books "Tailyolo!", "I Am Rosa Parks," "The Real McCoy" and many more! His Web site is www.wilclay.com.

Clay is currently focused on illustrating children's books and visiting libraries, schools and professional organizations around the country.

Other Library locations around Toledo will host their own National Library Week events. A schedule of events can be found in the "Explore" section of toledolibrary.org, or by

calling any local Library location. For more details on the Wil Clay event, call 419.259.5230.

Mott's National Library Week celebration is sponsored by the Mott Branch Friends of the Library. The Wil Clay mural unveiling is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

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Beginning Genealogy

The Toledo-Lucas County Public Library's Local History and Genealogy Department is helping Toledo residents find out their ancestry.

In two free Saturday morning workshops titled **Beginning Genealogy**, participants can come to the McMaster Center at Main Library, 325 Michigan St., and join Local History staff members **Donna Christian** and **Irene Martin**, and learn how to research their genealogy.

The first workshop, on **April 26**, will begin its 9:30 a.m. session with an overview of genealogy. Partici-

pants will learn the basics of genealogy, including what information is necessary to get started and where to find that information.

The workshop's second session, beginning at 10:30 a.m., will teach participants about using census records and how they are useful in genealogical searches.

The second genealogy workshop will begin on **May 10** at 9:30 a.m., with a look into the resources the Library's Local History and Genealogy Department has and how they can help in your research.

The workshops will close with a 10:30 a.m. session

exploring what resources the Internet has to offer, how to find those resources and how to use them.

Following the workshops, participants can spend time researching in the Local History and Genealogy Department and testing their new skills.

These programs are free and open to the public. Parking is also free for workshop participants. Those interested can attend just one or both sessions. Registration is requested.

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GLASS CITY POWER PLAYERS Interview with C C Audrey

By Michael Hayes
Minister of Culture



Okay, my latest Glass City Power Player IS NOT someone who spins records or nothing like that.

This is someone who may not be known by the regulars at Coyote Joes (can u believe them mofos wanted me to pay \$30 this past Friday? WTF??? - Hutch & Lou had U.G.E. tho - good look).

This particular Power Player has done her part to make life in the Glass City a little more artistic, a little more interesting.

Come on, maaan, if you are a regular reader of this article...if you go to Jacksons, if you do poetry, if you go to the Peacock, if you are out and about and older than 21... you know C C.

You know you know CC, too!

See, I've done this Glass City Power Player feature a few times and this is one of those times that the person who is the centerpiece is actually someone I've personally watched ascend and grow into having the power and position that she now commands. I tried to get her to go back in the day and talk about how she used to hang out with my crew and how we first met in the interview, but she didn't, so let me put y'all up on game.

I first met C C at the poetry night I used to run at Murphy's on Tuesday Nights called

The Renaissance. Our open mic jump off was kind of unique in that all styles and "levels" of artistry were welcome. At that point, C C was still early in the game but she had a determination to keep getting up each and every Tuesday. Even though I'm younger than she is I always noticed how she was growing.

I mean, C C was even featured in the book my poetry crew put out and her trademark style back then was simple: short as hell!

C C was known for being that poet that got on the mic, said something and before you knew it...it was slick, but it was over.

Over the years her poems got deeper, and lengthier.

I'll never forget the time

when I started to notice her emotions get the best of her when she read some of her more moving pieces.

We all had experienced that, it was kind of common place for the whole Poetry scene in the 4-1-9.

Kind of like a rite of passage in a way for our little art community.

Outside of growing as an artist, I watched as C C grew as an entrepreneur.

At a few points this millennium, there has been a time when you could go to a different poetry night every night of the week. That's how hot the scene was at one point. When things died down, C C busted up with A Night of Love at H-Town on Monday nights and the rest is history.

Outside of poetry and spoken word, C C has been a die hard fan of U.G.E. and at every show or anything we do she has always shown my entire label love and my artists and me and Lavale appreciate her support.

That's just how she gets down, she just keeps it real with peeps.

Now, she's also holdin it down on Tuesdays with C C's Lyricist Lounge feat. D.J. One Tyme at The Peacock (wut up, Bobby!). And on top of all that, it's no secret C C is a beautician too and now she's got her very own shop.

Big things poppin - y'all know the rest.

Here's the interview:

Michael: So what's your first love...doing hair or doing poetry?

C C: I don't wanna choose, my first love is being an artistic person and I can be creative doing both. They kinda run together and they both do different things for me.

Michael: What's the first place you remember doing poetry?

C C: At the peacock with Dr. Imelda Hunt and New Works Writers Series, she had it goin' every other Friday down there.

Michael: Talk about how the poetry scene was back then

C C: They had a hip-hop be bop thing at The University ran by Dr. Imelda Hunt. Her, Dre Day, Emmitt Williams, Slo Mo, Melvin and Stu Grant... I met all them.

And it was more relaxed back then and now it's like totally grown and more people are supporting poetry and more people are reciting

that didn't use to recite and they are using poetry as a tool of release more so than ever before. It's a lot more goin' on for poetry now than it was back then because that was like 10 years ago. I'm happy for that, and that's one of the things that's made me stay in Toledo.

Michael: What do you think makes poetry so powerful?

C C: It's like having a new found family... a family where everyone understands everybody's language. Sometimes when your real friends and family aren't there for you, you can depend on your poetry family. You just really meet some great people.

Michael: Speaking of your poetry family, why don't you talk a little bit about "A Nite Of Love" and its origins and how that went for you.

C C: First started doing "A Nite Of Love" about three years ago and that was actually my third spot because my first spot was at the Top Shelf. I had it for about six months then they closed down.

Baye had got me into running nights because he wanted to have one.

Then I had the Music Suite over on Airport Hwy, remember that? That was quick. **Michael:** Yeah, I remember that.

C C: So basically, I had gone into H Town with a friend and I liked it. And then Lethal (Carmeletha) told me she used to have a night there and I met the owner and we hooked it up. I really like that backroom they have because it's more private.

Also the reason I like doing it at H-Town is because want to try and help people and show them how they can deal with their problems and how they can do different things.

Like when I used to go out and do poetry in the prisons, I feel it's my purpose and it makes me happy to show people that there's more than can be.

Michael: That's what's up, okay - talk a little bit about the night at The Peacock

C C: It's an honor to host an open mic at the place where I first recited. It's nice to have a live D.J. every week. We do nice things with the stage and we do things

outside.

It reminds me of like Hollywood in a way, it's like on a whole other level.

My mission there is to help people but also poetry is therapy for me too.

Michael: Maan, two poetry nights and a lot of people know you as a beautician. Talk a little about how this city has embraced all these different endeavors you do.

C C: We all have to work together and support each other and I've met a lot of great people. But it's all God at the end of the day who puts people, places and things in our lives for a reason.

Michael: And what about your new beauty salon?

C C: Transformations Salon & Spa L.L.C - I got the name by going to ASSETS Toledo. I was in class and the instructor that night mentioned going through a transformation and that's how I got the name because you can come in one way and leave another way - just

like poetry.

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Basically, I want to do more things for the people.

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I would also want to take pictures of them so they can see themselves in a different way.

We can talk about how to do different things in their lives and my goal is to get them out the shelter.

This beauty salon is just another part of the mission.

I'm going to be doing a youth poetry workshop at the Kent Branch Library for teenagers soon.

I want to deal with issues that parents are dealing with

kids that aren't going to school, that are getting in gangs, having sex with everybody, teen pregnancy, using drugs and everything.

My ultimate goal later on is to open a center for the arts for the youth to come after school and open on the weekends to keep them off the streets.

Michael: Well C C, as always it's a pleasure thanks.

C C: No problem.

So there ya go, Glass City, chop it up with ya girl.

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The One-Year Action Plan includes a description of available federal funds and other resources. It contains a description of the activities to be undertaken when using these resources and the expected results of those activities, a geographic distribution of assistance, special needs activities, general and public housing actions, and actions specific to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG), and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME). In addition, the plan will contain certifications required by HUD.

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The draft One-Year Action Plan is available for review beginning April 10, 2008 at the following locations:

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- 2) Department of Development
One Government Center, 22nd Floor
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The One-Year Action Plan, including a description of the planned use of resources for the period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, will be considered by Toledo City Council at its regular public meetings on Tuesday, April 22 and Tuesday, May 6, 2008 at 4:00 P.M. **A public hearing is scheduled for Monday, April 14, 2008 beginning at 2:00 P.M. in City Council Chambers.** One person from each applicant agency will have five minutes to address the Council Committee and answer questions. Agencies will proceed in alphabetical order.

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INTERESTED BIDDERS: TOLEDO PUBLIC SCHOOLS – WOODWARD HIGH SCHOOL SKILLS CENTER DEMOLITION

Sealed bids will be accepted by the Board of Education of the Toledo Public School District until **1:00 p.m. on April 22nd, 2008**, at the Toledo Public Schools Treasurers' Room 3, 420 E. Manhattan Blvd., Toledo, Ohio 43608, for all labor, material and supervision necessary for the demolition of Woodward High School Skills Center Bid, as more fully described in the drawings and specifications for the project prepared by The Collaborative, Inc, and will be opened publicly and read immediately thereafter.

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

Bidders may obtain copies of the documents starting **April 2nd, 2008** which can be purchased from **Becker Impressions, 4646 Angola Rd., Toledo, Ohio 43615, phone: (419) 385-5303. Drawings may be obtained on CD-ROM for no cost with the purchase of the specifications.**

A PREBID CONFERENCE AND WALK-THROUGH is scheduled for **April 11th, 2008 at 11:00 a.m.** at Woodward High School Life Skills Center 701 E. Central Ave Toledo, Ohio 43608.

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

<i>Bid Item No. 1 Woodward High School Skills Center Demolition</i>	
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<i>Bid Item No. 2 Woodward High School Temporary Parking Lot</i>	
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The Fourth Annual City-Wide Dance Competition

By Artisha S. Lawson
Sojourner's Truth Reporter



Owens College Dance Team

East Toledo was filled with video style dance movements, hip-hop costumes and excited crowds as the fourth annual City-wide Dance Competition was held on Thursday, April 3, 2008 at Waite High School.

Dozens of Toledo citizens

filled Waite's gym to watch and cheer on local youth showcase their physical talents.

Rogers High School was ultimately crowned the winner ... their fourth consecutive win in this competition. Their winning dance routine featured a

combination of floor movements with positive audience reactions and up-beat dances. The Rogers champions were followed closely by Scott in second place while the other competitors were the House of Adonis, the Owens Community College Dance Team and Waite High School.

Second-year Roger's dance team member, sophomore Jasmine Cogdell, enjoyed this year's competition and admitted the team had obstacles to overcome. "I love dancing so much, it's like another way out for me. We had great competition, but we worked really hard this year. We had a larger team so we really tried to bring it together."

To prepare for the next year's competition the Rogers crew plans to bring something new and unexpected. "This is Rogers fourth year winning, next year we have to be more unique and bring something new to the crowd," said Cogdell.

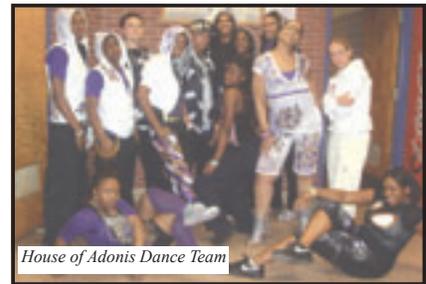
Event organizer and Waite dance advisor Shavon Archer enjoys the event each year and thanked the groups for the great routines. "This is the original dance competition. It's grown over the years, now I have people calling me instead of me

having to ask for participants. The schools are great and work really hard, I'm happy with the talents that the school have."

After Rogers was announced the winner, Scott was awarded the "Spirit Award," and given a \$300 donation to their dance team, and Scott student Alyisha Loggins was awarded a \$500 college scholarship.

"This is something I really wanted to do for the community because teens don't really have anything to do, and let the City [of Toledo] know that we can have something without the kids acting up or fighting," said Archer.

Archer and supporters are already planning for the 2009 competition. "Next year we want



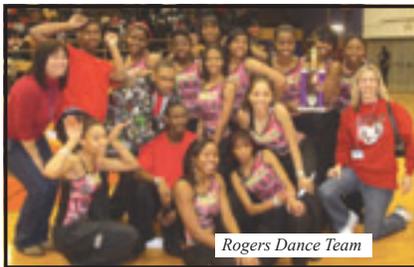
House of Adonis Dance Team

to find a bigger location and host a city-wide competition where not just the schools can enter, and are looking for sponsors," said Archer.

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The judges were Hot 93.3 FM radio personalities Hutch Daddy Dolla and King Keyser, Wendi Davis of Starbound NYC, and also Michelle Thayer of Dance FX.



Rogers Dance Team

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HIV - Prostate Cancer