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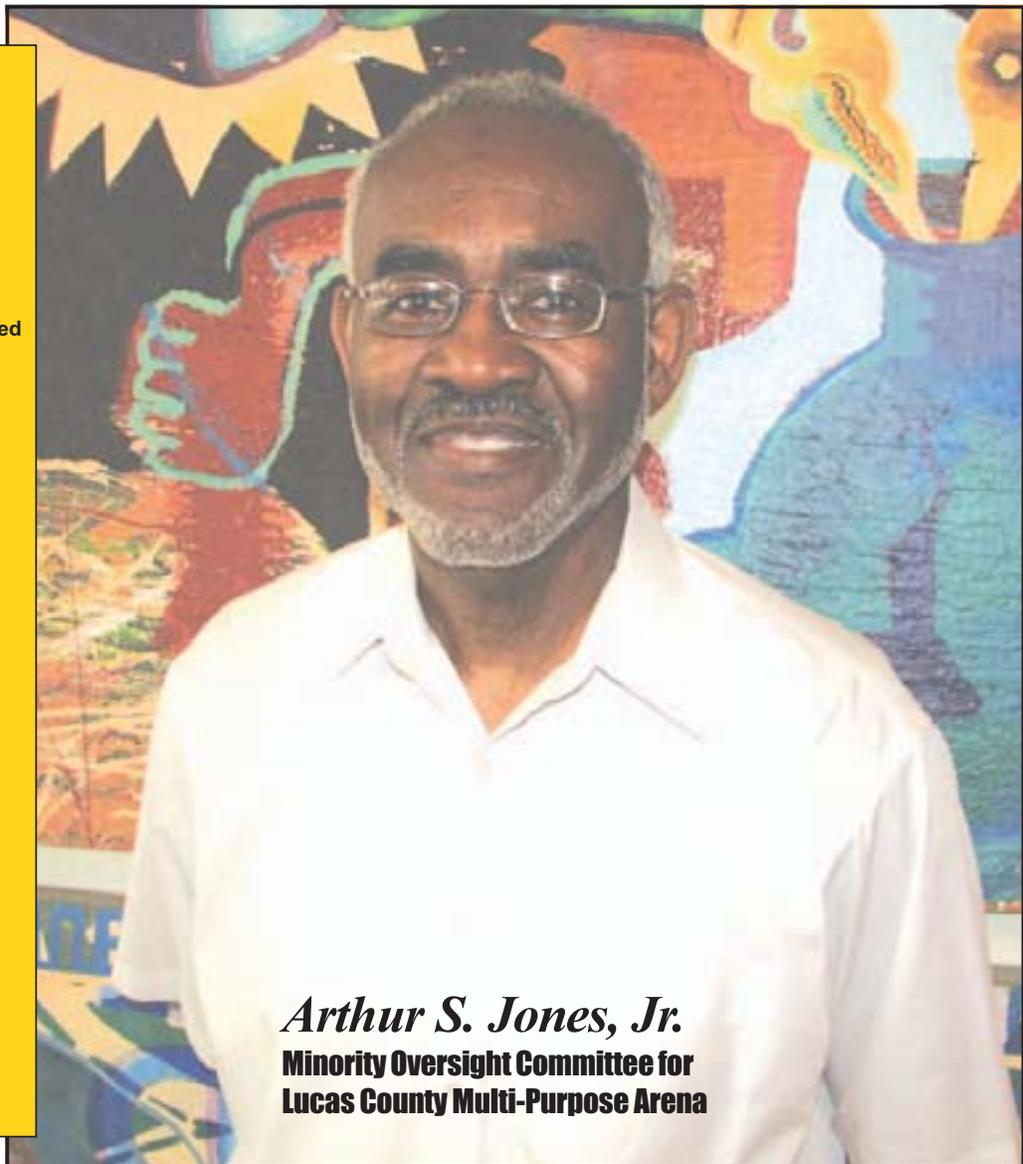
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This Strikes Us ...

The Sojourner's Truth Editorial

After more than a year and a half of nonstop campaigning, the national party conventions are almost here. And, of course, that means the candidates are just about to announce their choices for vice president.

Senator Barack Obama, in particular, should be announcing his intentions any day now – possibly already has by the time this column surfaces on Wednesday. And, as always, we are perplexed by the process and the thinking that goes into these choices.

In an ideal world, the choice would be Senator Hillary Clinton who received the support of 18 million voters (depending on how you're counting) in the primaries. She has the name, the stump skills, a compatible set of core beliefs... seemingly everything that Obama would want in a running mate. She has more actually, she has Bill. Bill is way too much for Obama to deal with so we would have to conclude that Hillary has not a chance in the world. That's a shame. We believe Hillary would bring much excitement to the ticket, making the path to a Democratic victory a lot easier.

But here's what we really don't understand in the selection process. So often a sitting governor is mentioned by both campaigns or, at least, by all of the pundits trying to second guess the strategy... as we are at this very moment.

Ted Strickland of Ohio, Ed Rendell of Pennsylvania, Tim Kaine of Virginia, Kathleen Sebelius of Kansas have all been mentioned as potential members of the Democratic ticket. On the GOP side, Tim Pawlenty of Minnesota and Charlie Crist of Florida are on the short list of names... apparently.

These names are all attractive because they enhance the possibility of a party winning that key swing state, or so the theory goes. It's not a theory that makes a whole lot of sense to us for several reasons.

First, it seems to us that a governor of a Virginia, for example, would have more influence – in Virginia – if he remained in the state for the duration of the fall campaign. A vice-presidential candidate has to travel the country to a great extent and while the governor of Virginia is campaigning in Oregon, where he has virtually no name recognition, by the way, he assumes the risk that things aren't getting done properly on the home turf.

That's where senators – past or present – have an advantage. They tend to be more well known nationally plus they have a certain amount of sway in their own state. Senator Evan Bayh of Indiana makes more sense, for example, than does a governor such as Strickland.

Second, we simply have inadequate history of the impact of a sitting governor in a vice presidential spot on a ticket. The last such choice was Nixon's selection of Spiro Agnew of Maryland in 1968. The Nixon/Agnew ticket lost Maryland that year. They did win Maryland in 1972, but Nixon could have won Maryland that year – he won all but one state – with his dog Checkers on the ticket. And Checkers wasn't even still alive by that time.

There are several senators on the Democratic side who have been mentioned because of their foreign policy credentials and national names – Tom Dodd of Connecticut and Joe Biden of Delaware. These guys make no sense. Capable and brainy, yes indeed, but neither generated the least bit of excitement in his campaign. Moreover, the Democrats stand to do pretty well in both Delaware and Connecticut anyway.

So three candidates stand out to us for Obama: Clinton because of her national impact and the excitement she creates; Bayh because he might be able to bring Indiana – Republican of late – into the Democratic fold and Sam Nunn, the former senator from Georgia.

Nunn has excellent foreign policy and military credentials. He also might put Georgia into play but he certainly doesn't hurt in southern states such as Virginia, North Carolina and Florida. Nunn was one of the architects in the 1980's of the restructuring of the military – along with Arizona Senator Barry Goldwater.

He's not the most exciting guy around but he would play well in certain states and he would enhance the Democratic Party's standing among independents.

For all that, presidential candidates rarely step out on a limb and try to work with someone who might overshadow them. John Kennedy's courage in 1960 in picking the prickly Lyndon Johnson, against the advice of virtually all of his advisors especially that of his brother Bobby, was an inspired choice. The Dems won Texas, stole Illinois and carried the day by the narrowest of margins.

Obama ought to think about those results while he is pondering his choices.

Community Calendar

August 22

Aurora Project's 15th Annual Golf Scramble: Presented by National City and Cousino Harris; Stone Ridge Golf Club in Bowling Green: 419-244-3200

August 22-24

20th Reunion for Scott HS Class of 1988: Reunion caberet on Saturday night: 419-699-9914

August 23

5th Annual Showcase of the Arts: Owens CC; 1 to 4 pm; Sponsored by AKA; Participants include visual and performing artists: 419-450-9552 or 419-973-8525

Alpha Phi Alpha 14th Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament: Eagles Landing Golf Course; 4 pm

Abundant Joy Ministry's "A Night to Praise & Worship:" New Kingdom MBC; 6 pm; Voices of New Kingdom, Positive Force Christian Dance, Apphia & Heart Musick, COGIC Prime Ministry and more: 419-787-3732 or 419-699-0586

Race for the Cure Early Registration: 10 am to 2 pm at Brondes Ford on Secor, Brondes Ford in Maumee, Mathews Ford in Oregon, Flower Hospital: 419-297-8766 or 419-356-8761

Back-To-School Bash: Toledo Area Baptist Churches; 11 am to 2 pm; Lucas County Rec Center; Backpacks for school children

Barbecue Dinners: All Saints Episcopal Church; 11:30 am

August 24

11th Annual Back-to-School Fun Fest: Free School Tools Supply Packs to first 50 kids; Carnival games and prizes; Backpack giveaways; Toledo Grace Brethren Church; 11 am to 3 pm: 419-283-6296

August 27

Registration for Race for the Cure: UT Student Union; 10 am to 2 pm: 419-297-8766 or 419-356-8761

August 28

Board of Community Relations: Public Board Meeting; Div of Environmental Services Bldg; 5:30 pm: 419-245-1565

August 30

M.T.A.N. Foundation Back to School Community Festival: Bethlehem Baptist Church Life Center; 11 am to 3 pm; Family program agencies and services, school wear fashion show, giveaways, snacks, entertainment: 419-346-5275

Gospel Musical: Ebenezer MBC; Dec. Millard Catchings and The Voices of Zion; 6 pm

Golf Outing for Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission: Heatherdowns CC; 8 am: 419-250-0009

August 31

First Annual Youth Service ASAH Praise & Worship Center; "Determined to Go Forth;" Speakers are Min. Kristian Hall from Cleveland and Min. Drew Collins of Toledo; 3 pm

September 7, 14, 28

3rd Pastoral Anniversary: First MBC; For Pastor Donald Murray; Guests Rev. W.L. Perryman of Jerusalem Baptist, Rev. John Roberts of Indiana Avenue MBC and Supt Hobbs of Greater St. John COGIC

September 28

15th Annual Susan G. Komen NW Ohio Race for the Cure: Downtown Toledo; 5k run/walk ends with celebration at 5/3 Field; Also a one-mile family fun walk; Early registration on August 23; Registration at UT Student Union on August 27

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My View



By Jack Ford
The Truth's Political Columnist

There is a rumor floating around the black community that businessman R.L. Williams might close shop. I hope not because the R.L. Williams Construction Company is one of the very few minority-owned companies in this area that truly have the capacity to do million-dollar jobs.

Williams lives in Florida but the company continues on under the direction of family members. It would be a big loss to the black community if this company closes its doors.

The Democratic Convention kicks off this weekend. A few lucky delegates

get to speak on the convention floor. A speaker gets around three and a half minutes to make a seconding speech for either the presidential or vice-presidential nominee. I've had the good fortune to do both (Joe Lieberman in 2000 and John Kerry in 2004).

It can be nerve racking to get your speech down pat and know that millions will watch your three minutes of fame. What if you flub your speech? What if you trip on your way to the podium?

By the way, everyone's speeches are printed on a back panel so that the speech giver can see his or her three minutes in the spotlight.

In addition to the speeches flying around, a national convention is just one round of parties after another. If you have clout, you can't find the time to attend all of the parties you will be invited to. If you don't have such clout, you have time to sightsee in the host city. So you win either way. And all of it can be paid by your campaign fund

if you have one.

Toledo should have two or three speech makers because the Toledo area has been the pivot for the state of Ohio during the past two elections. I'd like to see Dominick Warren speak to his generation from the podium.

One last thing on the Jim Hartung matter. Even in Chicago, a really tough town, they do not play politics this way.

I think the mayoral field is going to get mightily crowded. As many as four councilmen may jump in the race along with Keith Wilkowski and Carty Finkbeiner.

A well-established black name may do well in 2009 after the phenomenon of Barack Obama settles in. In a five or six-candidate horse race, there is no telling who could win.

Remember 1992? Finkbeiner, Silverman, Boyle, Ferner ... The endorsed guy finished last. The long time boss finished next to last. You can never tell in a crowded field.

The "Help Is Here Express" Bus Tour Hits Toledo

Sojourner's Truth Staff



The EOPA/Toledo-Lucas County Head Start program opened its parking lot to a health fair and the "Help Is Here Express" bus tour on Monday, August 11.

The "Help Is Here Express" is part of the Partnership for Prescription Assistance (PPA), a nationwide effort sponsored by America's pharmaceutical research companies to raise awareness of patient assistance programs and the need to effectively address the rising rates of chronic diseases.

To date, the PPA has helped more than five million patients nationwide and over 250,000 in Ohio. Monday was the first time the bus has stopped in Toledo.

The "Help Is Here Express" is staffed by trained specialists who can help uninsured patients access information on more than 475 patient assistance programs, including more than 200 such programs offered by pharmaceutical companies. Once the bus rolls on, patients can visit PPA's web site at www.pparx.org or call 1-888-4PPA-NOW for further assistance.

According to EOPA officials, more than 300 Toledoans turned out for last week's health fair with 50 of the visitors using the services of the Express and obtaining a variety of free pharmaceuticals.

Advertisement for 'Keeping our Homes Alive' tour. Includes text: 'You've talked about that dream home. Let's talk about making it a reality.' and logos for Huntington Bank, Toledo, and Freddie Mac.

Advertisement for 6th Annual Black College Tour. Includes text: '6TH ANNUAL BLACK COLLEGE TOUR', 'Informational Meeting to be held on Thursday, September 11, 2008', and lists of participating colleges for Eastern and Southern tours.

Why It Failed ...

Why the TPS Building for Success Program Has Been Anything But Successful for Minority Contractors

By James Fowler
Sojourner's Truth Reporter

It seemed almost too good to be true.

In 2003 Toledo Public Schools unveiled an initiative that was supposed to give both minorities and women a fair stake in its new \$821 million reconstruction project. Known as the Community Inclusion Plan, it had been worked on for months by a virtual who's who of Toledo, including members of both the Black and Hispanic Chambers of Commerce, representatives from the construction industry, TPS officials and many more.

The plan's goals were fairly ambitious. The Diversity Business Enterprise Program established goals of 20 percent for Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) participation and 5 percent for Women Business Enterprise (WBE) participation. On the construction side, the goals were 20 percent for minority contract/supply and 25 percent for workforce participation.

Despite the relatively high numbers, there was some skepticism about whether or not the plan would actually work, even among those who helped create it. But there was also a renewed sense of optimism too.

"To be honest, we felt that because we had a black superintendent [Eugene Sanders, now the chief executive officer for the Cleveland public schools district] it would help. In other words, whoever writes the checks calls the shots," says Weldon Douthitt, the project director for EOPA Home Rehabilitation and a member of the committee that developed the plan.

Today, nearly six years later, Douthitt's optimism has virtually disappeared and any hope for success has all but

been abandoned.

"It's done, it's a goner. There would have to be a miraculous recovery because the life of that one (the inclusion plan) is done," says Vince Wiggins, board president of the Toledo African American Bureau of Commerce, which monitored the progress of the inclusion plan from 2004-2007.

It's never easy measuring the success rate of a construction project this large—especially when it's still ongoing—but Wiggins' comments merely hint at what the num-

bers have been saying for some time now. According to figures from late last year, the totals for both minority contract/supply and workforce participation have yet to exceed 10 percent. And remember that goal of 20 percent for MBE participation? Well, a 2006 report by the African American Bureau of Commerce estimated the actual participation rate was just three percent.

"Eugene Sanders, the administration, the board itself could have done more. If they had put forth the effort, it could have happened."

So what happened? "The problem was there was no one in the administration or the board itself who seriously pressed or put forth the effort," says Douthitt. "Eugene Sanders, the administration, the board itself could have done more. If they had put forth the effort, it could have happened."

Celso Rodriguez, editor of the weekly newspaper El Tiempo and chairman of the board of directors for the VIVA South Toledo Community Development Corporation, was

also a member of the committee that helped develop the plan in 2003. He's not surprised by the low figures and admits that there were problems from the very beginning. "One of the biggest issues that arose was the monitoring because you had to have a component to monitor the progress," he says. "We did not feel it was strong enough because there were really no ways to truly enforce the goals that were set up."

Enforcing the rules seems to have become one of the great unresolved issues with this plan. What do you do to a contractor—especially the general contractors—when they're not following the rules that have been set, rules they have agreed to?

The penalties for contractors who failed to meet the goals varied in their degree of severity. The mildest one was a formal reprimand by the African American Bureau of Commerce and an oversight committee comprised of various members of the community. It basically asked the contractors to do a better job from now on. The harshest penalty prevented contractors from bidding on future TPS projects. However, Rodriguez says that one was rarely, if ever, utilized.

Roosevelt Gant, whose joint venture Lathrop/Gant/Barton Maalow (LGB) serves as the construction management team for the rebuilding project, says diversity goals are important for any venture,

but he cautions that getting it—especially on a project of this magnitude—is easier said than done.

"What has to be taken into consideration is the dynam-

ics involved. The likelihood of seeing small contractors—minority or non-minority—on a \$6 million project is a lot less likely than seeing them on a small project."

He's right, it appears. Smaller contractors—many of whom are minorities—sometimes do not have the resources or experience necessary to bid on big money construction contracts. As a result, they sometimes partner with larger non-minority companies—as Gant did—or, try and find smaller, more suitable projects.

So who's to blame for this mess? TPS? The contractors? Unrealistic goals? As Rodriguez sees it, everyone played a part in the plan's failure.

"As far as blame is concerned, you can pass it all around. You can even blame me. I was on the committee and we didn't make sure all this stuff was done," he says. However, "Toledo Public Schools failed to enforce the policy and didn't use its influence to force the general contractors to try and live up to their obligations."



Weldon Douthitt

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Why It's Succeeding ...

Where There's a Will ... and an Art Jones or Two ... Minority Inclusion Can Work

By Fletcher Word
Sojourner's Truth Editor

It is entirely possible, says Art Jones, former city councilman and retired City of Toledo employee, for government entities to set and meet goals for minority business inclusion. All any such entity needs is the will to make such a plan work.

And according to Jones, who serves as a volunteer on an advisory committee to the Board of Lucas County Commissioners for the Multi-Purpose Arena, the commissioners possessed the will to get it done. Therefore, it's getting done.

"We are achieving the goals as on the arena," says Jones. "We are reaching 15 percent minority participation in dollars in contracts and in work hours on the site. It has happened because the county commissioners passed a resolution and because they believed in it."

But it's been more than mere belief that has turned the tide on minority involvement on a major public construction project. At the suggestion of Lloyd Mahaffey, president of the United Auto Work-

ers (UAW) for the state of Ohio, the commissioners put together an oversight committee that has real teeth - a committee whose suggestions have been heeded by the commissioners, says Jones.

"We talked about early on to make sure minority contractors were included," says Mahaffey. "I talked to the commissioners and I was also on the committee early on. But Art Jones is really the guy doing the heavy lifting."

But not the only one, says Jones. The oversight committee that monitors minority inclusion on the Multi-Purpose Arena started off with a roster of 15. That number has been whittled down to five active members: Jones; Rev. D.L. Perryman, pastor of Center of Hope Baptist Church; Jim Snodgrass, retired union official and active member of the Democratic Party; Weldon Douthitt of Economic Opportunity Plan Association (E.O.P.A.) and Eric Johnson of Ivy Deal Agency.

The commitment to minority inclusion began when the

county commissioners passed Resolution #07-641 ("Supporting Minority Participation with Regard to Construction Contracts as well as Workforce for the New Lucas County Arena") on May 22, 2007. The very simple language of the



Art Jones

resolution calls for the adoption "to the extent permitted by law" of a goal of 15 percent minority involvement for contracts and workforce on the new arena.

In his first report on the progress of achieving the objectives of the resolution, Mike Beazley, county administrator,

observed that the county was off to a running start. The very first contract was signed with Cabrera Capital of Cleveland to provide financial advisor services for the major debt issuance to finance the arena. Cabrera is a minority business enterprise (MBE).

Then SBK-Brooks of Cleveland, an African-American owned investment bank, was signed to handle the underwriting duties and Midwest Community Title, a Toledo African-American owned title company, was contracted to handle the title work.

The ensuing phases of the project have continued to show progress in bringing MBE's into the process. As of July, virtually every discrete phase of the project showed a minimum of 15 percent minority participation except for the underground plumbing and electrical bid packages where participation hovers around four to five percent. According to Jones, these low numbers are due to the dearth of minority contractors specializing in these areas.

Part of the success to date of the minority participation program, especially the part that calls for 15 percent workforce, is the fact that members of the committee are checking on job sites on a regular basis, says Jones, and they know what to look for. No small amount of criticism has been leveled on the Toledo Public Schools Building for Success program because of the lack of expertise of those visiting construction sites.

Jones is hardly satisfied, however.

"We aren't stopping there," he says of the current involvement of minority contractors. "We should share in the total picture of an arena that is financed to the total citizens."

The key to continued success in monitoring the minority involvement effort, says Jones, is more volunteers ... or failing that more paid contracts for the monitors. "I'm there but I need help," he says. "You can't keep volunteering. There are lots of groups doing projects and we could achieve more if there were more

people helping."

Jones, a Scott High School graduate who attended The University of Toledo, retired from the City of Toledo in 2006, one of the casualties of a new administration moving into position. He had served as a mayoral assistant for the previous four years. Prior to that, Jones, who has served as a campaign volunteer for many candidates over the years, was on city council for two years.

Ideally, he would like to continue his monitoring work, but it's difficult to do so as a full-time volunteer. But as he looks back over several of the efforts to bring minorities into projects involving public-funded construction, Jones sees the flaws of other such attempts.

"They haven't worked because they've put in the wrong people ... those who are looking out for their own contracts rather than being interested in really bringing in the numbers. [The school program] got less than two or three percent."

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Center of Hope Freedom School's Week of Celebration

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The Center of Hope Freedom School's five-week program ended with a flurry of activity two weeks ago with a visit from Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur on Monday and a Final Recognition and Awards Ceremony on Friday, August 1, 2008.

At the beginning of the week, Kaptur came to the Freedom School's site at The University of Toledo Scott Park campus and spoke to the 50 students – ranging in ages from 5 to 12 – about her life, their aspirations and the importance of working hard to achieve success.

"Reading is the most important subject," said Kaptur. "Don't be afraid to

ask for help and part of growing up is figuring out what your gifts are."

At the end of the week, the Freedom School held its Awards Ceremony in the Scott Park Auditorium with presentations to all three levels of scholars and a recognition of those who have assisted the Freedom School's program.



Kaptur woos future voter

The Toledo Community Foundation, which donated over \$42,000 to the Freedom School to take of all costs associated with the five-week summer enrichment program, was honored as was The University of Toledo for providing the space the school uses at the Scott Park Campus.

Rev. D.L. Perryman, pastor of Center of Hope, was also recognized for providing the inspiration for the program. The Children's Defense Fund Freedom Schools programs provide critical summer and after-school enrichment through a model curriculum that supports children and families



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tion drive for six elementary schools in the Toledo area. Donations of basic supplies will go to schools needing some extra help to launch their students into the new academic year.

The drive is collecting the following items (new supplies only): pencils, pencil holders, paper (notebook and construction), glue, scissors, washable crayons and markers, facial tissues and antibacterial hand sanitizer. The affiliate also would like to indicate a particular need for backpacks to be donated.

In the month of August, supplies can be dropped off to Driscoll Alumni Center Room 2001 during regular office hours, or at a back-to-school social on Wednesday, Aug. 20 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Dorr

Street Café, 5243 Dorr St. Complimentary appetizers will be provided. For questions or more information, check www.toledoalumni.org or call 419.530.2586.

The Judith Herb College of Education Alumni Affiliate is part

of the not-for-profit University of Toledo Alumni Association. Its purpose is to support the interests of the Judith Herb College of Education by promoting and coordinating activities and by encouraging a spirit of loyalty and unity among

alumni and former students, as well as establishing and promoting alumni programs that assist in the cultural and physical growth of the Judith Herb College of Education.

Showcase of the Arts!

Special to The Truth

The Art Tatum African American Resource Center at Kent Branch Library joins Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and Owens Community College Center for Fine & Performing Arts to present Showcase of the Arts from 1-4 p.m. on Saturday, August 23.

This free event is scheduled at Owens' Center for Fine & Performing



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Young Artists Create Library Mural

Sojourner's Truth Staff

Last week, 11 local artists, ages 14 to 18 years, unveiled the fruits of their summer labors – a 700 square-foot mural on the parking garage entrance to the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library Main Branch.

The mural project, sponsored through a collaboration of the Public Library, the Arts Commission of Greater Toledo and The Lucas County Department of Jobs and Family Services, brought together 16 youths in all in a program titled Young Artists At Work (YAAW). Eleven of the youths conceived and painted the mural, five others are creating a documentary about the project.

The young artists worked under the direction of Michael Arrigo, a Bowling Green State University faculty member, and BGSU art student Ross Roadruck.

The idea for the project came as a result of a trip taken to Chicago by library and Lucas County officials.

"This has been a true partnership," said Tina Skeldon Wozniak, president of the Lucas County Board of Commissioners, during a news conference last week unveiling the mural. "It has been in the planning for a while. We went to Chicago to learn about urban libraries. We wanted to be sure we were reaching out to the community. In talking about teenagers, we

dertake projects for youngsters during the summer.

On their return, the delegation reached out to the Arts Commission and the Department of Jobs and Family Service to collaborate on the project.

"This is our way of trying to help with youth employment," said Deb Ortiz, director of LCJ&FS

But the actual work, everyone emphasized at last week's unveiling, was done by the youths themselves.

"They did it," said Arrigo, "from the original idea, to the initial sketches to the execution."

The 11 apprentices are Johnathan Bailey (Youth Treatment Center), Krystyan Bennett (Waite), Annie Bielski (St. Ursula), Kelvin Brown (Toledo Tech), Brittney Conklin (Rogers), Jamel Conley (Scott), Lauren Lubell (Southview), Samantha Meacham (Bowsher), Taylor Petty (Springfiled), Lindsey Sopko (Toledo School for the Arts) and David Watz (Evergreen).

The artists researched the history of Toledo and Lucas County and conceived the idea of the historical presentation. The actual painting took about four weeks, said Kelvin Brown, one of the young artists.

"We painted for four weeks at the Toledo School for the Arts and the panels were shipped down here



realized that was an important connection we would try to improve on."

"The library attempts to engage all groups," said Clyde Scoles, director of the Toledo-Lucas County Library, who also made the trip to Chicago. Scoles explained that the inspiration for the outreach to youth came from work done in Chicago – led by Mayor Richard M. Daley – to un-

where we put the finishing touches on the masterpiece you see before you," said Brown jokingly at last week's unveiling.

For the adults – the library officials, the Lucas County officials and representatives from the Arts Commission – it was no laughing matter ... the mural is indeed a masterpiece.

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Meet Klaire (Carla Russell). A self-taught artist, Klaire has been painting for only one year. She taught herself to paint by using whatever medium was at hand – wood,

boxes, walls, clothes, etc. Klaire then practiced until she had developed a unique style of her own.

Her work is on the Internet and on display at The Truth Art



Gallery and 20 North Gallery. She is often asked to donate her pieces of art to various charity causes and, in return, has become much in demand.

Her favorite style of painting is what she refers to as 3D/360 Degree Art. She means that you can turn her finished pieces in any direction and they will still look natural. Currently, Klaire is performing live body painting which can be fashionably worn as part of any outfit that one puts on when she or he steps out for a night of socializing.

Klaire can be reached by email at kstar32@yahoo.com and by phone at 419-340-3391



Holly Matthews' "Best Of Show" Efforts Freeze Special Moments in Time

Special to The Truth



Holly Matthews, a graphic artist who does abstract art, specializes in black and white pen/ink drawings in ancient and primitive design with ethnic influences. At The University of Toledo's Art On The Mall art fair on Sunday, July 27, Matthews received the "Best of Show" award from the judges.

The 16th Annual Art On The Mall, an outdoor juried exhibit and competition, featured 114 artists who displayed their creations from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Works of art were available for purchase as well as display.

Matthew's drawings capture feelings and emotions in ancient and primitive design. Each piece of her art illustrates a complete story. The abstract drawings depict figures in stylized forms with a

spiritual quality. All of her drawings contain "hidden messages" through the use of imagery, shapes and symbols. Her goal, says the Old West End resident, is to put the world as she sees it on paper and freeze a special moment in time. Some of her works on display at the Art On The Mall were "Butterfly," "Heart Boxer," "Moses," "On Time God," "Praise Him,"

"Wade in the Water," and "Wheels." The pictures are religious in nature.

This was Matthews fourth year at Art On The Mall. The judges began their work shortly after the booths were set up and continued through the afternoon. Matthews received both an award and a blue ribbon for her creations.



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National and Local Artists to Display Work During Owens' Walter E. Terhune Art Gallery 2008-09 Season

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Owens Community College will welcome several local and national artists working with a diverse array of media to the Walter E. Terhune Art Gallery as the Center for Fine and Performing Arts unveils its 2008-09 Arts Exhibition Season on the Toledo-area Campus.

The arts exhibition season will include a wide range of student, faculty and professional artists, with this year's focus on relationships.

"Owens Community College is proud to provide a marvelous exhibition gallery where local and national artists can express their artistic talents to the community," said Wynn Perry, Owens

mentary and photography to make images that tell a story of life, culture and people. The internationally-acclaimed photographer has completed projects in Iceland, France, New York City, Washington D.C. and the United Kingdom and has had her photographs displayed in publications such as "LIFE", the "The New York Times", "Rolling Stone" and "Vanity Fair".

Several other exhibits are scheduled for the Gallery's 2008-09 season. Starting Jan. 12, an exhibit titled "Who Do You Love?" will showcase various artistic expressions with a central theme of love.

Artists throughout Ohio

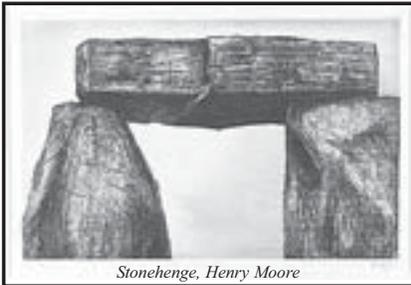
traits of her mother and sister.

Additionally, Owens faculty, staff and students will have the opportunity to present their visual art at the Walter E. Terhune Art Gallery. The "Faculty Art Exhibition" is scheduled for Nov. 14 - Dec. 13, while the "Student Art Exhibition" will take place April 3-24.

An innovative display highlighting the journey of teens throughout the past 50 years will take place May 8 - July 18 as the Gallery hosts "Terrific Teens". Through a compilation of historic artifacts, such as old yearbooks and photographs, young adult life in Northwest Ohio is revisited as attendees are able to view the evolution of teenage experiences through the years.

The art exhibition season will conclude with young artists, ages four months to five years old, from the College's Child Care Center showcasing a variety of works, including multiple 3-D sculptures, paintings, drawings and self-portraits as part of "Creative Kids: Early Childhood Education", July 24 - Aug. 1.

In addition, several lectures will be held throughout the arts season in conjunction with Gallery exhibits. A panel discussion with Amy Gilman (Toledo Museum of Art Modern and Contemporary Associate Curator), Russell Jones (Owens Adjunct Faculty) and Ken Thompson (Flatlanders Sculpture Supply and Art Galleries Artist/Collector) will occur Sept. 4 and highlight the relationship between the artist and



Stonehenge, Henry Moore

Part-Time Coordinator of the Walter E. Terhune Art Gallery. "The College looks forward to another enriching season at the Walter E. Terhune Art Gallery where area residents will have the opportunity to experience an original and enlightening exposure to the arts."

The Gallery exhibition season will open with an array of contemporary art compiled by several local collectors, Aug. 18 - Sept. 19. Featured artistic expressions in "The Collector and the Artist" opening exhibit, which will include sculptures, ceramics, glass and paintings by renowned artists, will highlight the relationship between a collector and the artists through museum quality collections.

Beginning Sept. 29, highly accomplished and world-recognized photographer Mary Ellen Mark will showcase her masterful photography within an exhibit titled "Twins". As part of the exhibit, Mark will explore, in precise detail, the unique relationship found within the world of twin siblings and how much they are alike, as well as subtle qualities that often make the individuals different. Known for her work in capturing realistic humanity in a photograph, Mark combines both docu-

mentary artwork that depicts and holds a special place in their hearts.

Beginning Feb. 23, the Gallery will host the exhibit "Paintings" by Radcliffe Institute of Advanced Study and Guggenheim Fellow Beverly McIver. Specializing in contemporary portraiture, McIver uses specific moments of her life as subject matter in her paintings. In addition to self-portraits, the internationally renowned artist paints por-



Dietrich Twins, 7 years old 2002, Mary Ellen Mark

the collector, while Mary Ellen Mark will lead an artistic lecture Oct. 2. On Feb. 12, Owens faculty members will recite a variety of love poems in conjunction with the exhibit "Who Do You Love?". Beverly McIver will conclude the lecture series Feb. 26 with an artistic discussion on her work.

Owens' art exhibition Gallery is named in honor of Walter E. Terhune, a successful businessman and

philanthropist in the 1800s. In 2003, the KeyBank National Association donated \$100,000 to the Owens Community College Foundation, on behalf of the Walter E. Terhune Memorial Fund, to ensure the continued advancement of academic offerings and activities in Owens' Center for Fine and Performing Arts.

Admission to the Walter E. Terhune Art Gallery is free and open to the public

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The program, which is a collaboration of Mt. Nebo, Poor Clark's and the Mott Branch of Toledo-Lucas County Library, is one of several reading initiatives that the library has undertaken to encourage boys to read.

As Brock notes: "If you can read, you can achieve."

Those who wish to participate in this community effort can take their donations directly to Poor Clark's Barbershop. Receipts will be provided for the tax deductible donations.

Percy Gordon Jr.'s Team Lights Up AAU

Special to The Truth



Percy Gordon, Jr., Toledo native and former Scott High School cage star, has instituted a work ethic that has led his GA Pistols Team 1993 from Atlanta, GA into the upper echelons of the nation's top Division I AAU basketball teams. It's a work ethic that has made his parents, Toledoans Percy, Sr. and Diane, so proud of him.

Gordon's relentless effort and dedication to player development has led his teams to four AAU National Bids (Tied for 29th in the nation in 2007) and two AAU State Champi-

onships (in 2006 and 2007) along with as host of Super Regional and Invitational tournament wins.

Prior to building Team 1993, Gordon spent several years coaching in the metro Atlanta area (Kennesaw Mountain Basketball Association and Harrison Youth Basketball Association) specializing in teaching the fundamentals of basketball. He also served as the director of basketball for the Kell Junior Longhorns.

Headed into his fourth season, Gordon feels that the team is well positioned on the state level and should

make a really good push for the Division I National Championship.

Gordon was born and raised in Toledo where he played basketball for the legendary coach, Ben E. Williams. Gordon attended Kentucky State University on a football scholarship. There he earned a bachelor of science degree in information systems.

Gordon lives in Georgia with his wife Ebony Hughes-Gordon and their three children – Amber, Sienna and Percy III.

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Long Distance Love For Dummies

By Michael Hayes
Minister of Culture



Tis the season for hearts to break, people!

Okay, that was a bad way to start but we do need to look at what's going on.

Back to college, or off to college for the first time, either way there are many relationships that are about to be put through the one test some say is impossible to overcome.

There are many reading this who have found love with someone a few cities or even a few states away. There are young adults preparing to battle through new experiences while trying to keep old commitments still firmly at the top of their list of priorities.

There are old heads who might have enough guap to fly in and out of town every other week just so that special someone in another time zone can know that the flame is still burning!

And there are of course those reading this who have already been jilted by the pain of a long distance love because the distance was just too great.

But, I believe there are those reading this who are testaments that love can

truly conquer all things. There are among you some examples of long distance love that worked.

Before I dig into this, it's only safe to admit that I've been there.

I don't wanna dig into my personal life too much (as if I don't already do that enough),

but trust and believe the advice I'm gonna give is a mixture of what I've compiled from studying writings on this subject from so-called experts combined with hard-earned life experience.

And, NO, I'm not currently going through a long distance thing of my own.

I just felt it was time to hit y'all with an article not centered around music and just take it back to one of the most central themes of our culture: relationships.

In my opinion, the worst type of long distance relationship is the one that starts as a long distance relationship. If you meet someone

online, on vacation, or whatever and you live in Ohio and they live down South, keep that relationship very casual until you can be closer.

If you are an hour or two away from each other, that's manageable.

I've seen it done, and done well.

Even though there is still distance, if you are just a couple of hours away or you regularly travel to that area than I'd consider that a long distance relationship that is

not necessarily a long shot, but it IS still a challenge.

So barring some cross country affair that started out as a weekend in Vegas, I'm going to hereafter refer to long distance relationships as that between people who started in close proximity and then had to manage as their lives stretched their love across the nearby region due to career or school.

RULE #1.
EVALUATE, EVALUATE, EVALUATE!

Before setting yourself up for failure, take an honest assessment at the true nature of this relationship.

You and your partner need to have a fa real, fa real discussion about your potential as a couple.

You know if this girl is the one or not...stop fronting.

Have a heart-to-heart with yourself.

Is this your boo or is this your future spouse?

Sometimes a perfectly stable relationship can come to an end and it has nothing to do with the pair not working.

Even though things are going well and y'all are in love, is it possible things have just simply gone as far as they can go for now? Is it worth holding onto?

Do you have the fortitude to possibly separate with the hopes of reuniting after both parties have handled all their biz?

Have you found your

soulmate... what I like to call your twin energy?

If y'all are soulmates and you have found everything you want in this one person, then you need to evaluate a few more things which I'll address in a sec.

But if you have decided that it's worth it to attempt making a long distance relationship work... good for you.

Just make sure your evaluation process is a real gut check.

Really sit and think it through alone and then together.

If you're game, then let's go!

RULE #2.
RE-ASSURE YOUR PARTNER

If you don't have a tolerance for constantly telling someone that things will be fine, you better get over it. And if you think your significant other is so trusting that they may not need your re-assurance, think again!

That's my word, you need to get it through your head quick that if you are the party who is departing it will make a world of difference if you let your partner know that your love is built to last. Say it every chance you get, especially at first.

Be patient with them.

If the girl is the one staying and the guy is off to school, the guy needs to understand that not only is the distance an issue but also in some sort of way the girl may feel abandoned.

You're off to new places, new things and she's still here with all the things that remind her of your time together.

You really have to put yourself in the place of your bf/gf and think what you would want to hear and then offer them your very best assurance that all is well.

RULE #3.
RESPECT THE THREATS

Okay, if the re-assurances stop after a short time and the relationship fizzles out...that's a sure sign that someone didn't Respect The Threats!

Let's stay with the guy going away to college scenario since it's so common for this time of year.

YOU have no idea the ignant mess college will be! No idea!

I came out of UT just five years ago and even though I'm sure it's worse now... it was IGNANT! I can't even imagine what it would be like to set foot on some college as a man in a long distance relationship. And, oh yeah, the fact is: all

college is wild!

Small cities in Ohio are just as bad as anywhere else to go to school when it comes to the amount of trouble you can get into and the temptation you will encounter.

A dude who is an athlete or a future frat or just popular will meet temptation he never dreamed of even before the dorms are all settled in.

Can your man remember he has a loving girlfriend at home when he got girls in his room running around in nighties?

Can your man deal with the peer pressure from his boys when it's eight or nine guys kicking it hard and he's the ONLY one trying to be faithful to his girl back home?

Can your man deal with free time and no supervision?

Free time - that's what I saw cause the most trouble in college.

I don't understand why these older people raising teenagers insist on sheltering them, I really don't get it. It's like baby boomers are writing a blank check for disaster when they raise us in a bubble and then send us off to college.

Because when we get to school and we lose our effin

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minds!!

If your boo already had to break a few rules to make your love work here at home,

just imagine the amount of scandalous acts that they might commit when they step on campus and realize no one is watching them!

You have to be aware of the world they are about to step into, and all the various threats that can bombard your relationship on a daily basis.

If you know that your boyfriend/girlfriend is a freak...and they like attention... you might want to really repeat step one because they will almost certainly get to college and go buck wild.

The opposite sex, no curfew, plenty of beds, peer pressure, drugs, alcohol, parties, hormones and loneliness.

Yeah - respect the threats!

RULE #4. COMMUNICATE!

If you have a lover who is aware of the threats and he/she still feel you guys can make it, the way to make it is to communicate.

Same ol' relationship advice, right?

Naw, not exactly.

In my opinion, if your communication starts to be-

come small talk - you have got a real problem.

Especially if you and ya love consider yourselves soul mates and you are the closest person to one another. There should be plenty to talk about.

Share the new experiences your lover is having, enjoy it with them.

If you're the one still here, be eager to hear how things are going and also be a shoulder for them because they will be very homesick at times.

If you're the one in the new place, try to include ya boo in all of the new things you're going through good or bad. Difficult class? Talk about it.

Boss at the new job acting a fool? Talk about it.

The mistake a lot of couples make is the conversation at the beginning of the distance becomes a bunch of "hey, remember when we used to..." That's cool to a point, but if you can't share new stuff you're going to only have the past to relate to.

And they will be making new connections with new people that relate to what is here and now.

If you can't get a hold of them... phone/email etc., try not to nag.

But if they aren't making an equal effort to stay in

contact...and you have a reason to nag, then it's probably already over. But if you both are committed to trying, just keep talking.

Make sure the communication is just as deep and meaningful and natural as any lovers would be.

Talk with your partner at a level that some new influence couldn't easily get to.

You know them inside and out, you care about them... keep it meaningful and you'll be so important to them that anyone new they meet won't be able to compete with the depth you offer.

RULE #5. TWO - THREE MONTHS

"People Don't Change, People Grow"

If you can make it the first two to three months, you have a fighting chance.

Most long distance relationships that don't start as long distance relationships fail in the first two or three months.

Not saying let your guard down, but just know that it's a good sign if you can make it past month three. Especially that long without seeing each other in person, that's commendable.

RULE #6. FEAR FACTOR

Let's say things are going good.

It's halfway through your third month and the communication is on point, but your boo is a starting player on the football team at his new school and you decide to come down to see a game one weekend and y'all hangout. Just as you're about to come back home and leave him on his new campus to celebrate, some Beyonce-looking chick wraps her arms around ya dude right in front of you to congratulate him on the team's victory. Now it's days later and you're back here in Toledo and you know ol' girl is just a few dorms away from ya man. Are you gonna worry? Are you gonna go

through your daily routine wondering if she's plotting?

That's natural. But it becomes a problem if your fear becomes a constant worry for ya man.

Truth is, re-assurance only counts for so much because at a certain point you're either gonna have to trust or not trust or roll back down to that campus and cut somebody! LOL.

Naw, but seriously. Try not to worry. It will be very hard. Probably the hardest thing you've ever had to do.

But if your man is giving

you all the signs that there is no other woman on earth who can steal his heart, what else can you do but take him at his word?

We can't control what people do, trust is your only weapon against fear.

And even trust isn't always enough to make folks do right. And that's real!

RULE #7. PEOPLE CHANGE

No, I take that back... people don't change.

My motto has become: People Don't Change, People Grow.

If someone goes from warm and sweet to cold and heartless, that was already there.

It was already inside of them and certain conditions brought it to the surface.

They can grow to become that and stay that. Or they can grow to become that and later grow beyond it. But it's all them, it's all 100 percent who they are.

If the one you love felt you were a high priority when you began this long distance thing, even if school or career takes a higher place on their list of what's important... it doesn't mean they have to treat you different. Getting your priorities in order doesn't have to mean changing how you treat the love of your life. If someone starts acting funny, don't fall for the excuses.

It's just not school. It's not just work. It's not just new places and people.

It's that they were not strong enough to encounter all of the above and still keep your love intact.

The threats to your rela-

tionship I mentioned earlier are NO WHERE NEAR as serious as the threats that may be lurking in the darkest places inside that person you say is your soulmate.

And there is no protection for the harm one can do to you through their own metamorphosis.

They may not have seen it coming even with all the evaluating you both did.

The only encouragement I can offer is for people who are truly soul mates.

Growth will be to the benefit of your love.

It won't tear you apart, it will make you stronger in the long run.

I can honestly say I know of about five relationships right now who I believe are soul mates.

Two of them are married and the others aren't. Yet.

The distance some couples experience is nothing compared to the trials I've seen some of these people face and they made it so you can too!

So as everyone is preparing to head back to school and all that, if you find yourself in one city and the love of your life in another... try to keep these words in mind.

Hell, even send them this article or have them read it online if it will help.

But long distance relationships can work as long as both people are equally committed to making it work in every way possible.

So, I'm in ya corner people.

Make it happen, and then years later invite ya boy to the wedding!

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United Way's Response to Recession

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To assist local families in meeting basic needs, United Way of Greater Toledo is releasing \$250,000 for immediate assistance with food, rent, and utilities.

Over the past few months, United Way staff and volunteers have received significant feedback from organizations in Lucas County re-

garding the need to assist families in crisis.

Of this quarter-million-dollar allocation, \$179,000 is designated for Lucas County, \$53,000 for Wood County, and \$18,000 for Ottawa County. Lucas County investments are as follows: Toledo Area Ministries (TAM) is receiving \$25,000

for food.

Salvation Army is receiving nearly \$39,000 for utility assistance.

Catholic Charities is receiving \$20,000 for rent assistance.

United Way Labor & Community Services Adopt-a-Family program is receiving \$20,000 for food.

United Way is matching the Toledo Community Foundation's \$25,000 grant for the United Way Family Empowerment Program.

The United Way Family Food Fund is receiving \$3,500.

In anticipation of future community needs, \$25,000 will be set aside.

Wood and Ottawa county investment decisions will be released shortly.

Although this is a tremendous and necessary boost, Bill Kitson, president & CEO of United Way of Greater Toledo, acknowledges there is still a long way to go in Toledo.

"United Way recognizes

this is a short-term solution to a much more complex issue," Kitson said. "Later this month, our Community Impact department will release its *Agenda for Change*, a focused, collective call to action that will address many underlying causes of Toledo's poverty problems."

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The Board of Commissioners of the Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority (LMHA) is preparing to submit its Annual Public Housing Agency (PHA) Plan to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2009.

The Annual Plan is available for review at LMHA's Website (www.lucasmha.org). LMHA invites you to submit comment on the Annual Plan during the next 45 days. Please provide your comments no later than September 22, 2008, to lgarrett@lucasmha.org.

You are invited to a public hearing on Wednesday, October 1, 2008 at 4:00 p.m., in the McClinton Nunn Community Building, 425 Nebraska Avenue, Toledo, Ohio, 43604. This hearing will provide interested citizens with pertinent information regarding the strategic goals, and program activities of the LMHA. Citizens are encouraged to attend this public hearing and provide additional comments on the PHA Plan.

Should any attendee require auxiliary aids due to a disability, please contact LMHA at (419) 259-9457, at least one week prior to the hearing date to ensure your needs will be accommodated.

William J. Brennan, Chairman
Linnie B. Willis, Executive Director

These Kids Are Good ... Really, Really Good

Sojourner's Truth Staff

Each year Chuck Cohen's Toledo Minority Golf Association (TMGA) Inc. National Invitation is a success. Sponsorship is always in place, terrific young golfers from around the na-

tion compete for the trophies, scholarship monies are raised ...

But sometimes the event is just a little extra special. For those who remembered the rainy conditions that plagued the Detwiler Golf Course last year on the final day, this year's 17th Annual TMGA, held on August 2 and 3, 2008, under brilliantly blue skies and temperate climate conditions, had to have been just that ... a little extra special.

Forty youngsters turned up for this year's Invitational, from as far away as Florida and California.

Jerel Whiting of

Martinsville, VA, captured the first place trophy in the boys' championship flight, as Harold Varner of Gastonia, NC, and Willie Mack (last year's winner) of Flint, MI, finished second and third respectively.

Geoffrey Napper of Bowie, MD, finished first in the first flight followed by Andrew Pleasant of Louisville, KY, and Alex Stewart III of Bowie.

In the second flight, Iman Ellis of Reynoldsburg, OH; Derron Everson of Gahanna, OH; and Zachary Stuart of Chicago, IL, took the honors.

Honesty Biggers of Orlando, FL, won the girls competition as Kayla Williams of Plantation, FL, and Tiana Jones of Alliance, OH finished second and third.

The TMGA is sponsored by the Harbaugh family - Eleanor, Don and Mel, Jr. And, of course, any golf tournament is only as good as its volunteers, and the TMGA has plenty of good ones. Along with Chuck Cohen himself, others who volunteer their time are: Valerie Smith, Melvin Tho-



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