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## This Strikes Us ...

*A Sojourner's Truth Editorial*

We feel obligated to contradict our new president so very early in his term regarding his assessment of the American character in a speech he gave this past week defending his position on the conduct of this nation's foreign policy.

President Obama presented a major address on his recent pronouncements on torture – or “enhanced interrogation techniques” as Dick Cheney likes to say – and his desire to close the prison at Guantanamo Bay that is presently housing about 240 detainees.

Our president, no stranger to lofty rhetoric, opined: “Fidelity to our values is the reason why the United States of America grew from a small string of colonies under the writ of an empire to the strongest nation in the world.”

And that's where we part company with the president. Were we to re-write that phrase, we would say: “*In spite of our lack of fidelity to our values ...*” Yes, America has become what she has become, in large measure, in spite of our fidelity to those values embodied in our founding fathers' visions about what this nation should be.

Truth be told, Dick Cheney is closer to the mark about how we have conducted business in the past especially when confronted by unpleasantness. Time after time, during all periods but especially during times of stress, our reaction has been to curtail the rights of individuals and groups to suit the immediate need whether it means depriving them of their freedom, confiscating their property or allowing mob violence to substitute for the rule of law.

So when the former vice president says that moderation is not acceptable and that there is no room for compromise when it comes to the nation's security, he has not invented these notions out of whole cloth. Even those presidents we hold in the highest esteem looked the other way during times of conflict, even though it produced no discernible advantage for us in the struggles against our enemies. Abraham Lincoln suspended habeas corpus, Franklin Roosevelt approved the internment of thousands of American citizens simply because they were of Japanese descent.

The irony, of course, is that Obama seeks relatively small, mostly symbolic changes in policy. He wants to stop water boarding and to close Gitmo. We shouldn't torture ... or use enhanced interrogation techniques, he says.

Cheney, on the other hand, says that torture worked, that it was legal, that the use of torture protected this nation from further attack.

Cheney is more in keeping with the traditional mindset of our leaders when faced with adversity even though his argument in favor of torture is at best ... tortuous.

There is no way to prove that torture works better than any other form of interrogation. Simply because information was obtained – if it was – does not indicate that the information could not have been obtained by more acceptable interrogative techniques.

And the techniques are legal, as Cheney says, because the president's lawyers told him they were legal. In the words of another Tricky Dick, “if the president does it, it's not illegal.”

The fact is, it really doesn't matter whether the techniques worked or not, whether other techniques would have been less effective. The state simply does not sanction such activities.

The question inevitably follows by enhanced interrogation techniques advocates about what an individual would do if he found his family or house under attack. As an individual, one does whatever he feels the immediate situation calls for, even the excessive use of force. We form governments, in great part, to establish uniform codes of law and to de-personalize interactions. Governments can and should act without the luxury of bruised feelings handicapped Cheney in his approach to world politics.

Obama has decided to educate the nation about how it should conduct itself. As a constitutional scholar, he undoubtedly knows that we have rarely achieved the lofty ideals set out in that body of work even though we have just as rarely been averse to giving the document as much lip service as we can muster.

It's an heroic task Obama has laid out for his presidency – to change American culture, to suit action and deeds to thoughts and ideals.

His domestic and foreign policy challenges – the economy, health care, war on Al Qaeda and other terrorist organizations, Middle East peace – may very well pale in comparison.

## Community Calendar

### May 27

Libbey HS Alumni Association: Organizational meeting for elections of officers; Libbey Library; 6 to 8 pm: 419-244-1236 or 419-376-3971

### May 27-29

First MBC Revival: 7 pm nightly; Evangelist Supt. Johnny Hobbs of Greater St. John C.O.G.I.C.

### May 29

Bethesda Christian Center Cathedral 13th Pastoral Anniversary: Celebrating Bishop Holt; 7 pm service with guests Pastor Baber and Truth in Jesus  
Majestic Prasic Ministries: Women's Dept selling fish and chicken dinners; 10 am to 4 pm: 419-535-3017 or 419-290-0736

### May 30

Step Out For Kids Walk-A-Thon: Sponsored by Lucas County Foster Parent Assoc; Ottawa Park Liz Pierson Shelter House; 10:15 am: 419-213-3347

Seminar & Workshop: For youth and young adults; “Moving from Low Self Esteem to a Healthy Self Esteem;” South Branch Library; Noon to 3 pm: 419-290-4503

Business & Health Seminar: Sponsored by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority; 11 am to 4 pm; Indiana Ave MBC: 419-475-3007

Bethesda Christian Center Cathedral Fashion Show: 6 pm: 419-944-0984  
Open Workshop: “Moving from Low-Self Esteem to Healthy Self Esteem;” South Branch Library; Noon to 3 pm: 419-376-2331

### May 31

Faith Way C.O.G.I.C. Men's Day: 11 am service, 5 pm service; Guest speaker Pastor Columba Niboro of Sunrise Community Church

Bethesda Christian Center Cathedral 13th Anniversary Celebration: Final Service; 6 pm; Guests Bishop Andre Woods of Detroit: 419-944-0984

### June 4, 5, 7

St. Paul AME Zion 3rd Pastoral Anniversary: Celebrating Pastor Cordell Jenkins; Guests Rev. Nolan White and Christian Community Church on Thursday at 7 pm, Rev. Randall Parker and New Kingdom MBC on Fri at 7 pm, Rev. Correther Jenkins and Freedom Christian Center on Sun at 11 am, Rance Allen and New Bethel on Sunday at 5 pm: 419-243-1065 or 419-246-0790

### June 6

Financial Crisis Explained: Sylvania Branch Library; 2 pm; Speaker Tom Wameka, Ph.D.: 419-882-2089

Friendship Baptist: Free Christian Education Workshop; “The Importance of Teaching in the Body of Christ;” 8 am to 3 pm; Presenters include Rev. Bradley and Min. John Henry Livingston

### June 7

Warren AME: Men's Chorus hosts “A City Wide Male Gospel Explosion; 4:30 pm: 419-535-6780

### June 12

TPS Adult Education Graduation: Summit Annex Waite Brand Auditorium; 5 pm; Speaker St. Sen Teresa Fedor: 419-671-8700

### June 13

Scott HS Alumni Association Scholarship Bowling Party: Lido Bowling Lanes; 8 pm to 1 am; Bowling, pool, dominoes, raffles, open grill

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My View

By Jack Ford  
The Truth's Political Columnist



orthodoxy? And that, friends, is a major hurdle for Mike Bell and his march to the 22nd Floor.

Mike, drop some of the individuality and conform. Also, lose the goatee ... keep it off.

Pretty soon we will be in the midst of the debates. Rarely do we see true de-

Yet, mayoral candidates spend loads of time and money trying to impress voters that they can rev up the economy. And mayors spend money on solar cells, they give money to companies that were going to start up in Toledo anyway. They just sweeten the pot with tax

at the very least.

How secure is our data processing center? Can our IT office withstand serious hacking? These are a few of the city services that mayors can

monitor and safeguard.

We have forgotten that we are on war status. Are we ready for an emergency such as the grid blackout of a few years ago?

Remember that Treasurer of the State of Ohio Kevin Boyce will hold a meet and greet here in Toledo on June 3, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Toledo Club.

The past weekend, mayoral candidate Mike Bell was seen going into El Camino in his full motorcycle gear – boots, leather pants, leather jacket and head scarf. That is the garb that his friends at El Camino expect Mike Bell to don when he comes in for a visit.

The problem lies with the casual observers who may be paying attention to Chief Bell for the first time. What if they do not like the motorcycle garb complete with the red head scarf? What if that outfit turns them off? What price will Bell pay for his lack of

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bates but rather stupid questions from local news reporters such as: What would you do to bring back the auto industry? (Uh, buy a car?)

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incentives and grants.

I hope someone asks a question like: "What are you going to do to better protect Toledo's water supply?" That's an indispensable resource which, if shut down, will knock us out for four or five months

Beyond Protest: In Search of A Movement

By Rev. Donald L. Perryman, D.Min.  
The Truth Contributor



tral city Toledo.

Was it another case of police gone wild, perhaps from the stress resulting of having to do more with less? Or was it more of the same old/same old – behaviorally-aggressive or socially deviant youth out of control? Was it poverty? Failure of schools? A broken household? What was it?

It may be all of the above. We don't know at this time what may have contributed directly. However, what we do know is that the continuous blood spilling which we are witnessing in our city and community indicates a much larger battle and one that we are losing.

The Civil Rights Movement served its generation venerably, breaking down all forms of legalized segre-

gation and increasing black voters exponentially. The movement moved record numbers of blacks into elected offices, management-level positions, and the middle and upper-middle classes.

But the movement did not address police brutality. Nor did it deal with the stresses of urban life, which include societal oppression related to being a member of a secondary social group, high rates of crime and unemployment, substandard housing, inadequate schools and limited medical and mental health resources.

Despite the progress made in electoral politics and achieving middle class status, some have recognized that the most powerful, pervasive, and destructive form of contemporary race

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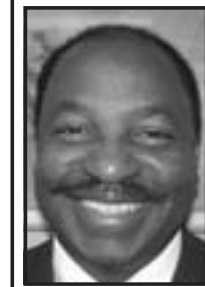
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Ravi Perry, Ph.D Has Eyes but Does Not See...

By Lafe Tolliver, Esq.  
Guest Column



In last week's edition of The Truth, in a guest editorial, the good doctor Ravi Perry is trying to hop scotch the issue of gay marriage and civil unions with appeals to human logic to support equal marriage rights for gays and lesbians that just doesn't cut it.

So what that the black writers and leaders listed in his last paragraph supported the issues/struggles of gay and lesbians?

Does that ergo mean that we should also because

they did? That would be the blind leading the blind.

Dr. Perry fails to understand that one of the first institutions approved and blessed by God was that of the family and marriage. Read the Book of Genesis, which is the book of all "first beginnings."

That approval and blessing was for a man and a woman to be married... and not a man and a man or a woman and a woman.

The manner in which Dr. Perry inveighs that the civil rights struggle arguments and logic and sympathy should be transferred to the gay/lesbian movement is intentionally short sighted and seemingly from a person who has a "hidden" agenda.

When Dr. Perry wakes up every morning, people can know right away that he is black. As to whether a person wakes up and the public knows or not knows that he or she is gay is left to ques-

tion.

You can hide being gay, but you can't hide being the color of chocolate milk.

Your "racial/ethnic" affinity trumps your chosen sexual orientation.

Black people cannot change their spots and as such, they have been a targeted class for discrimination since they first landed on these hostile shores hundreds of years ago. I wish people including so-called intellectuals would quit pimping the civil rights movement and act as if its history, background and struggles are simply transferable concepts to any social struggle that they are backing.

Gay/Lesbians choose their lifestyle but yet want the same legal coverage that was and is given to black people to be applied to their struggle for equal rights.... specifically the right to

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ism may be found in corporate America's gripping influence on youth through stereotypical portrayals of African-Americans in the mass media.

What's race got to do with it?

Scholar-activist M. K. Asante, Jr. suggests that the crisis revolves around the distribution mechanisms of hip-hop culture. Although hip-hop is the cultural expression of young black America, Asante posits, "We do not control how the cultural expression is disseminated. A handful of large multinational companies such as Viacom, Clear Channel, and Vivendi through its now mainstream music images of misogyny and black-on-black violence are what shape the culture."

These corporations pay big money, not for creative and true art but to pound out the recurring demeaning "I'll kill you N..." messages of blacks killing each other for fun and without consequences, pimping a "ho", and lazy savages who shuck and jive to survive.

The tragedy lies not so much in the presence of

negative cultural expressions in mainstream media but in that we have accepted, embraced and internalized these false cultural depictions and are reproducing them. Most young people are therefore imitating the models of success that they see on TV or hear on the radio and which offers justification for others to loathe African Americans but ultimately for African Americans to hate themselves.

Just as the voice of hip hop, which started out as a critique and rebellion of popular culture but now has been co-opted by that same culture, so has the church. Where the black church historically provided a standard for values and culture, it too has gone digital, "Hollywood," mainstream and noticeably silent on social justice issues. According to a study by the prestigious Pew Foundation, the church has become a part of the problem rather than providing solutions to those who give their allegiance to and look for results from it.

The Pew study calls the Prosperity Gospel, a facet

of Christianity in the Pentecostal tradition, a Ponzi scheme. A major tenet of the Prosperity Gospel's theology is that people who invest in the church will experience wealth. Yet the results show that while most Pentecostal churches are doing very well for themselves, the people are suffering. These believing folks who are "promised that God will make them rich beyond their wildest dreams if they tithe generously and believe they will receive the money" are those that have the most high school dropouts, the lowest incomes and the least education of any other Christian denomination. This least well-educated group of believers is a prime target for would-be millionaire pastors according to the survey.

This is the context in which the 21st Century struggle for freedom exists. It is a struggle for social, spiritual and cultural integrity, physical and mental health as well as for human rights and the ending of police brutality. The Civil Rights Movement has been

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# Ravi Perry

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marry as heterosexuals can.

Marriage as originally ordained was not a simply civil union as Dr. Perry inelegantly elaborates but was done with and under the auspices of the religious code and institutions even at the time of Jesus Christ.

The first miracle Jesus did was at a marriage ceremony between a man and a woman. God defined marriage and the sexual identity of the partners thereto...not the 12 tribes or Israel or a latter day supreme court or a state legislature.

Any true church of God that follows the orthodoxy of scripture, will not allow or condone gay marriages as being on an equal par with heterosexual marriages.

There are now enough states that allow gay marriages and there are some "false" churches that will conduct a "religious" ceremony for such an abomination.

I will bet the farm that Jesus would not have been at such a wedding and much less approved such a union if the bride was named George and the groom was named Frank.

Dr. Perry gets no points for trying to trump the stamp of approval God gave to heterosexual marriage by bemoaning the fact that somehow gays and lesbians should be given similar favor in their "love commitments."

The fact that white clergy did corrupt exegesis of scripture for their own agenda and for slavery control methods, does not obviate the fact that correct exegesis should not be penalized or held in contempt regarding this gay marriage discourse.

Not trying to be remotely PC (politically correct), the Word of God clearly states, without moral shading or apology, that homosexuality is a sin against God and unless one repents of that sin (among other sins), they will face hellfire. See: Leviticus:18:22; Leviticus:20:13; I Corinthians 6:9-10; Romans 1:26-28 and Revelations 21:8.

Scriptures give no quarter for any argument or allows no plea for humanistic enlightenment on this volatile issue (note: it is not volatile to God for it has already been forever settled).

Call me what you want but between God's revealed and settled Word and that of Dr. Perry wanting to use historical leverage to overturn the fiat of the Word of God, I will place my life, future and eternity with the Word of God.

Dr. Perry you need to repent and do likewise. Your intellectual fervor is not a defense against not knowing what God demands of you.

Come judgment day, there are no, "Oops, I was wrong... sorry!" excuses allowed. It has been revealed to all what is required of all of us to be right in the sight of God and that does not include vapid intellectual arguments condoning conduct that God has clearly proscribed. God loves the sinner but hates their sin.

A great website for Dr. Perry to park at for a while is: [www.gcmwatch.com](http://www.gcmwatch.com). There, he will find numerous articles debunking his wobbly stance on this issue.

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# NOBMA Holds 15th Annual Impact Newsmaker Awards Banquet

Sojourner's Truth Staff

The Northwest Ohio Black Media Association held its 15th Annual Impact Newsmaker Awards Banquet on Thursday, May 21, 2009, at the Ramada Westgate and recognized four individuals and two organizations for their contributions in making a positive newsworthy impact within the African-American community.

In addition to the newsmaker awards,

NOBMA also honored one of its own with its Media Achievement Award.

During an evening filled with emotional moments, presenters familiar with the honorees introduced their friends or colleagues with heartfelt expressions of respect and gratitude.

Audrey Johnson started the ball rolling by introducing David Bush, founder and CEO of the Madd Poets Society. Johnson serves on

the board of the non-profit group that Bush founded nine years ago.

During that time, students from 15 high schools and six junior high schools have participated in the Madd ("make a direct difference") Poets Society classes and alumni of the program have matriculated at colleges and universities such as The Ohio State University, The University of Toledo, Bowling Green State University, Oberlin College, among many others.

Mario Harris Rosser is among the alumni of the Madd Poets Society and was also recognized as an Impact Newsmaker. Harris Rosser, a senior at St. John's Jesuit who will be attending Columbia University in the fall on virtually a full academic scholarship, was introduced by his aunt, Marlene Harris Taylor, who recounted Harris Rosser's long journey through school and the many activities in which he has participated.

Along with the Madd Poets Society, Harris Rosser has been a member of the Youth United Way program, a youth representative to the City of Toledo's Board of Community Relations and active in the NAACP ACT-So competition and the Toledo



Front Row: Teresa Quinn, principal Lincoln Academy for Boys, Kristian Brown, Patricia Hogue, Ph.D.  
Standing: Mario Harris Rosser, David Bush, Keith Wilkowski, William Keaton, principal Stewart Academy for Girls, John Preston

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transcended philosophically and a new movement is needed to address the systemic process that exists to arrest or discourage the potential of minorities and the poor to achieve their fuller potential.

In its 15th Impact Newsmaker Awards, the Northwest Ohio Black Media Association last week continued the fight against cultural domination by recognizing Mario Harris Rosser, a senior at St. John's Jesuit High School; and David Bush, founder of the Madd Poets Society. These young men and many other youth in Toledo - male and female represent a new generation who refuse to be

identified by the narrow and demeaning depictions of the advertising world.

There is, at last, a quiet revolutionary cultural force already at work that represents a radical alternative to the dominant culture, refuses to live down to racist and oppressive expectations and is not afraid to challenge the cultural status quo. Rather than let TV or media define them, they are interested in education, decency, morality and responsibility. That's what it truly means to "keep it real" and to have an "authenticity that is not fake."

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Kwanzaa organization.

Shanda Gore, Ph.D., of UT introduced her colleague, Patricia Hogue, Ph.D. Hogue is chairman and assistant professor of the Department of Physicians Assistants and is assistant dean of Diversity, Student Recruitment and Retention for the College of Medicine,

In addition of her campus activities, Hogue has long been active in the Toledo community as a member of the Toledo Links, Inc., Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and while serving on the boards of the Northwest Ohio Planned Parenthood, the Ohio Association of Physician Assistants and the YWCA of Greater Toledo.

Retired Toledo Police Department Lt. John Preston was introduced by Andre Savage who recalled an incident when Preston demonstrated for him the value of respecting others.

Preston retired from the department in January after 41 years of service, a term that began in 1968 when he was inspired to try to make a difference "from the inside [rather] than from the outside."

The Toledo Public Schools' single-gender academics - Lincoln School for Boys and Ella P. Stewart Academy for Girls - were honored as a group

for their service in the cause of education. Both schools have been in existence for six years and have moved their academic report card performance into the continuous improvement category. The schools were presented by Richard Jackson, retired TPS administrator, and the awards were accepted by the schools' principals, William Keaton of Stewart and Teresa Quinn of Lincoln.

Fletcher Word, editor of The Sojourner's Truth and incoming president of NOBMA, introduced the second recognized group, Toledoans for Obama. Toledoans for Obama was founded by Keith Wilkowski in early 2007 shortly after the Illinois senator announced his candidacy for president. Joining Wilkowski in this effort were Lucas County Treasurer Wade Kapszukiewicz, Doni Miller, Keith Mitchell, David Mann, Gabriel Seay and Lori Decker.

The group was started well before the Obama campaign had its eyes set on Ohio primarily because the Ohio primary - scheduled for well after "Super Tuesday" - was not generally considered to hold much importance in the unfolding scheme of the campaign. Toledoans for Obama, however, proved prescient and laid the groundwork for

the infrastructure that the Obama campaign would need in the metropolitan area and their victory in Ohio.

One of the most prestigious awards NOBMA presents is the recognition of a local member of the media. This year's winner of the Media Achievement Award was Kristian Brown of Channel 13 ABC News. The award was presented by Rhonda Sewell of the Toledo Lucas County Public Library.

Brown, who anchors the weekend news at 6 and 11 pm, is a Toledo native who has been at Channel 13 for the past seven years. She has won a Telly Award for her groundbreaking story titled "Hip Hop Math" in 2006. She is a member of a number of local organizations and is frequently asked to make public appearances on behalf of a variety of causes.

The evening's activities were led by Mistress of Ceremonies Schylar Meadows of JUICE Talk, WJUC-FM. Political candidates in attendance were Aji Green, who is running for a position on the Toledo Board of Education, and Ian English, a candidate for judge. Both have been endorsed by the Lucas County Democratic Party.

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# The Truth ECONOMY

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Tackling Tough Times

## Real Estate Rebound: Is it real?

By Rodney Neely  
Real Estate Contributor



The question of whether the apparent real estate bounce is a total recovery has yet to be fully answered but many are claiming victory over our current recession. I'm cautiously optimistic!

Nationally we are seeing only minor increases in home sales, yet this could be due to the amount of distressed bank-owned

properties being sold at fire sale prices. In certain segments of the country the sales numbers are much better and continue to increase. Nevertheless, the absorption of this inventory is a great indicator that banks are beginning to lend again.

In addition, we are noticing a change in the overall climate toward investment and real estate development. A more positive outlook in this sector has produced increased confidence in small to medium investors who drive the economy. If these symptoms become contagious we could see this wave of lending and buying spread into the second tier markets like Toledo and others.

On the commercial front the news hasn't been as positive. All along the coast nationwide, which experienced tremendous over-building during the boom years, many are still suffering but there is some movement in the middle of the country and particularly in the smaller markets.

Locally the apartment market appears to be one of the strongest sectors to invest in with small retail being second, in my opinion. Multifamily generally has high occupancy due to the new tougher requirements to get home loans. This increases the renter's pool of potential tenants for these units. This trend should

cause the value of apartments to move upward and make this investment type even more desirable.

The small retail sector or neighborhood commercial space is a different animal all together and more difficult to understand. The value of this investment is driven almost exclusively by the lack of jobs in our area. Some job seekers who are unsuccessful in the corporate world due to lack of opportunity have decided to open their own businesses. This entrepreneurial spirit is evident in one new business owner in west Toledo who believes now is the best time to lease space.

According to Kris Underwood, owner of Temptuous Boutique, a women's fashion clothing store at 1417 Sylvania Ave: "without the lease concessions and tenant improvement from landlord Paul Shroyer I couldn't have opened for another six months." This flexibility shown by many property owners is encouraging those planning start up businesses or second locations to pull the trigger on new space. If this trend continues we will see steady and explosive growth this genre. Naturally this growth does not and can not occur in a vacuum. As the state and local economy improves we should see the more and more positive results.

According to recent statistics released by the federal government, the economy's freefall appears to be slowing. The unemployment rate as well reflects a slower decline in job loss nationwide. This is good news for real estate investors in the Midwest because we were the hardest hit in the onslaught of factory and manufacturing job losses. Many economists project a rebound in this sector, although they recognize that the employment picture will look very different than it did before the recession began.

In my opinion we can still expect some rough roads ahead, but there is light at the end of the tunnel for professional investors of smaller commercial real estate product types. I am not as optimistic about the broader commercial investment arena. I believe the other shoe is yet to drop on the institutional, reits and pension fund investors in Class A real estate. It's unknown whether these projected difficulties will trickle down to the low to medium investors and again cause a down-turn in the local real estate market.

My advice would be to stick to a conservative business model, mitigating risk when possible, but trusting your instincts to guide your decisions.

Always remember that in life success is the greatest revenge.

## Make \$50K Your First Year

Kara Wahlgren, ClassesUSA.com, Yahoo! HotJobs

We all have to work our way up the corporate ladder, and that typically means paying dues in a low-paying, entry-level gig. But if you cringe at the idea of working for peanuts, don't panic — you don't need an M.D., J.D., or Ph.D. after your name to command a sizeable salary on day one. In these lucrative fields, even the rookies collect a healthy paycheck.

### Web Designer

What it is: Can't stop surfing your favorite social networking site or online store? Thank the company's Web designer. Designers are responsible for mapping, coding, and maintaining sites for their clients. The position requires exhaustive technological know-how earned oftentimes from a Web design degree program and a creative eye — and if you have both, the payout is rewarding.

What it pays: According to Salary.com, the average base salary for an entry-level designer is \$50,555.

### Physician Assistant

What it is: Physician assistants (PAs) are trained to offer diagnostic and preventative care under the supervision of doctors. Admission into a PA program requires two years of college and takes two years to complete; it's a smart alternative for those who want to pursue medicine but can't stomach the time commitment or hefty tuition needed to complete medical school.

What it pays: According to the American Academy of Physician Assistants, the median income for first-year physician assistants is \$69,517; that's nearly half the starting salary for a fully licensed internal medicine specialist.

### Computer Software Engineer

What it is: Software engineers use their fluency in programming languages like C++ and Java to build new applications for consumers and clients. They may be hired to design a company's accounting software or a new virtual game. A bachelor's degree in a computing field is needed to qualify for the most lucrative job opportunities.

What it pays: Grads with a bachelor's degree in computer engineering can expect to start at \$56,201, according to the National Association of Colleges and Employers. Computer science majors command a slightly lower salary but still break the \$50K mark.

### Petroleum Engineer

What it is: Petroleum engineers search for oil and gas reservoirs, determine the best method for extraction, and design the equipment needed for drilling and production. Most jobs are based in petroleum-rich areas like Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Alaska, and California.

What it pays: Petroleum engineers enjoy a high starting salary — \$60,718 for new grads — in an already lucrative field. If drilling for black gold isn't your thing, those with chemical, nuclear, mechanical, and industrial engineering degrees all earn in the high \$50K range.

### Actuary

What it is: Actuaries are paid to tell others when to worry — in other words, they use their mathematical wizardry to assess risks and minimize potential losses. Most actuaries work for insurance companies, where they estimate the potential cost of claims and calculate a profitable premium. Others work in the finance industry, where they might design pension plans or manage government programs like Social Security.

What it pays: Salary is one thing actuaries don't have to worry about — those with a bachelor's degree can expect to start at \$53,754, according to the National Association of Colleges and Employers.

### Economist

What it is: Think you can predict the financial future? Your foresight could lead to a fat paycheck, because economics majors can land profitable positions in the business field. Economists scour data and analyze statistics in order to identify consumer trends — and forecast the best way to cash in on them. Microeconomists may help individual companies maximize their profits; macroeconomists study the broader picture, including trends in unemployment, inflation, and investment.

What it pays: According to the National Association of Colleges and Employers, economists employed in business and managerial positions bring in an average starting salary of \$53,449.



# Ten Hottest Careers: 2009

## Fastest Growing Occupations 2004 – 2014

Computer and healthcare jobs will be the hot ticket for the next several years. In fact, out of the top 10 fastest-growing jobs in the country, half are in healthcare and half are in computers. Rapid growth will continue to increase demand for workers in the computer and healthcare industries.

- Network Systems and Data Communications Analysts

Average Salary Range: \$46,480-\$78,060

Demand continues for network systems and data communication analysts. Within the next decade, the demand for more complex technologies will grow. And that means up to a 54 percent increase in growth. That makes this our no. 1 hot job. Network systems and data communications analysts design, test and evaluate systems such as:

- Local area networks (LANs)
- Wide area networks (WANs)
- The Internet and

intranets

- Other data communications systems

Network systems and data communications analysts also research hardware and software products. Drawing from this research, they make necessary recommendations. A Bachelor's degree is a prerequisite for many jobs. Relevant work experience is also very important. For more technically complex jobs, employers prefer candidates with graduate degrees.

- Medical Assistants

Average Salary Range: \$20,650-\$28,930 a year

Because of growth in the healthcare industry, the field of medical assisting continues to grow. In fact, the need for medical assistants will increase by an expected 52 percent in the next 10 years. Medical assistants perform administrative and clinical tasks to keep the offices of physicians and other health practitioners running smoothly. Medical assistants

handle both administrative and clinical duties. They report directly to an office manager or physician. Most employers prefer graduates of formal programs in medical assisting. Many vocational-technical high schools, career colleges, community colleges and junior colleges offer medical assisting programs.

- Physician Assistant

Average Salary Range: \$57,110-\$83,560 a year

Demand continues to grow for physician assistants. In the next 10 years, the need for physician assistants will rise by nearly 50 percent. Physician assistants practice medicine under the supervision of physicians and surgeons. They perform diagnostic, therapeutic and preventative services. Routine tasks include:

- Examining and treating patients
- Ordering lab tests or X-rays
- Treating minor injuries

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All states require that physician assistants complete an accredited, formal education program. They must also pass a national exam to obtain a license.

- Computer Application Software Engineers

Average Salary Range: \$59,130-\$92,130 a year

Computer-related positions continue to lead the job market. In the next decade, the need for computer applications software engineers will increase by 48 percent. Computer applications software engineers analyze users' needs. With that information, they design, construct and maintain general computer applications software or specialized utility programs. Software engineers must possess strong programming skills. However, they are more concerned with developing algorithms and analyzing and solving programming problems than with actually writing code. Most employers prefer to hire those who have at least a Bachelor's degree. Desirable candidates should also have broad knowledge of and experience with a variety of computer systems and technologies. Applications software engineers usually have degrees in computer science or software engineering.

- Physical Therapist Assistants

Average Salary Range: \$31,060-\$44,050 a year

Within the next 10 years, demand for physical therapist assistants will continue. The Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts that this job will grow by 44 percent from 2004-2014. Under the supervision of physical therapists, assistants work with patients. Tasks assigned to assistants involve several forms of

therapy including:

- Exercises
- Massages
- Electrical stimulation

Assistants record the patient's responses to treatment and report the outcome of each treatment to the physical therapist. Physical therapist assistants typically earn an Associate degree from an accredited physical therapist assistant program. Not all states require licensure or registration in order for the physical therapist assistant to practice.

- Dental Hygienists

Average Salary Range: \$22,72-\$33,82 an hour

The need for dental hygienists continues to grow. In response to increasing demands for dental care, jobs for dental hygienists will expectedly grow by 43 percent over the next decade. Dental hygienists provide a number of services for dental patients including:

- Removing soft and hard deposits from teeth
- Teaching patients how to practice good oral hygiene
- Providing other preventive dental care

Dental hygienists must be licensed by the state in which they practice. To qualify for licensure in nearly all states, a candidate must graduate from an accredited dental hygiene school. They must also pass both a written and clinical examination.

- Computer Systems Software Engineers

Average Salary Range: \$63,150-\$98,220 a year

As the demand for new technologies continues to increase, so does the need for computer systems software engineers. Job growth in this field will increase by 43 percent in the next 10 years.

Computer systems software engineers work within a company to configure, implement and install complete computer systems. They examine computer needs of different departments. They also make suggestions about the company's technical direction. Typically, those in the computer science or computer information systems field have a Bachelor's degree.

- Dental Assistants

Average Salary Range: \$11.06-\$16.65 an hour

Dental assistants are in demand. In the next 10 years, the number of dental assistant positions will rise by 42 percent. Dental assistants perform a variety of patient care, office and laboratory duties. Assistants also:

- Sterilize and disinfect instruments and equipment
- Prepare trays of instruments for dental procedures
- Instruct patients on postoperative and general oral health care

Assistants must be a second pair of hands for a dentist. Therefore, dentists look for people who are reliable, work well with others, and have good manual dexterity. An increasing number of dental assistants are trained in programs offered by career colleges, community colleges, junior colleges or the armed forces.

- Network and Computer Systems Administrators

Average Salary Range: \$46,260-\$73,620 a year

Emerging technologies continue to revolutionize business. That's why network and computer systems administrators continue to be in demand. The number of

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# NANBPWC Presents Women to Society During Annual Debutante Cotillion

By Artisha S. Lawson  
Sojourner's Truth Reporter

The members of the Toledo Club of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Club, Inc. (NANBPWC) hosted their annual debutante cotillion on May 23, 2009.

This Saturday program was the club's 45th annual event which used the traditional definition of debutante cotillion to showcase the accomplishments of these women. Toledo City Councilwoman Wilma D. Brown, committee chairman and Mary Dawson, co-chairman, organized this affair with the assistance of fellow club members.

As the program began, guests were greeted by club

from an upper class family who has reached the age of maturity and, as a young adult, is introduced to society at a formal presentation. Locally, the NANBPWC uses the event to present outstanding young ladies to society clothed with the finer thoughts of living and endowed with a complete sense of responsibility.

"To the debutantes, escorts, debs-in-waiting and parents, tonight is that special night that we have all worked so hard for," wrote President Wanda Terrell, First Vice President Delores Bates, Brown and Dawson in the program. "On behalf of the Toledo Club of the National Association of Negro Busi-



strive to be the best that you can be."

Terrell welcomed the guests and shared her excitement about the pending accomplishments of the debutantes. Bates introduced the

Edwards, Mariah Guthrie, and Paula Williams of Springfield High School; LaParis Grimes and Santoria Sawyer of Waite High School; Chimere Hornbeak and Tessa Scott of St. Ursula Academy; Janise Robinson of Notre Dame Academy; LaKalea J. Wilson of Maumee Valley Country Day School.

This year's judges were Tina Skeldon-Wozniak, Lucas County commissioner; Nate Gurley, singer and entertainer and Cheryl Tyler Folsom, AFSCME Ohio No. Council 8. The evening con-

tinued with the introduction of 29 debutantes and their escorts. Each debutante walked the length of the floor with her presenter and then displayed to the judges, the presenter then handed the debutante over to her escort who escorted her to a spot on the floor beside the other debutantes.

Twenty-nine Toledo area high school men escorted the debutantes: Fred Brown, Kristopher Wamer, Tyler Bell, Corion Jones, and Christen Harris of Central Catholic High School; Edward Tucker II, Jerrold Clark, and Darrick Colburt of St. John Jesuit High School; James Brown, Aaron Knowles, and Cherokee Tabb of Rogers High School; Joshua Easterly of Sylvania Southview High School; Steven Ross Jones II of Owens Community College; Wesley Machatterre and Chad Green of University of Toledo; Scott Hicks of Leverette Junior High School; Tyrone Layson of Tech S; Trevon Gaston of St. Francis De Sale High School; Vernon Free-

man of Scott High School; Marvin Daniels, Raymond Levey, Leondre Hawkins, Daniel Rice, Drake Bunn, Terrell Perkins, Jordan Frost, Edward Burgess, Blair Johnson, Phillips Thomas of Toledo.

During the event, 29 young women were presented to society. Among the debutantes a total of \$1,119,868.00 has been awarded in scholarships. They have volunteered in 327 school clubs and community agencies, received over 100 academic awards and special honors. Several debutantes were awarded additional honors from NANBPWC members in recognition of their accomplishments while attending school and during the debutante process.

Debutante Sonya Brown of Bowsher High School who plans to attend Wayne State University won first place in the talent competition. Rae Lyn Fobbs of Scott High School who plans to attend The University of Toledo was

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members and warmed by the smiles on the faces of the 29 debutantes who stood beside their escorts. Each of the young ladies stood dressed in white formal attire holding red carnations wrapped in yellow ribbon and ready to be presented to their parents and the community as a woman of Toledo.

According to Wikipedia, a debutante is a young lady

ness and Professional Women's Club, Inc. it is our pleasure to welcome you to our 45th Annual Debutante Cotillion Ball. Tonight is the culmination of months of hard work, efforts and commitment on the part of all involved in making this a success. The evening is just the beginning of the exciting challenges awaiting you in the future. Congratulations and always

21 Toledo-area Debs-in-Waiting who were dressed in red formal attire. They were: Nicole Burns, Cirea Coltrane, Kejiah Flunders, and Whitaker Greer of Scott High School; Kristin Conley, Crystal Corbin, Taelor Garrett, and Krystal Rupert of Central Catholic High School; Isis Darks, Tobria Layson, Saraya Perry, and Ranita Ross of Start High School; Jonnelle

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# Cotillion

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awarded a \$13,000 scholarship by the university, Camelle Hodges of Scott High School, also headed to UT was awarded Ms. Congenality.

Skyla Johnson of Toledo School of the Arts who will attend The Ohio State University won third place in the talent competition; Amber Mitchell of Toledo Early College High School plans to attend the UT College of Pharmacy was awarded \$13,000 scholarship from the university; Carmen Nathaniel of St. Ursula Academy, who will attend UT, was the first place runner up and awarded \$1,300 and won second place in the talent competition. Camille Ramsey of Scott High School,

plans to attend Alabama A&M University, was awarded \$13,000 by UT. Raechel Walker, second place runner up, of Rogers High School plans to attend Oakland University.

The 2009 Debutante Taylor Rogers of Notre Dame Academy will attend The George Washington University. She was presented and sponsored by Bobby Rogers and escorted by Steven Ross Jones II.

Rogers has participated in several clubs and volunteered with community agencies including: African American club treasurer, Step Club, Hip-Hop club member, Math club, Latin club, four-year varsity track and field, five school

musicals, Caldwell Community Center volunteer counselor, Eagle Scout project volunteer, cross country assistant coach, and peer tutor. She received first honors, second honors, and four-year perfect attendance.

"I'm so humbled this is an honor, we've been working hard since February by going to practice and trying to get more scholarships. I try my best to give back to my community, and I want to study medical science to further my way to give back. I would like to thank my friends and family, especially my escort Steven Ross Jones II for his dedication to this process and taking his time to work with me. I also want to thank God for giving me this experience and the club women for their lessons in womanhood," said 2009 debutante Rogers.

The remaining debutantes included: Chelsey Bentley of St. Ursula, Yalona Blair of Woodward High School who plan to attend Bowling Green State University; Kiara Brown of St. Ursula Academy who plans to attend OSU; Dana Crockett of Central Catholic High School who plans to attend UT; Shayla



Curry of Anthony Wayne High School who plans to attend Tennessee State University; Alexandra Davis of Central Catholic High School who plans to attend Miami University of Ohio; Terri Lynn Davis of Libbey High School who plans to attend Clark-Atlanta University; Rushia Edwards of Central Catholic High School plans to attend Kent State University; Jamarah Fitzpatrick of Central Catholic High School plans to attend University of Findlay; Jalisa Golliday of Start High School plans to attend UT; Kristin Gray of Libbey High School plans to attend Clark Atlanta University; DaJuanete Hawkins of Horizon Science Academy who will attend UT; Veronica Lynn Hicks of Toledo Early College High Schools plans to attend UT, Arnetia Levey of Rogers High School plans to attend UT, Kimberly Outlaw of St. Ursula Academy plans to attend Eastern Michigan University, Dennasia Patterson of Scott High School plans to attend UT, Jasmine Poston of Notre Dame Academy plans to at-

tend Eastern Michigan University, Jasmine Shells of Central Catholic High School plans to attend the University of Notre Dame, Shawnee Simmons of Horizon Science Academy plans to attend UT, and Breanna Stephens of Libbey High School plans to attend UT.

Prior to the waltz performed by the escorts and debutantes, each Deb-in-Waiting draped a pearl necklace around the neck of the debutantes. "Each debutante was given flowers for their accomplishments, and pearls for wisdom. As each debutante walks through the archway this represents their journey into womanhood," said commentator Rhonda B.

Sewell.

The NANBPWC Toledo Cluc thanked the following individuals and companies for their assistance with the event including: Keyser Elementary School, Dennis & Karen Garrett, The Flower Market, Ronald Todd, Gladioux Meadows, Oscar Haynes, Dan Dawson, Lloyd Jacobs, Stranahan Theatre, Toledo Public Schools, Toledo area parochial schools, Indiana Avenue Missionary Baptist Church, Toledo Blade, Toledo Journal, Sojourner's Truth, Midwest Urban, Harold Mosley, President Tuxedos, Henry's Jewlery, Inverness Country Club, Attorney Jerome Parker, Becker Impressions and Unique Sounders.



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## Careers

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jobs in this field will increase by 38 percent in the next 10 years. Network administrators design, install and support an organization's:

- Local area networks (LANs)
- Wide area networks (WANs)
- Internet and intranet systems

Entry-level network and computer systems administrators maintain and monitor computer systems. They typically work behind the scenes in an organization. After gaining experience and expertise, they are often able to advance into more senior-level positions. At senior levels, they take on more responsibilities. For systems administrators, many employers seek applicants with Bachelor's degrees, although not necessarily in a computer-related field.

- Database Administrators

Average Salary Range: \$44,490 - \$81,140 a year

Organizations continue to adopt and integrate sophisticated technologies. So naturally, the need for database administrators continues to grow. In the next 10 years, the number of jobs in this field will grow by 38 percent. The volume of sensitive data is growing rapidly. This means that the increasingly important aspects of a database administrator's job are:

- Data integrity
- Backup systems
- Database security

Database administrators work with database management software. They determine ways to organize and store data. They identify user requirements, set up computer databases, and coordinate modifications to the computer database systems. For database administrator positions, many employers seek applicants who have a Bachelor's degree in computer science, information science or management information systems (MIS).

## Ohio House Votes to Approve Home Foreclosure Prevention Bill

### Legislation Addresses Crisis; Eases Homeowner Suffering

Special to The Truth

Speaker Pro Tempore Matthew A. Szollosi (D-Toledo) and the Ohio House of Representatives last approved legislation to combat the impact of the housing crisis with the Home Foreclosure Prevention Bill (Sub HB3). The bill places a moratorium on home foreclosures and provides reasonable solutions that would allow families to have the opportunity to save their homes.

"Lucas County has the second highest rate of foreclosure in the state, up 15 percent last year. Although I had concerns with the initial version of the bill, necessary modifications were made," Szollosi said. "This bill will help keep families in their homes."

The number of home foreclosures in Ohio has increased every year for over a decade. Last year alone there



were over 85,000 foreclosure filings. Currently, four percent of Ohio mortgage holders are in foreclosure, while over eight percent are behind on their payments.

The bill has four main components:

- \* A conditional, six-month moratorium on certain foreclosure judgments;

- \* A licensing and regulation package for mortgage servicers;

- \* An information package, which includes a mortgage servicing database, foreclosure notification requirements, and transparency requirements during foreclosure proceedings;

- \* A foreclosure filing fee that would provide funding for database administration, community redevelopment, financial education, and credit and foreclosure counseling.

HB 3 aims to minimize the loss that homeowners, lenders and communities continue to suffer in a foreclosure system that was not designed with today's economic climate in mind. Therefore, many of the provisions are temporary and are intended to provide flexibility for all parties during this extraordinary time.

The bill now goes to the Ohio Senate for consideration.

## Insurance Director Urges Ohio Congressional Delegation To Capitalize on States' Strengths

Special to The Truth

The Ohio state-based insurance regulatory system has been a constant in an otherwise erratic economic climate. That was the key message conveyed this week when Ohio Department of Insurance Director Mary Jo Hudson visited members of Congress to highlight the part of the regulatory system that has consistently worked.

The Washington visits were designed to ensure careful consideration of reforms to the nation's financial services regulatory structure.

"It is imperative that we preserve and build upon the successful model of our national state-based regulatory system," said Director Hudson "Ohioans want more financial stability, not less. Reform proposals must ensure consumers have accountable and local regulators who can provide continued stability despite these challenging economic times. As a state regulator, the Ohio Department of Insurance works hard every day to make sure that insurers honor their promises to policyholders in Ohio."

Director Hudson joined National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) Chief Executive Officer Dr. Therese M. (Terri) Vaughan and more than 35 state insurance commissioners for meetings with members of Congress to discuss insurance regulatory reform.

Commissioners also heard from Congressman Barney Frank (D-Mass.), chairman of the House Committee on Financial Services, on his views for financial regulatory reform; from Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius on health insurance reform; and from Congressman Earl Pomeroy (D-ND) on his perspective as a former NAIC President and North Dakota Insurance Commissioner.


During the congressional meetings, Hudson stressed that reforms must provide consumers with the time-tested protections of the national system of state insurance oversight.

She further noted that, as a whole, the business of insurance has not posed systemic risk to the nation's economy, instead providing a source of relative calm in an otherwise turbulent time. State insurance solvency oversight has kept insurance companies stable and protected policyholders from the worst of the financial meltdown, and state regulators continue to provide a local response to consumer issues at no cost to federal taxpayers.

Hudson said she also shared with Congress the NAIC principles for health insurance reform which stress substantial experience and expertise of the states in the crafting of federal legislation.

Ohio insurance consumers with questions and concerns about their insurance or who wish to file a complaint against their insurance company can call the Department's consumer hotline at 1-800-686-1526. Free information can also be obtained at [www.insurance.ohio.gov](http://www.insurance.ohio.gov).

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# A Midsummer Night's Reading

By Terri Schlichenmeyer  
The Truth Contributor

Even now – especially now – you need a break.

For way too long, you've been scrimping and saving, concerned about your finances, your job, the mortgage, college funds, the economy in general.

So this summer, don't you think it's a good idea to take a break, even if it's just in your mind? So why not look for these great books coming soon to a bookstore or library near you....

**MAY**

Yes, the month is almost over, but so many of your favorite authors have brand-new books out. You wouldn't want to miss **Chuck Palahniuk's Pygmy**, would you? Or **Bad Mother: A Chronicle of Maternal Crimes, Minor Calamities and Occasional Moments of Grace** by **Ayelet Waldman**? No, you wouldn't.

How about **Pretty in Plaid** by **Jen Lancaster**, **40 More Years: How the Democrats Will Rule the Next Generation** by **James Carville** with **Rebecca Buckwalter-Poza**, or **Wicked Prey** by **John Sandford**? You'll want to find **Whispered Lies** by **Sherrilyn Kenyon** and **Diana Love**, **5 Principles for a Successful Life: From Our Family to Yours** by **Newt Gingrich** and **Jackie Gingrich Cushman**, and **My Remarkable Journey** by **Larry King**.

Give the kids a "You did well in school" gift by looking for **Being Nikki: An Air-head Novel** by **Meg Cabot**, **Pendragon: The Soldiers of Halla** by **D.J. MacHale**, "**The Real Real**" by **Emma McLaughlin** and **Nicola Kraus**, or "**Crazy Hair**" by **Neil Gaiman**.

**JUNE**

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Other goodies you won't want to miss: **Roadside Crosses: A Kathryn Dance Novel** by **Jeffery Deaver**, **Singing Was the Easy Part** by **Vic Damone** with **David Chanoff**, **The ESPN Mighty Book of Sports Knowledge** by **Steve Wulf**, **A Rogue of My Own** by **Johanna Lindsey**, **Finger Lickin' Fifteen** by **Janet Evanovich**, **Magnificent Desolation: The Long Journey Home from the Moon** by **Buzz Aldrin**, and (deep breath) **Return to Sullivan's Island** by **Dorothea Benton**

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Keep the kids reading by looking for **Goosebumps HorrorLand #11: Escape from HorrorLand** by **R. L. Stine**, **I Spy A to Z** by **Jean Marzollo**, photos by **Walter Wick**, and **Football Champ** by **Tim Green**.

**JULY**

Doesn't it seem like mid-summer is a lazy time? Perfect for heading to the park or parking lot with a book...

Like **Black Hills** by **Nora Roberts**, or **Guardian of Lies** by **Steve Martini**. Maybe **The Husband Habit** by **Alisa Valdes-Rodriguez** or **Vixen Manual: How to Find, Seduce, and Keep the Man You Want** by **Karrine Steffans**. Or how about **Fire and Ice** by **J.A. Jance** or **Resurrecting Midnight** by **Eric Jerome Dickey**. Perhaps you'd prefer **Twenties Girl** by **Sophie Kinsella** or **Don't Know Much About Literature** by **Kenneth C. Davis** or **Unconditionally Single** by **Mary B. Morrison**.

Your child's teacher will thank you when you continue to encourage reading, and **Marley Goes to School** by **John Grogan** will do the trick, as will **Junie B.'s Essential Survival Guide to School** by **Barbara Park** and **Magic Tree House #42: A Good Night for Ghosts** by **Mary Pope Osborne**.

**AUGUST**

Hold up! Summer's not

over yet. You've still got lots of reading time, so look for **Intervention** by **Robin Cook** and **The Traffickers: A Badge of Honor Novel** by **W.E.B. Griffin** and **William E. Butterworth IV**. Check out **Alibi** by **Teri Woods** and **Hitler's War** by **Harry Turtledove**. Don't forget **South of Broad** by **Pat Conroy** or **Rhino Ranch** by **Larry McMurtry**. And you'll want to find **The Secret Life of Marilyn Monroe** by **J. Randy Taraborrelli**, **The Shortest Distance Between Two**

**Women** by **Kris Radish**, **Soul of a Dog** by **Jon Katz** (dog... Katz... I love it!), **Even Money** by **Dick and Felix Francis**, **God Ain't Blind** by **Mary Monroe**, and (another deep breath) **Strength in What Remains: A Journey of Remembrance and Forgiveness** by **Tracy Kidder**.

Send the kids back to school with **Breaking Dawn Special Edition** by **Stephenie Meyer**, **Another Monster at the End of This Book** by **Jon Stone**, **Night-Night**, **Little Pookie** by **Sandra Boynton**,

and **Oceanology**, ed. by **Dugald A. Steer**.

Bear in mind that some of these titles may be moved, cancelled, or their titles may change. And this is, by no means, a complete list. If you want more information or if you don't see your favorite author on this list, ask your favorite bookseller or librarian to do some more sleuthing or suggest something else you'll like.

And have a great summer. Happy Reading!

## Tough Economic Times Inspire Home-Cooked Meals

Special to The Truth

Score one for those who argue this recession is unlike those of the past. The latest telling point: home-cooked meals. Whereas past generations of Americans turned to frozen dinners when times were tough, these days, cutting back means skipping restaurants and, instead, whipping up dishes you'd never mistake for glutinous-look-

ing Salisbury steak in a tray.

"This time, people are buying ingredients and cooking from scratch," says Dr. Liz Sloan of Sloan Trends, which follows changes in things such as eating habits.

Of course, there's home cooking and then there's home cooking. The best meals use healthy ingredients while still managing to keep total

costs in check—as does this inspired take on marinated chicken breasts created by celebrity chef Nick Stellino.

"Spending less on meals doesn't have to mean skimping on taste," says Stellino, host of the new PBS TV show "Nick Stellino Cooking with Friends."

### Sweet Lime and Blueberry Pomegranate Vinegar- Marinated Chicken Breasts

Serves 4

4 (6-ounce) boneless, skinless chicken breasts, rinsed and patted dry

Sweet Lime and Blueberry Pomegranate Vinegar Marinade recipe

1 medium lime, cut in wedges

Preparation

1. Pour the marinade over the chicken breasts and turn pieces several times to coat evenly. Marinate 30 minutes.

2. Preheat a lightly oiled grill rack or grill pan, using Pompeian Extra Light Tasting Olive Oil, over medium-high heat. Remove chicken from marinade (discarding excess marinade). Cook chicken 4-6 minutes on each side or until no longer pink in center.

3. Serve with lime wedges.

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Preparation  
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### Lima City Councilman's Son Returns

By Vickie Shurelds  
Sojourner's Truth Reporter

Opportunity often comes disguised in the form of misfortune or temporary defeat. — Napoleon Hill

For 5<sup>th</sup> Ward Lima City Councilman Tommy Pitts it's been an Achilles Heel, a source of inspiration, a target to draw enemy fire and a humbling experience. As a very successful local businessman prior to becoming a member of the City Council, the events surrounding the arrests of his two sons for selling drugs have presented an equal number of challenges and opportunities.

The councilman has never said his sons should not have been sent to prison for their crimes. He has vehemently stated on a number of occasions, however, that records demonstrate African-American drug dealers receive longer sentences than those who are not. As in most situations, laws of this kind are not the concern of the public at large until it becomes a factor in our personal lives. His oldest son Che is currently serving an eight-year sentence, his youngest, Ryan, was released last Thursday after serving half of a four-year sentence.

"Well, each one of these men need to remember something," says former teacher Annie Mae Banks, "If they keep themselves out of the circumstances, it won't matter how much time is given to blacks or whites."

A true statement and perfect for preventive measures. Our case study for this particular issue has as a focus those who have already made the

choice of selling drugs and are now and forever linked in the penal system.

Using the Lima Police Department's own statistics, well over half of the 5,000 people arrested each year in Lima are

of selling to undercover police officers resulting in lighter sentences. There does not seem to be a difference in the amount of drugs purchased or the type of drug involved as a factor, although, there has recently

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African-American. The census numbers say 26 percent of the city's 40,000 residents are black. The numbers for drug arrests shows an even wider disparity. In 2005, 73 percent were black, 26 percent were white. In 2007, 61 percent were black, 39 percent white.

Presented with these statistics, the Lima Police Department's Chief Garlock states his officers go where the calls take them regardless of the color of those who break the law. LPD has also made it clear that the more often buys are made from dealers, the stronger the case becomes for the prosecutor's office. They buy several times, to keep the dealers off the street for longer periods of time. His stance is that this is not a racial issue, it is a desire to take drugs out of the city for as long as possible.

White drug dealers generally end up in court after one or two incidents

been a great concern nationally on the sentencing disparities between powder cocaine and crack.

This past week, President Barack Obama's administration offered support for U.S. District Judge Reggie Walton, in an effort to end the disparity in sentencing between crack and powder cocaine.

Current laws allow the exact same sentencing for a person arrested for five grams of crack and one found with a half kilogram (500 grams) of cocaine. A Senate Judiciary sub committee is being asked to consider crack and cocaine as the same drug in an alternate state. The result of the discussion is pending.

So, what issue should be the dominant focus for concern? Drug dealers sentencing or the disproportionate number of African-American arrests in Lima (racial profiling) or



the fact that there are only two black employees in the Lima Police Department? All of these issues have been raised during City Council sessions by both Councilman Pitts and 6<sup>th</sup> Ward Councilman Derry Glenn.

A self-proclaimed libertarian editorial writer for the local paper has his sights set squarely on the hearts of Councilmen Pitts and Glenn as he twists their every sentence and action while referring to them frequently as the Three Stooges naming 1<sup>st</sup> Ward Councilman Ray Magnus as part of the 'buffoonery.'

Belittling every concern voiced in the African-American community by their representatives, trumpeting their complaints as non-existent, unimportant /frivolous and referring to the NAACP as an "anti-quoted organization that hasn't done one thing to

improve the life of African Americans," this reporter consistently references all complaints regarding law enforcement issues as 'playing the race card' and assuring his readers that no action should be taken; that everything is just fine as it is.

Perception is everything.

Ryan Pitts is being welcomed back into the arms of his parents, children and his community, knowing the road to his success will not be easy. There will be those waiting for him to make a mistake, others who will encourage his every move, knowing he has the potential to make a

good life. Some will use his choices to launch attacks against his father and there will be some who will take the chance to offer choices to a man who just two years ago thought he had none.

As the community embraces the return of Ryan and others that will soon follow, some will undoubtedly remember the words of George Washington Carver: "How far you go in life depends on you being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and the strong. Because someday in life you will have been all of these."

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Toledo's Police Brutality Problem

By Michael Hayes
Minister of Culture



Sworn to protect and serve the citizens, yeah, right.

When most people carry out their job duties in a way that displays gross misconduct, there is usually a punishment.

So if you are reading this and you're an office manager, a janitor or even a cashier... imagine what would happen to you on your job if you did the very opposite of what you were hired to do?

You would be fired. You would be held accountable and you would most likely lose your professional credentials virtually guaranteeing you would never be allowed to work in the same field again.

For a police officer, you are playing with people's lives.

Not just balancing a drawer or making sure office supplies are well stocked.

It is the officer's job each and every day to protect and to serve ...duties that should honor life.

When a police officer behaves in a fashion that jeopardizes life, safety and well being...(when not in an act of apparent self defense)... the punishment should be swift and severe..

TRUESTORY:

And let me start by saying that eye witness accounts mean a alot.

In the court of opinion and the court of law...multiple eye witness testimony can be quite credible.

I have eight eye witness to an event that unfolded last summer.

People that I make music with and a few friends were all leaving Six Pack on Broadway on the water.

In the parking lot there were four white males cussing loudly and about to fight.

As Toledo Police Officers went between the drunken, athlete-sized men to calm down the commotion...

one of the men started swinging wildly nearly hitting two officers with multiple closed fist strikes.

These men were never arrested, never cuffed.

These men were asked to get in their cars and leave.

They put up a five minute-long fight, even going so far as to verbally insult the officers and then they were allowed to get in their cars and leave without incident and without consequence.

The criminal and vicious assault on Trevor Casey carried out by Toledo Police Officers Bills and Daniels has not only created heartbreak and pain for the Casey family and our community.

This incident has produced other side-effects.

You are officiallly an idiot if any of the following apply to you:

- You have made the comment (verbal or blog) that Trevor "deserved what he got"

- You have relied on lo-

cal gossip instead of eye witness testimony to form your opinion

- You have made threats to Stephen Ward or any family or community supporter

who has tried to make a positive difference in this situation

The blessing in all of this is the presence of over a dozen eye witnesses.

So often in these situations, police beat black men and the situation gets covered up smoothly.

This was broad daylight. By all credible accounts, Trevor was obedient to the orders given by police that day.

And before you try and play detective piecing together fragments of an event you only know through

news and hearsay...ask yourself "how close am I to the actual sources present at this event?"

If you aren't getting your info from people who were there, then you need to shut the hell up.

tioning coming from Channel 11 at the first press conference.

The officers who have gone as far as teasing the family outside of St. Vincent's Medical Center just days after the incident.

All of that makes this situation downright devilish.

Yea ..you are doing evil deeds when you purposely

severely and brutally punished when their actions endanger life.

I mean got dayum, y'all!!!! Look at the burn marks on the side of Trevor Casey's face!

Protecting and serving and justice...what the hell does placing a junior high students face on the blazing hot hood of an SUV on a hot day...what the hell does that have to do with protecting and serving?



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And I mean that and I hope my editor leaves this in my column...SHUT THE HELL UP!

The only thing worse than 250-lb musclebound thugs on city payroll repeatedly

punching a 125-lb 14-year-old junior high student while choking him...(not restraining..

the video clearly shows Toledo Police Officer Daniels with his hand cupped over the nose and mouth of a non-breathing Trevor) - the only thing worse than that is the evil being spread by folks running around, shooting their mouths off with half-assed theories, half-assed facts and full-blown ignorance.

That makes the situation twice as bad. The comments left on the youtube and news videos.

The racism. The lack of respect for Ms. Casey who was not even given a credible reason for the use of excessive force even as the force was being dished out... the complete lack of respect for her.

The people who have attached themselves to this situation for their own personal agenda (not you Mr. Ward ...you all good with me, bruh — keep up the good work).

The slanted line of ques-

distort truth, when you ignorantly mouth off, when you try to excuse life-threatening brutality dished out to the undeserving.

Since we have President Barack Obama in office, some racist biggots feel like black people have lost the right to complain about anything.

B u t understand...speaking up for right is not complaining.

It's simply speaking up for what is right.

A police officer is not God, yet they have the power to end a life.

A police officer has the power to bend truth and have their word taken as gospel.

But they are mere mortals like you and I.

They are human. Which means they come to work on some dumb stuff sometimes.

Which means they can make many errors in judgment throughout the course of a day.

Which means that they have prejudices, biases and pre-concieved notions ... they have ego and grudges.

They are human.

Noting more.

And being human...being on the level of any other human working a job...they should be

When you see Trevor's lifeless body fall to the ground it's evident that his life will never be the same.

His family told me that the lack of oxygen (once again...because the officer who didn't even need to restrain him also applied a choke hold that deprived his body of air)...the lack of oxygen has affected Trevor's brain activity already.

(Nas: "In America will never be free...middle finger up..." - you know the rest - can we just breathe")

Police prey on us and it only breeds more violence.

Within days of Trevor's assault, there were two incidents of citizens opening fire on TPD.

You all have been saying this summer was going to be bad.

But I don't want that. Terminate and criminally charge the bad cops, keep the good cops and let's try and make this upcoming summer season more safe for us all.

Respect life, Toledo.

I mean that ...peace.

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## Statement From National Urban League President and CEO, Marc Morial, On the Nomination of Judge Sonia Sotomayor

The National Urban League commends President Obama for his decision to nominate Judge Sonia Sotomayor to be the next Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

Judge Sotomayor appears to be an eminently qualified judge with the intellectual heft, strong record and common touch that is needed in a Supreme Court justice. We believe the President has made an outstanding choice.

Because of the National

Urban League's long-standing commitment to civil rights and social justice, we have a unique responsibility to our constituents to carefully evaluate and influence important national issues, including nominations to the United States federal courts, which play a critical role in protecting the civil rights of African Americans.

In evaluating a federal judicial nomination, the National Urban League's primary concern is whether a

nominee's record demonstrates a commitment to upholding civil rights, equality of opportunity and social justice. Our initial review of Judge Sotomayor's record indicates that she meets these criteria.

Prior to this nomination, the National Urban League shared our views with the President and senior Administration officials. We are pleased that the President took such great thought and care in this tremendously important appointment and

sought the input of the National Urban League and many other diverse groups. The result is the selection of a highly qualified nominee whom we believe will make an outstanding Supreme Court Justice.

We urge the Senate to promptly move forward on Judge Sotomayor's nomination and look forward to continuing to work with President Obama on this and future judicial nominations to ensure that our nation's

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President Obama and Judge Sotomayor

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(A division of The Next Step Program, Inc.)  
Summer Theater  
11:30 am to 1:30 pm  
House of Bread Center  
Adjacent to Bethlehem Baptist Church  
on the corner of Auburn and Bancroft

### Wanted Barbers & Beauticians

Kings & Queens Salon  
For booth rental  
Call Ed Phillips at 419-290-4953  
New owners!!

### Community Organizer Positions

10 hrs/wk for 15 wks, beginning mid-June. Help preparing resume available. Background check required. Information, call 419-530-7749. Submit resume and three references by June 8 to The Padua Center, 1416 Nebraska Ave. Toledo, OH 43606.

### Need a tutor?

Professional, in-home tutoring offered in math, science, Spanish and more!  
Pre-K thru college. Call 419-708-0447 or visit [www.tutoringinyourhome.com](http://www.tutoringinyourhome.com)

### INTERESTED BIDDERS: TOLEDO PUBLIC SCHOOLS – OLD BOWSHER HIGH SCHOOL CLEAN OUT

Sealed bids will be accepted by the Board of Education of the Toledo Public School District until 1:00 p.m. on June 09, 2009, at the Toledo Public Schools Treasurers' Room 3, 420 E. Manhattan Blvd., Toledo, Ohio 43608, for all labor, material and supervision necessary for the clean out of the Old Bowsher High School, 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 Columbus, Builders Exchange in Toledo, University of Toledo – Capacity Building, E.O.P.A. – Hamilton Building, Northwest Ohio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and The Plan Room in Ann Arbor, Construction Association of Michigan, Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce and Ohio Construction News.

Bidders may obtain copies of the documents starting **May 27, 2009 which can be purchased from Toledo Blue Print, 6964 Mc Nerney Rd., Northwood, Ohio 43619, phone: (419) 661-9841. Drawings may be obtained on CD-ROM for no cost with the purchase of the specifications.**

**A MANDATORY PREBID CONFERENCE and WALK THRU** is scheduled for June 4, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. at the Old Bowsher High School 3548 S. Detroit Ave, Toledo Ohio 43614.

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

Bid Item No. 1 Old Bowsher High School Clean Out:  
\$ 100,000.00  
Total \$ 100,000.00

### Territory Sales Manager

Local division of a Fortune 200 company is seeking a Territory Sales Manager to be located in the Northeast area of the United States. Candidates must have one to three years of industrial filtration sales experience. Qualifications include a bachelor's degree, proficient PC skills, willingness to travel up to 70% of the time, proven track record of exceeds plus industrial filtration sales performance.

Please send cover letter, resume and salary requirements to Human Resources, 16810 County Road 2, Metamora, OH 43540. Deadline for submittal is May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009. EOE M/F/D/V

### Two Day Art Workshop

Now forming at the Truth Art Gallery  
Cost is \$35 per person  
Call Ramon Tiggs @ 419-460-1343 for details

### Port Authority Funds Neighborhood Economic Development

The Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority will make available \$350,000 to economic development agencies and community development organizations in Lucas County for the specific purpose of neighborhood economic development.

To be eligible to receive funding, applicants must be a 501(c)3 organization in good standing and must demonstrate the capacity to engage in economic development at the neighborhood level. Priority will be given to projects in areas of economic distress such as Community Reinvestment Areas and areas eligible for HUD Slum & Blight designation.

The funds will be used for "bricks and mortar" economic development.

The deadline for the seventh round of funds is 4:00 PM, June 30, 2009. To obtain more information and a PDF version of the application, log on to [www.toledoportauthority.org](http://www.toledoportauthority.org) or contact the Port Authority at (419) 243-8251

### Secretary Available!

Certified Professional Secretary/Microsoft Office Specialist is available for your project or on "as-needed"/interim basis. Call Debra @ 419 509-8639. [dking\\_singer@yahoo.com](mailto:dking_singer@yahoo.com)

### Notice to Bidders: Inquiry # FY09-117, (Project # 0045-05-456)

for Complex for Business & Learning Engagement - Technology for the University of Toledo. Sealed bids for this project must be clearly marked with the project number on all inner and outer envelopes and/or shipping containers. Bids must be addressed and delivered to the University of Toledo, Facilities and Construction, Plant Operations, Room 1100, 2925 E. Rocket Drive, MS 216, Toledo, Ohio 43606 before 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 3, 2009. Bids will be publicly opened that same day at 2:05 p.m. in the Plant Operations Building, Room 1000. Copies of Plans, Specifications, and Bid Forms may be obtained from Becker Impressions, 4646 Angola Road, Toledo, Ohio 43615. Call 419-385-5303 for an appointment to pick up bid package. A cost of \$35.00 will be charged per set. Any further information may be obtained from David E. Wolfe, AIA of Munger Munger & Associates, Inc. at 419-243-8141. One Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Wednesday, May 27, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in the Plant Operations Building, Room 1000, at the University of Toledo, 2925 E. Rocket Drive, Toledo, OH 43606. Total Bid Guaranty and Contract Bond are required per section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code. EDGE Participation Goal: 5% and a University of Toledo Goal for MBE of 100%. Project Estimate: \$371,000.00; Breakdown: Technology Cabling & Equipment: \$371,000.00.

The Competitive Corvette Club of Toledo and the Motown Corvette Club of Detroit brought their members together on Sunday May 3 for a fundraiser for Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church



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