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From The Top Down

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



A child cannot be taught by someone who despises them.
— James Baldwin

With public schools in a state of financial and educational crisis and with only 14 percent of black, 17 percent of Latino, and 42 percent of white fourth graders nationally reading at grade level, the Toledo Public School board – unsuccessful in its attempt to pass an earned income tax levy to plug a hole in its \$30 million budget deficit – now turns its attention to hiring a superintendent to replace John Foley whose contract expires July 31.

A multitude of criticisms and pressures threaten the relevance and validity of TPS and compels the board to get this decision right. Technology has transformed the workplace increasing the demand for high-skilled, intellectually advanced workers. Market analysts claim that the current educational system has not been able to supply workers qualified for 21st Century entry-level positions.

Changing demographics and social problems resulting from poverty such as drugs, violence and homelessness along with white flight and black migration to charter schools and suburban or private institutions also present challenges to educational effectiveness and governance.

What are the key characteristics that a school superintendent needs for effective 21st Century governance of the 26,000 student Toledo Public School district and what should the community demand?

There are several marked features that should appear on the resume of a candidate for leadership of an urban school district. A few are:

Does Not Let Cash Rule:

A legitimate Chief Educator must bring more than charisma and an axe for chopping expenses. He or she must have integrity and a verifiable history of performance resulting from policies and programs *explicitly designed to improve students' academic performance*. Implementation and evaluation of "improved and/or high academic achievement" must be demonstrated in clear, measurable results. It is very unlikely that results will occur in Toledo without being demonstrated in a prior setting.

The applicant must also have a clear vision of what he/she wants to accomplish evidenced by specific results in terms of student test scores, dropout rates, etc. and a quantifiable mission outlining how he/she plans to get there. Research indicates that school districts that fail are preoccupied with *inputs* while those that succeed focus almost exclusively on *outcomes* and educational bottom lines. So this individual must be just as ruthless about data and relevant outputs that deal with people, programs, and implementation as they are about cost control and spending.

Graduate of the School of Hard Knocks:

Children entering kindergarten in 2010 will be in the first U.S. high school graduating class where whites are in the minority. Those organizations and institutions who embrace diversity and the inevitable changing of culture will prosper while those that fight change will decline.

For this context of change a contemporary superintendent should possess a sensitivity to poverty and the unique needs of a diverse socio-economic, multi-cultural urban student population but should also be skillful in finding the balance between care and rigor. The leader should be able to promote high standards while saying I love you and advance instructional policies that are inclusive, affirming and empowering. This can only occur where there is cultural self-awareness and a detailed diverse cultural knowledge gained through experiential learning.

Plays For The Team:

The tasks required to raise student academic achievement cannot be accomplished alone. Therefore the superintendent must be able to thrive in a shared leadership environment, develop staff, become intimately involved with various segments of the community, promote a supportive workplace and be able to work in unity with the board members (who also need to learn to work harmoniously with each other).

Is the candidate a hands-on person who is not confined to the office? Does he have a history of talking with the students or interacting with the teachers? Or is she extremely autocratic and a recluse? These are important considerations in speaking with references.

Also, there is a risk that the superintendent or staff will attempt to shape or influence policies via control of the information it provides or holds back from the board which utilizes it to base its decisions. Yet rather than micromanage the superintendent's administrative responsibilities, talented and knowledgeable leaders should be given the autonomy to do their jobs and be held accountable for clearly defined and mutually agreed upon results.

Policy Matters: Leaves NO Child Behind.

Teacher quality is the single most important school factor in student success according to the Aspen Institute's Commission on No Child Left Behind and a multitude of other research. The new superintendent must not only have solid educational administrative skills but also possess the bare knuckle tenacity and savvy to implement policies that place high-quality teachers with high-needs students and schools, that reward excellence rather than seniority and which remove ineffective teachers, who are over-represented in poor and minority schools.

Keep It Real:

Finally, Jack Welch, former chairman and CEO of General Electric said "The leader's unending responsibility must be to remove every detour, every barrier to ensure that vision is first clear then real..." Research has found that test scores increase for black students who spend at least a year with a black teacher. Therefore more African-American and minority teachers must be recruited. That will only occur under the leadership of someone who is willing to challenge and confront those that "train and graduate custodians of the status quo."

Should that person be a superintendent of color?

If the goal is to ensure quality education for ALL children, the saying "nothing succeeds like success" certainly applies. But also, nothing inspires, motivates or creates the desire to emulate and imitate more than an example from the top that's come down right before one's eyes - because it is then believed to be attainable.

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Community Calendar

May 12

Economic Empowerment Seminar: Main Library McMaster Center; Earn income in energy conservation, national television advertising, etc; 1 pm: 419-727-3956 or 567-395-1216

May 12-14

Bibleway Annual Pastoral Celebration Service: "Operating in Kingdom Dominion;" 7 pm nightly; Speakers Pastor Randall Parker, Min. Pat McKinstry, Pas. Tony Williams

May 14

Majestic Praise Ministries: Fish and chicken dinners: 419-467-9962 or 419-882-7650
Caregivers' Conference: Body of Christ Fellowship Church: "Legal and Financial Issues;" Speaker Atty Dennis Keller; Advance directives, will preparation, living wills; 6 to 8 pm: 419-464-8586

May 15

Women's Empowerment Brunch: Maximizing the Power of Women; Local 14 women's Committee; 11 am to 2 pm; UAW Local 14 Hall; Guest speaker Theresa Bullock: 419-297-0609 or 419-344-4791

May 15-16

Mt. Sinai Pentecostal Church Women's Seminar: "Walk in the Spirit;" 9 am on Saturday, 11:30 am on Sunday: 419-255-8577

May 16

Warren AME Church Pew Rally: Featuring St. Paul Baptist Choir, Total Praise Dancers, St. Martin de Porres gospel choir, the Inspiring Brother of Detroit and more; 4 pm

Bibleway Annual Pastoral Celebration Service: Sunday morning speaker Bishop Bernard of Adrian

Third Baptist Church Women's Day: "Destined for God's Purpose;" Morning speaker Schylbea Jean Hopkins (retired principal); 11 am

Grace Presbyterian Church Women's Association Annual Women's Day: "Women of God, Moments in Grace;" 10:30 am morning service; Speaker Ruby Radford: 419-241-8857

True Vine MBC 9th Pastoral Anniversary: Pastor Melvin and First Lady Barnes; 4 pm service with Pastor Floyd Smith and Calvary Baptist

May 17-21

Baptist Ministers Conference of Toledo and vicinity City-Wide Revival: United MBC; 7 pm nightly Mon-Thurs, 7:30 pm on Friday; Speakers – Pastor Robert Bass (Mon), Pastor John Walthal (Tue), Pastor Sylvester Rome (Wed), Pastor T.A. Smith (Thur) and Pastor Theodis Horton (Fri)

May 18

"Back in the Day" Picnic Meeting: Kent Branch Library; 6 to 8 pm: 419-242-8170

May 21

Hannah's Socks Sock Hop: Cousino's Navy Bistro; 7 to 11 pm; Entertainment, classic cars, contests, raffles; Proceeds to benefit Hanna's Socks: 419-893-9600

St. Paul MBC: "Faith Friday;" 7 pm; Guest speaker Min. Allen Smith
Caregivers Conference: Body of Christ Fellowship Church: "Understanding Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia;" Speaker Cheryl Conley; Memory and aging, treatment and medication, family dynamics; 6 to 8 pm: 419-464-8586

Storytelling Performance: Common space; 7 pm: 419-290-0995

May 22

Phillips Temple CME Dinner and Gospel Comedy Play: Pre-Women's Day event: 419-242-7906

Citywide Christian Trustee Association: Meeting at United MBC; 10 am
Free How-to Storytelling Workshop: Kent Branch Library; 9 am to 4 pm: 419-290-0995

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What Makes Me Go Nuts ..!

By Lafe Tolliver, Esq
Guest Column



You know, it is regrettable and sad that you see any black church folks bamboozled and flimflammed by church con artists who glibly use the title of prophet or apostle and their only end game plan is to merchandise the goods of God.

Equally despicable are the guardians of the church, i.e., the pastors and overseers who knowingly allow this spiritual carnage to happen during their oversight.

Not only are the sheep being suckered and fooled

out of their hard-earned money by tricksters who act like they are on a vaudeville stage with their histrionics and gymnastic antics, that you wonder...where is the discernment to roust these con men out of the church and back into the parking lot along with their two-bit hustle.

It is needful that the integrity of actual and verifiable prophecies be honored and upheld but the pimp-hustlers who will say almost anything to tickle your itching ears in order to get into your purse or wallet, they need to be exposed.

Black church folks should not be naïve and trusting to believe anything that is spoken from the pulpit but need to run behind it and check to see if what is spoken is true and according to scripture.

If you watch late night television and regrettably see and hear what goes on in some black churches (and white churches), especially the

ones that are labeled as charismatic or Pentecostal, it is sheer buffoonery when it comes to the snake oil salesman telling you that you are going to get a 100-fold return on your two dollar plate offering or if you send in \$29.99, you will get a packet of miracle water to cure your ills and God is obligated to bless you with a debt-erasing miracle.

The blather that these hustlers pitch in order to get you to stand in a fifty or a hundred dollar "giving" line is shameless. Their promise is either guilt-based or, that if you give, premised on the fact that God is beholden to bless you beyond measure.

Any fear of God is gone. These clouds without water come into too many churches and say "prophetic" announcements without a care for any accountability for their foolishness.

Any rascal can tell you that God is going to bless you with miracles and that your best days are ahead in

the year 2011 but when nothing happens...where are they?

They have moved on to the next gullible church, which also does not demand accountability, and they utter the same gibberish under the same covering that..."God said...."

Sadly, for too many ignorant (lack of knowledge) church goers, all they need is someone to come in, walk the pews, yammer in tongues or have someone fall out "In The Spirit" and they become like kids in an unattended candy store.

Anything goes as long as he or she mentions Jesus at least three times in their sermon or prophecy before they get to their "money message" and which is to take up, for themselves, a fat offering based upon phony prophecies that no one will remember two months from now.

And by chance, when nothing does materialize, they have left in their wake, broken promises and the hopes of people who were desperate to believe or worse yet, the pew sitters who had the same spirit of greed that the "prophet" had and thus the greedy people left their discernment at the church's front door.

Is it coming down to sheer entertainment when false prophets and teachers and "apostles" are allowed free

rein in the House of God to spew forth any nonsense and the gullible people simply hoop and holla, fall out and run down the aisles... and for what?

If that prophetic utterance does not pass Biblical muster and if there is no accountability; and if the so called prophet or preacher's track record of accuracy is less than 100 percent, he or she is a false prophet and they should be kicked to the curb ... much less given a bag full of gold and silver coin for their shenanigans.

Such tomfoolery makes it bad for the real prophetic word since so much counterfeit nonsense is being uttered and tolerated in these last days from the self-appointed and self anointed... "man of Gawd" or the "woman of Gawd."

Every which way you turn, there is some huckster trying to sweet-talk you out of your money with some nebulous open-ended "personal word" of prophecy just for you.

That is intentionally done so that when they, if ever, are called into account, they can say with a glib tongue, "the time for its fulfillment has not yet come."

I have even been in church services when the con artist would promise everyone a new car in so many months if they quickly left service, ran out, laid hands on their cars

and come back in. Of course nothing happened in the coming months but the people, at the time of the utterance, were delirious with expectations.

And here is the cruel part of this sham. That same "prophet" was repeatedly invited back by the pastor to continue to fleece the naive sheep!

No shame. No accountability. Just intentional merchandising of the people for God for personal gain and fortune and a gross butchering of the Word of God in order to fit a square peg into a round hole.

And people wonder why some folks no longer enter into a worship sanctuary. They have been repeatedly burned and fooled by men and women who belong in a circus side show than in a church or being an invited speaker to a church in which they can abuse the pulpit and fleece the people of God.

Only when true pastors who themselves do not have "itching ears" and who are not hirelings begin to discern the sign of the times and are able to properly handle and articulate the Word of God will these despicable money grubbing "church circus" antics stop.

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Michael Ashford Kicks off Campaign for State Representative

Sojourner's Truth Staff



Toledo City Councilman Michael Ashford has served as the District 4 representative in the city legislature since being appointed to fill a vacancy in 2002 – easily winning a special election later that year and subsequent re-elections since. Now he's ready to take his show on the road.

Last week, the councilman held his first major fundraiser at the familiar Manhattan's Restaurant on Adams Street as he kicks off his general election campaign for

the Ohio General Assembly District 48 House seat being vacated by Rep. Edna Brown. Brown, who is term-limited from seeking re-election, won her primary bid to move to the Senate and replace District 11's Teresa Fedor.

Ironically, Ashford was appointed in 2002 to replace Brown, as District 4 representative, in council. Brown, at that time, was appointed to the House seat to replace Jack Ford who left after he won his mayoral cam-

aign. Stressing his credentials as a good steward of taxpayers' money, Ashford reminded the audience of friends and supporters of his votes in favor of fiscal responsibility over the past year, even when he was in a distinct minority.

Ashford was unopposed in the recent Democratic primary and will face Republican Carolyn Eyre and, possibly, independent write-in candidate Schylar Meadows in the general election.

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Edna Brown Triumphs, Carol Contrada Emerges from Field of Six, School Levy Fails

By Fletcher Word
Sojourner's Truth Editor

"This was the greatest win in my political career," said State Rep. Edna Brown the morning after her Democratic primary victory over Toledo City Councilman Joe McNamara for the right to move on to the November general election and vie for the District 11 state senate seat.

Brown's win was as decisive as it was improbable. Competing in a city-wide campaign for the first time against an opponent who outspent her, Brown led McNamara by a margin of 56 to 44 percent when the more than 19,000 primary votes were tallied.

"I knew his pockets were deeper than mine and that I would be outspent," said Brown of her opponent who won election for his at-large council seat just this past November by finishing first in the field of 11 candidates.

She was indeed outspent by as much as a five-to-one margin based on April 14 campaign financial filings. Now she moves



Mayor Mike Bell introduces Rep. Edna Brown at fundraiser

on the general election to face Republican Tom Waniewski, also a city councilman, who ran unopposed on the GOP side of the ballot.

Brown will be leaving her House District 48 seat at the end of the year due to term limits. The senate seat is vacant because incumbent Teresa Fedor, who ran unopposed for the Democratic nomination in House District 47, is also term limited from seeking re-election.

tion.

Although Brown had limited financial resources and the Democratic Party declined to endorse anyone in the race, she was undoubtedly assisted in her quest by the endorsements of fellow Democrats, particularly Fedor herself, whom Brown praised her support.

In the Democratic primary race for the Lucas County Board of Commissioners nomination, attorney

Carol Contrada, a Sylvania Township Board of Trustees member, topped a field of six and emerged as the opponent for Republican George Sarantou, a Toledo city councilman who handily defeated his two rivals.

Contrada earned slightly more than 27 percent of the vote. Her nearest competitor, Ben Krompak received just over 23 percent. Following the top two were Mike Zychowicz, Art Jones, Earl Murry and Tim Porter. Only Contrada and Jones had previously run for office in this area.

An attempt to close the Toledo Public Schools budget deficit by asking voters to approve an income tax levy failed, the result of public opposition and a lackluster effort by the proponents of the measure.

The TPS administration has projected a \$30 million shortfall and had found \$17 million in savings hoping the additional tax levy would make additional cuts unnecessary. Now the sys-

tem will increase class sizes, eliminate crossing guards and certain athletic programs, merge some schools and decrease bus service.

In the weeks leading up to the election both the Greater Toledo Urban League and the Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce, along with a smattering of concerned citizens groups, voiced opposition

to the levy.

Meanwhile the members of the Board of Education, for the most part, stayed on the sidelines during the campaign seemingly going through the motions of placing a levy on the ballot they knew was bound to fail. Voters defeated the tax by 63.6 to 36.4 percent.



Brown with Senator Shirley Smith and Rep. Sandra Williams - both of Cleveland - at recent fundraiser

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Lena Horne, Singer Actress and Civil Rights Activist, Dies at 92

Horne Was Awarded NAACP's Spingarn Medal for African-American Achievement in 1983, NAACP Image Award in 1999

Special to The Truth

The NAACP announced sadness over the loss of singer, actress and civil rights activist Lena Horne. Horne died on May 9 at the age of 92.

"We mourn the passing of Lena Horne, an outstanding, groundbreaking entertainer and a staunch civil rights activist who stood on the side of justice and equality," said NAACP President and CEO Benjamin Todd Jealous. "Lena Horne won the hearts of millions of Americans of all backgrounds as a glamorous and graceful actress and singer. She courageously broke many color barriers and fought valiantly to bring down the institutionalized racism that plagues our society



and prevents all Americans from an equal opportunity to pursue the American dream."

An accomplished singer and actress, Horne became the first black performer to sign a long-term

contract with a major Hollywood studio, signing with MGM in 1943, but became disenchanted with Hollywood by the mid-1950s. She increased her focus on her singing career, solidifying herself as a pre-

miere nightclub performer and starring in several musicals.

Horne later returned to acting, appearing on several television shows such as Kraft Music Hall, The Ed Sullivan Show, The Dean Martin Show and The Bell Telephone Hour. She later co-starred with prominent actors Harry Belafonte and Tony Bennett in Harry and Lena and Tony and Lena, and starred in the classic African-American musical The Wiz. The singer also performed on dozens of albums featuring the likes of Belafonte, Sammy Davis, Jr., Joe Williams and Gábor Szabó, and received an NAACP Image Award in 1999 for Outstanding Jazz Artist.

In addition to her legacy as an entertainer, Horne was also known for her advocacy and contributions to

social justice. At an early age, Horne displayed a passion for civil rights, and she first became a member of the NAACP as a student at Atlanta's Washington High School. Later, while singing for troops during World War II, she refused to perform "for segregated audiences or for groups in which German POWs were seated in front of African-American servicemen."

She was in attendance at an NAACP rally with Field Secretary Medgar Evers in Jackson, Mississippi on the weekend before Evers was assassinated, and spoke and performed at the March on Washington on behalf of the NAACP, SNCC and the National Council of Negro Women.

"Lena Horne's spirit and willingness to stand for what is just transcended her accomplishments in the

arts, and we are extremely grateful for her commitment to civil rights and the mission of the NAACP," said NAACP Chairman Roslyn M. Brock. "Her long-standing relationship with the NAACP dates back to high school, while her service to the Association as a member and public advocate

was invaluable. Lena Horne was an excellent example of someone who used her platform as an entertainer to advocate for equal rights for African-Americans and give a voice to the voiceless, and she will be missed" added Brock.



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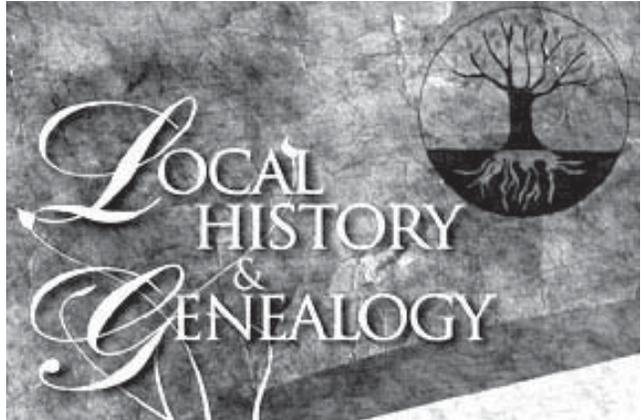


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Toledo-Lucas County Library's Local History and Genealogy Department Presents First Preservation Week

By Rhonda B. Sewell, Library Media Relations Coordinator
 Special to The Truth



Ever wonder what to do with those old photographs of your grandparents and great-grandparents and other memorabilia that you collect at home? Do you worry about preserving these memories for your children and grandchildren?

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the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library is scheduled to present a unique *Preserving Your Memories at Home* program from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, **May 15** in the McMaster Center at Main Library, 325 Michigan St.

This is a **FREE** event for the community to come and learn about tips on preserving your photographs and other treasures.

The goal of the ALA's Preservation Week is to celebrate collecting and preservation in the community and, locally, to highlight the Local History and Genealogy Department of the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library as an excellent source of preservation information.

Also recognizing the critical role libraries play in preservation, the Association for Li-

brary Collections and Technical Services (ALCTS) in partnership with the Library of Congress and the Institute of Museum and Library Services, launches the first national Preservation Week, May 9-15, 2010. It is the first national awareness campaign targeting collections preservation. Please visit www.ala.org/preservationweek for more information on the national observance.

The Library's Local History and Genealogy Department, located on the third level of Main Library, 325 Michigan St., houses many scarce and unusual items related to Lucas County history. These irreplaceable items might otherwise be lost forever but the Library ensures they are preserved for the community and for future generations.



Visit the Library's Local History and Genealogy Department

The Local History and Genealogy Department was created in 1940 with a primary mission to procure and preserve the history, genealogy and biography of Lucas County. The department preserves and protects these collections for future generations to view and use.

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- Preservation Week provides a time when thousands will turn to libraries across the U.S. for information and expertise on how to preserve collectables, photos, family records and other valuable materials. During Preservation Week, themed "Pass it on," participating libraries will offer special programs and services that will help connect library users with preservation tools; promote the importance of pres-

ervation; and will strive to enhance knowledge of preservation issues among the general public.

"Libraries offer more than just books, they also are an excellent resource for high-quality information and expertise on how to preserve family keepsakes," said ALA President Camila Alire. "Preserving items such as old photographs, letters, collectables and family movies, provides a map of the past and access to a full range of information that can impact the future."

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UT to Collaborate with Toledo Public Schools on Using Technology to Teach Math

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The University of Toledo will partner with Toledo Public Schools on a project to use more technology in mathematics instruction.

The project, "Using Technology to Enhance the Teaching and Learning of Mathematics: Let's Be Smart," is supported with more than \$65,000 in funding from the Ohio Board of Regents Improving Teacher Quality State Grant Program. "Smart" in the title is a direct reference to including smart board (digital blackboard) technologies into teachers' pedagogy.

The professional de-

velopment project is a collaborative effort between UT and TPS to support teachers in grades 7 through 12 as they address the Ohio Content Standards in math. The project includes introductory sessions after school and an intensive 9-day workshop in June.

Teachers from the school district's Bowsher, Start, and Scott high schools and Byrnedale, DeVeaux, East Broadway, McTigue and Robinson middle schools are participating.

UT professors Bill Weber, Tod Shockey, and Alessandro Arsie will direct the project. Weber and Shockey are associ-

ate professors in the Judith Herb College of Education's Department of Curriculum and Instruction. Arsie is an assistant professor in the College of Arts and Sciences' Mathematics Department.

The project was designed around needs that were identified by Susan McMillan, TPS' director of mathematics, and the district's mathematics chairs, as well as student achievement data.

For more information, contact Tod Shockey at 419.530.2071 or tod.shockey@utoledo.edu.

Accelerated Foster Care and Adoption Classes Begin in June

Lucas County Children Services Seeking Foster and Adoptive Families

Special to The Truth

Lucas County Children Services (LCCS) is making it easy for adults interested in becoming foster or adoptive parents to attend its upcoming free training classes.

An accelerated training session takes place on six consecutive weekdays, from June 21 through June 28. The all-day (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) classes cover two topics each day. To register for the free classes, which are required for anyone seeking to become a foster or adoptive parent, call 419-213-3336 or visit www.lucaskids.net. Additional training sessions will be offered in September and October.

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About Lucas County Children Services

The mission of Lucas County Children Services is to lead the community in the protection of children at risk of abuse and neglect. This is accomplished by working with families, service providers and community members to assess risk and coordinate community-based services resulting in safe, stable and permanent families for children.

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The luncheon, which featured welcomes by Mayor Michael Bell and board members Keith Wilkowski and Carter Wilson, Ph.D., brought out a dazzling array of fashion to the delight of the lun-

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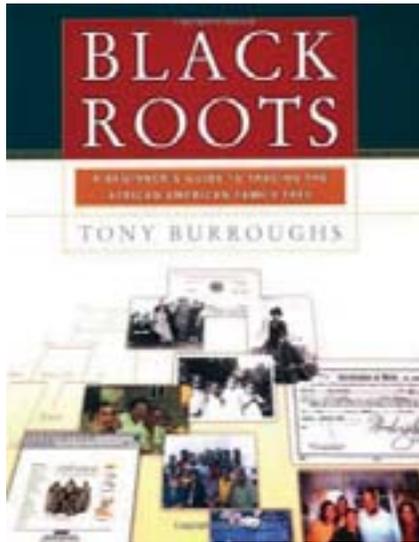
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leading African-American professional genealogist, who teaches and lectures widely, the book highlights some of the special problems, solutions, and sources unique to African-Americans searching their family trees.

Based on solid genealogical principles and designed for those who have little or no experience researching their family's past, but valuable to any genealogist, *Black Roots* explains everything you need to get started, including: where to search close to home, where to write for records, how to make the best use of libraries and the Internet, and how to organize research, analyze historical documents, and write the family history.

To get started on your family history journey, please visit the **Local History and Genealogy Department**, located on the third level of Main Library, 325 Michigan St., in downtown Toledo. For more information, please call Local History at 419.259.5233.

Source: *Amazon.com*, www.tonyburroughs.com

The Toledo-Lucas County Public Library suggests this must-read for those interested in tracing their family tree, *Black Roots: A Beginner's Guide to Tracing the African American Family Tree* by Tony Burroughs, the world's fore-

most authority on African-American genealogy.

Black Roots is the fun, easy-to-use guide that budding genealogists have been waiting for since Alex Haley published *Roots* more than 25 years ago.

Written by Burroughs, the

Prince Hall Scholarship Foundation Offers Annual Amazon Lodge #4 Awards

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(Seated l. to r.) E.C. Harrell; Rev. James Willis, past grand master, MW Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio; Homer L. Jackson, RW deputy grand lecturer, District 7 (Standing): 2009 Scholarship recipients

Amazon Lodge #4, a part of the Prince Hall family, has been serving the Toledo community for several decades, valuing service especially to young people.

The Prince Hall Scholarship Foundation, Aaron Moss, Jr. Awards Program, August 2009, for example, announced 14 Amazon #4 scholarship winners: Dana Crockett, Michael Gammo, David Gant, Luke Kwiotkowski, Regan Williams, Adam McCable – all of The University of Toledo; Joe Jablinski, Courtney Kenney, Brittany Greenwood – all of The Ohio State University; Jasmine Shells and Emerald Woodberry of Notre Dame University; Bobby Woodcock of the University of Southern California; Victoria Phifer of Howard University and Francesca Adams of Tiffin.

E.C. Harrell, scholarship chairman of Amazon Lodge #4, said that the lodge "thrives to bring help and hope to young men, young ladies and families in our community – we believe you should open your hearts to your neighbors in need."

Any high school senior interested in applying for a 2010 Prince Hall Scholarship Award should contact E.C. Harrell, scholarship chairman, Amazon Lodge #4, P.O. Box 23053, Toledo, OH 43623 for an application or phone 419-215-8327.

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The Toledo-Lucas County Public Library invites you to dive in head-first and join one of our great Summer Reading Clubs (SRC). You'll have a chance to win some very cool prizes! Ask a librarian to help get you started... **Kowabunga Dudes!!!**

This summer is the perfect time to participate in the Library's 2010 Summer Reading Clubs from **June 7 through August 7** with **Make a Splash Read!** (Preschool-Fifth Grade); **Make Waves at Your Library** (Sixth-12th Grade); and **Water Your Mind Read** (Adults). Mark your calendars now!

For younger readers, school is almost coming to a close and consistent warm weather is near, so become an SRC participant beginning June 7! You'll have fun the entire summer by joining the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library's SRC, so ask a librarian about upcoming programs to help you get started... and remember to have fun!

This year's **water** theme encourages all ages to beat

those dry summertime blues by coming to your library to cool off and read a new book and participate in your neighborhood branch library's many offerings this summer, including SRC!

Nancy Eames, Toledo-Lucas County Public Library Youth Services Coordinator, says SRC participants can "Make a Splash" through reading books - youth and adults alike can open the door to new worlds and interests.

"Summer Reading Club has something for everyone. Summer reading is all about reading for fun and everyone from children to adults can earn great prizes just for reading," said Eames.

The **2010 SRC** features the following three divisions:

δ δ Juvenile Club – Preschoolers and children entering K-5th are encouraged to read at least 15 minutes a day, and are awarded prizes after reading 1, 2, 4, 8 and 12 hours. Every child who reads 12 hours will win a Beach Ball! As children reach

the 20, 30, 40, or 50 hour and higher levels, they can enter to win system prizes provided by the Library Legacy Foundation such as **gift cards for the Toledo Mud Hens, Barnes and Noble, and Toys R Us**. (Note: Preschoolers may become SRC members by having someone read to them)

δ δ Teen Club – These middle school and high school-aged youth fill out an entry form for each book read and place it in a marked box at any branch location or at Main Library for drawings, which will be held throughout the summer. A grand prize drawing for prizes such as **movie gift cards, Cedar Point tickets, a Kindle, a Wii game system and a digital camera** will be held at the end of SRC.

δ δ Adult Club – Adults fill out an entry form for each book read and drawings will be held throughout the summer for prizes. Adults may win **book bags, Authors! Authors! tickets** and more.

Last year's SRC saw nearly

20,000 youth and adult participants! TARTA has offered free transportation to Preschool through 12th grade SRC participants. Youth members of the **2010 SRC** need only show their SRC hang tag for free transportation to and from their favorite library in Lucas County.

A special Web page for

SRC will be available the week of June 7th by logging on to toledolibrary.org. The Website's SRC section will link to SRC information, prize lists, a drawing of the week, and more.

Visit any Toledo-Lucas County Public Library location for an SRC folder or entry form and sign-up beginning

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Parents: How You Can Increase Your Kid's Success In Reading



379 children, those who experienced a print-referencing style of reading had significantly higher print knowledge scores after only 30 weeks.

"This study was conducted in classrooms with preschool teachers but has direct implications for parents," according to first author Laura Justice, PhD, CCC-SLP. "Parents can easily help their children become better readers by not only reading to them every night but by also pointing to the words as they read aloud to their child."

Justice further explains that "although reading aloud is important to children's language development, its influence mostly affects oral language skills unless adults explicitly reference the written code. Talking to children about words that, for example, begin with the letter R after reading the word radio can greatly enhance literacy development."

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Releases Study That Shows Pointing To Words During Story Time Enhances Children's Literacy Development

While it is common knowledge that reading to children helps them learn to read, a recent study suggests that by pointing to the words being read and talking about print, children's literacy development can be greatly enhanced.

The study published in

the journal *Language, Speech, and Hearing Services in Schools*, of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA), was conducted to determine the effectiveness of teachers' use of a print-referencing style during story time.

The results showed that preschool teachers can make very small adjustments in the way they read books aloud that make very large differences in children's literacy development. In a study of

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African-American Woman Storyteller Performance and Storytelling Workshop to Be Held on May 21-22

Special to the Truth

The Arts Council Lake Erie West announces a FREE and open to all Storytelling Performance will be held on Friday, May 21 at 7:00 p.m. at the Common Space on 1700 N. Reynolds Road.

A FREE How-to Storytelling Workshop will be held on Saturday, May 22 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Kent Branch Library, 3101 Collingwood Blvd., Toledo, Ohio, is free and open to mature and senior citizen African-American women to learn the art of storytelling and how to portray prominent and not-so prominent African-American Women in History. Columbus, Ohio artist, Pamela Talbert Hamilton, storyteller-actress-writer-singer will be in performance and leading the storytelling workshop with partial fund-

ing by the Ohio Arts Council. Interested workshop participants should contact Morell Fonfield or Martin Nagy at Common Space Center for Creativity at 419-531-2046 or email Martin Nagy at: martinnagy@aol.com for a workshop application.

The goal of the program is to train women of African descent to be storytelling artists and living history reenactors who may then be employed or volunteer in schools, senior centers, libraries or other venues throughout the year - not just during Black History Month.

Workshop enrollment is limited to the first 20 serious applicants who must attend the Friday performance and the six-hour workshop on Saturday, May 22 from 9am-4pm at Kent Branch Library, 3101 Collingwood Blvd., Toledo. Lunch will be provided

for participants at the workshop. This workshop will help participants to sharpen their skills in storytelling and acting through interactive drama workshops where participants will be creating a character(s), reading out loud and practicing before small groups. Participants will be assisted in creating promotional material about themselves, their characters, and outlines of the life and times of the character(s) and how they can fit into various school curriculum areas.

Arts Council Lake Erie West is a nonprofit regional arts organization providing spaces, programs and services since 1983 that build community, increase cultural participation, celebrate the arts and engage people in cultural arts experiences. Information online at: www.aclw.org.

Owens Community College Offers Spring ACT Preparation Class, May 10 - June 7

Special to The Truth

Area residents preparing to take the national ACT test are encouraged to bring a pencil, paper and a calculator to Owens Community College as the academic institution offers a program titled "Building Confidence with ACT Prep" in May and June. The class is coordinated through the College's Workforce and Community Services.

The ACT preparation class will occur Monday evenings, May 10 - June 7, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the College's Arrowhead Park Learning Center on Indian Wood Circle in Maumee.

In addition, Owens is offering the ACT preparation class on the Findlay-area Campus. The class will take place Wednesday evenings, May 12 - June 2, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Community Education and Wellness Center. Owens is located on Bright Road in Findlay.

During each of the four sessions, students will be tutored



in all five sections of the ACT test. The actual ACT is comprised of one test in each of the following areas: English, math, reading, science reasoning and writing. In addition to being tutored in these areas through one-on-one teaching, students will learn traditional testing strategies such as how to take a timed test and how to find the elusive answer to a difficult question.

In addition to offering the ACT preparation class, Owens

serves as a host site for the national ACT test. The next testing date after the ACT preparation class is in June. Prior registration through the ACT organization is required.

Limited seating is available and early registration is recommended. The deadline for registration is Wednesday, May 5. For more information, or to register for the class, call (567) 661-7357 or 1-800-GO-OWENS, Ext. 7357.

Owens Walter E. Terhune Art Gallery to Showcase Child Care Center Artwork, May 13-27

Special to The Truth

Children attending Owens Community College's Child Care Center will display their artistic qualities, creative impressions and imaginative masterpieces as part of the sixth annual Children's Art Show, May 13-27. This year's show will be held for the third time in Owens' Walter E. Terhune Art Gallery.

In addition, the College will host an opening reception for the artists on Thursday, May 13 from 4:30-6 p.m. in the Walter E. Terhune Art Gallery. Both the reception and exhibit are free and the public is encouraged to attend. The Owens Toledo-area Campus is located on Oregon Road in Perrysburg Township.

Young artists ages four months to five years old will showcase a variety of works, including multiple paintings, drawings, clay imprints, collages, paper mache insects, wire creations, sculpted vases and other modern art pieces. The art exhibit is the culmination of a year of artistic learning at the College's Child Care Center.

"The younger the child, the more simplistic the painting or piece will be," explained Owens Student Art Teacher Michelle Elton. "As the child grows and develops, he or she begins to be able to work more in depth on projects, therefore the artwork will have more details and be more intricate."

Elton added, "The annual Child Care Center art show began because we wanted to display the hard work and talents of our children. With much excitement, this will be the second consecutive year that the art show will take place in the Walter E. Terhune Art Gallery."

The Children's Art Show was inspired by the Reggio Emilia educational philosophy. The Owens Child Care instructors utilize the Reggio Emilia philosophy in their art curriculum, inviting the children's interests to guide artistic creations. Books and other literature incorporated into the art education program influenced many of the masterpieces.

The mission of Owens' Child Care Center is to provide quality child care for the children of employees, students and the surrounding communities. The program is devoted to enhancing the lives of children through developmentally appropriate curriculum, which is child centered.

Children enrolled in the Owens Child Care Center have the opportunity to interact with the College's Early Childhood Education students, which provides opportunities for more individual attention. Owens students benefit through practical hands-on lab experiences that deepen their understanding about young children.

Admission to the Walter E. Terhune Art Gallery is free and open to the public, Monday-Thursday from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. For more information about the Owens Child Care Center Children's Art Show, call (567) 661-7404 or 1-800-GO-OWENS, Ext. 7404.

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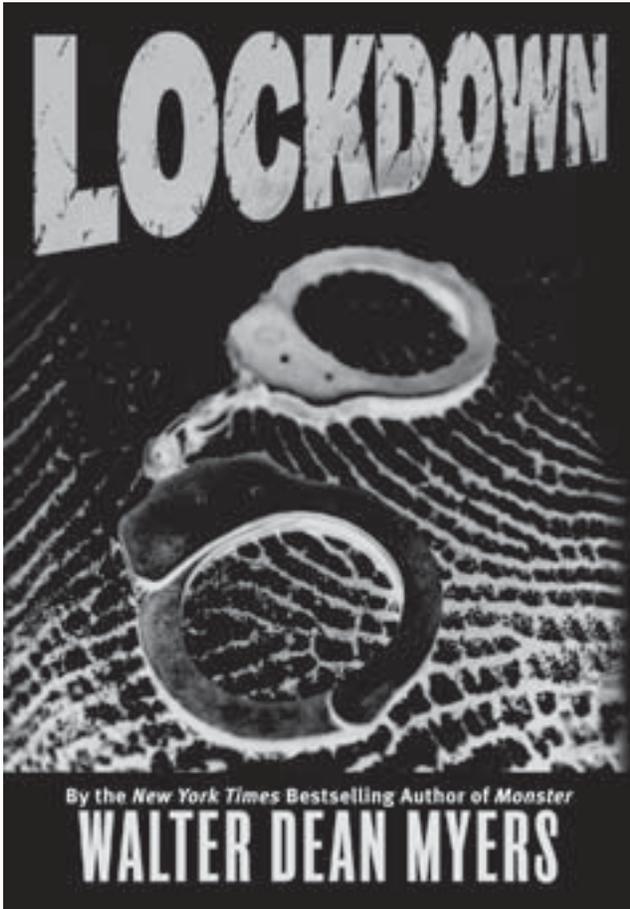
Lockdown by Walter Dean Myers

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By Terri Schlichenmeyer
The Truth Contributor



It started small, with a pack of gum or a candy bar.

When you didn't get caught, you moved to larger things: a can of soda or a game in your pocket. Most times, you didn't need whatever it was you stole but it really wasn't about the thing, anyhow. It was about getting away with it.

But, of course, you got caught. And just like everybody who's been caught stealing, you had to pay for what you did, both monetarily and with punishment. Yeah, that stinks but so does stealing.

In the new book *Lockdown* by Walter Dean Myers, a young man admits that he took something that

wasn't his. So can't somebody give him a break?

The food in Progress Juvenile Center was edible, but barely so. Fourteen-year-old Maurice "Reece" Anderson ate it, but it wasn't the same as when Icy cooked. Icy, who was just nine, tended to burn things but that was okay. Icy was Reece's sister and his heart, and whatever she did was all good.

It would be awhile, though, before Reece would taste Icy's cooking again. Two years ago, he broke into some doctor's office, stole a few prescription pads, and sold them to a drug dealer. When the dealer was caught, he squealed. Now Reece was serving two calendars and

then some.

Living in a cell was scary at first, but Reece had come to like solitude. Yeah, he was shut off from the world but the world couldn't get in, either, and he could think in his cell. Once he got out, he was going to make something of himself. He was going to save up and send Icy to college. He just needed to keep cool.

But keeping cool wasn't easy. Diego, Reece's section-mate, kept acting the fool, sucking up to some gangster, saying he was going to jump Toon into the 3-5-7 gang. But Toon was just a kid, about 12, and Reece hated to see the little dude get hurt. He stuck up for his boy even though Reece knew that fighting was a good way to stay in juvie.

Reece wanted to go home.

He missed Icy and his friends. While he knew he had a little work to do on himself, there was no way he was up for more lockdown.

Got dreams?

If you do, then you'll love reading *Lockdown* because it's the story of a teen who reaches for the future, only to

be beaten down again and again by things that only seem to be beyond his control.

Author Walter Dean Myers doesn't glorify crime in this book, nor does he pander to his fans. Instead, his characters speak like other teens and live in a world that kids can understand. I liked

this book for what it says and the way it will ring true with young readers.

Meant for 12-to-17-year-olds, *Lockdown* is also a quick and satisfying read for any adult with a kid in the house. It promotes the best kind of theft: stealing time to read.

AmeriCorps Honors United Way EITC Coordinator

Special to The Truth

This week, United Way AmeriCorps is recognizing Michael Foster in honor of National AmeriCorps Week. Michael is serving at United Way of Great Toledo as the EITC (Earned Income Tax Credit) Coordinator.

Foster manages the EITC program, a free tax preparation program that serves low-to-moderate-income families and individuals. Besides managing eight volunteer income tax assistance sites, his role includes troubleshooting technical issues, resolving tax issues, answering tax questions, managing the United Way of Greater Toledo mobile VITA site, preparing taxes, and data analysis.

According to Foster, "the most rewarding part of my job is exceeding the expectations of the people we serve."

United Way thanks Foster for his service to this community!

AmeriCorps, a national service program, provides opportunities for individuals to give back to local communities through jobs that range from tutoring and mentoring youth and running after-school programs to building affordable housing and



helping communities respond to disasters. Since 1994, more than 20,000 Ohioans have taken the AmeriCorps Pledge to "get things done" - serving more than 34 million hours in the Buckeye State! Nationally, more than 637,000 citizens have served.

United Way AmeriCorps is a program of United Way of Greater Toledo which currently coordinates 56 AmeriCorps members for a variety of organizations dedicated to serving the needs of Wood, Lucas, Ottawa, and Seneca counties. United Way AmeriCorps strengthens our communities by pro-

moting volunteerism and providing service to residents and communities through focused programs, outreach, and personal development in citizenship. The program is now recruiting for its 2010-11 service year.

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Reel Review

Iron Man 2

Robert Downey Jr, Gwyneth Paltrow, Don Cheadle

*By Michael Hayes
Minister of Culture*



All of the films based on Marvel Comics characters have a lot to live up to. They have to be as accurate as die-hard fans expect, delivering all of the consistency and detail self-admitted comic book geeks desire.

At the same time, casual action movie fans, who are still learning about the character, need the bar set low enough that the film can be easily entertaining without too many references to process.

So far, the Internet is on fire with critique.

But in films like this...the movie critic's opinion doesn't always hold much weight. It's those aforementioned comic book aficionados who write a blog as soon as they get home from the theatre on opening day to tell the world what the film lacks. Besides that, well...the box office has a thing or two to say about *Iron Man 2* as well.

As someone who never diligently read the comic book but possessed a casual knowledge of the character (and had people around who could easily explain what I didn't know), I have been looking forward to this sequel.

The first *Iron Man* was extremely satisfying with every minute living up to the hype except for the cheesy finale.

Iron Man 2 doesn't even get going good before one of a few cheesy things happen, the first being a drastic change to the cast.

No More Terrence

Howard!! The character of Colonel James Rhodes is now being played by Don Cheadle who, I admit, is a surprisingly better fit for the action sequences than I would imagine Terrence Howard to be but the chemistry between Robert Downey Jr. and his "best friend" was much more natural when it was Howard than it is with Cheadle.

Word has it that Terrence Howard asked for too much money so he had to go. But then again, how much is too much when (according to comic book lore) there is a definite future installment in the works for both characters as part of a super hero alliance known as The Avengers... I mean, I would've been inclined to ask for a little something extra too.

In the world of Tony Stark, I was interested to see what had changed.

With his super-hero identity a world-wide phenomenon (as opposed to the secret identity self imposed on less narcissistic icons), I wanted to see the spectacle he would no doubt become. And to that end, *Iron Man 2* does not disappoint. I wanted to see the new and improved JARVIS, his work area, new Iron Man suits and most of all...the weapons. I mean, I love great story elements but I really want to see some mind blowing fights and a lot of stuff blown up!

In that area, I found *Iron Man 2* lacking the KABOOM it should have.

The final battle scenes are good... but not mind blowing. The most satisfying element of this film is how adept Robert Downey Jr has become at portraying this kind of character.

I have to say "this kind of character" because there are blatant similarities between Tony Stark and Sherlock Holmes (his starring role in 2009's film of the same title). Both are attention gluttons who just so happened to be blessed with brilliantly sci-

entific minds. Both lock themselves away in labs where they obsessively fuss over details perfecting experiments and shy away from their very small circle of friends only to bask in the public notoriety they receive for their efforts at heroism. Tony Stark is only slightly more of a true hero because you do get the sense that the greater good is always on his mind. But if he can knock off a few models, put on a great show and stroke his own ego while saving the world... well, he doesn't mind that either. I was eager to see development between Stark and Pepper Potts, and although that element of *Iron Man 2* didn't quite take off it's still quite interesting and both actors fit their roles so well it remains enjoyable to watch onscreen.

So overall, the bad guys were really bad ass...but in my opinion not enough detail was given to the back story. Ivan Vanko a/k/a Whiplash (played by Mickey Rourke) was an excellent nemesis, but the whole "Stark family name has a lot of blood on it's hands" was just a flimsy support for how hard he went at destroying the hero. Both being the sons of scientist (Vanko's dad, a physicist) who once worked together was interesting. Tony Stark's life is being threatened from all angles, even by his role as Iron Man and although it's an obvious plot element directly held over from the comic books it is still compelling in film.

A lot of funny moments, a lot of really good action and more of the increasingly impressive Robert Downey Jr make *Iron Man 2* a very good film to watch. But it's not great, and since it had so much to live up to ... you really notice it.

The true grade for *Iron Man 2* is C+

Correction: Back in February a feature interview was conducted on a radio show

known as The Session 88.3fm.

Andre L. and Naki were interviewed as hosts but after the first version of the article had been turned in I

found out via email that an artist who I thought was on the show just as a featured artist was actually the show's third host: Norris Finley a/k/a Elevated Think-

ing. So I just want to recognize that The Session has three hosts. Andre L, Naki & Elevated Thinking.



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 (Project # 1130-10-650) for Building Systems 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 2, 2010. 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 \$85.00 will be charged per set. Any further information may be obtained from John Koss of Design Engineers & Consulting Associates at 419-891-0022. One Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Wednesday, May 26, 2010 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%. Project Estimate: \$1,301,000.00; Breakdown: Plumbing: \$135,000.00; HVAC: \$1,116,000.00 & Electrical: \$50,000.00.

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority (LMHA), in anticipation of receiving Capital Funds Grants from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, is soliciting QUALIFICATIONS for the following professional services to contract with LMHA on an Indefinite Quantity Contract (IQC) basis. Interested A/E firms (Including: Architects; Landscape Architects & Engineers in the Mechanical, Electrical, Structural, & Civil fields) are requested to contact Pamela Sims for the solicitation manual at the following address: Send your request to: Pamela Sims, LMHA, 201 Belmont Ave., Toledo, Ohio 43604 or Fax 419-254-3495, or by email: psims@lucasmha.org. The solicitation manual will also be available for pick up at the address listed between the hours of 9:00a.m. – 11:30 a.m. and 1:00p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Firms with LEED project experience are strongly encouraged to apply.

SOLICITATION TYPE: REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

RFQ Number: Job#210063
DESCRIPTION: Architectural and Engineering Services
ISSUE DATE: May 09th, 2010
SUBMISSION DUE DATE: May 28th, 2010 5:00p.m.

SUBMISSION TO: Michael Shea
Director of Redevelopment and Modernization
Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority
201 Belmont Ave
Toledo OH 43604

DIRECT INQUIRIES TO: Michael Shea
Director of Redevelopment and Modernization
Fax: 419-254-3495 or email: mshea@lucasmha.org
(No phone calls please)

ALL INQUIRIES MUST BE RECEIVED IN WRITING NO LATER THAN 5:00p.m. EASTERN TIME, MAY 28th, 2010.

ALL SUBMISSIONS ARE SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OUTLINED IN THIS REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS.

MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES (MBE) AND WOMEN BUSINESS ENTERPRISES (WBE) ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO RESPOND.

ALL OFFERORS SHALL BE REQUIRED TO MEET THE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION REQUIREMENTS AND EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY REQUIREMENTS AS DESCRIBED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER #11246. EACH OFFEROR MUST INSURE THAT ALL EMPLOYEES AND APPLICANTS FOR EMPLOYMENT ARE NOT DISCRIMINATED AGAINST BECAUSE OF THEIR RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, SEX, NATIONAL ORIGIN, DISABILITY, HANDICAP, AGE, OR ANCESTRY.

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NO PHONE CALLS

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Summer Reads! New Books by Favorite Authors

By Terri Schlichenmeyer
The Truth Contributor

Seven days is but a fraction of your year. Specifically, it's 1/52 of the life you'll have in 2010. It's just a week for most of us, but you call it vacation and you're already marking the time until you go on it.

And who travels without a book, huh? Hardly anybody, that's who. So why not make the best of your airport waiting, your down-time, your hammock-sitting, your beach read-

ing with a new book by your favorite author.

MAY AND BEFORE

You might not know it, but a lot of your favorite authors are ready for your vacation now. Jackie Collins already has a new book out. Same for Scott Turow, Chuck Palahniuk, and Robert B. Parker. Gail Sheehy, Dave Barry, and Jen Lancaster's

books are already in bookstores now, as are new ones by Queen Latifah, Emily Giffin, the duo of Douglas Preston & Lincoln Child, Sebastian Junger, and Kenneth C. Davis.

The kids will find a new Sandra Boynton this month and several new Brainquest activity books. There's a new bio on Steinbrenner due in May, and a new book in the *Sex in the City* saga.

Rounding out the month: a new John Sanford thriller, a new Matt Ridley novel, the latest in Jennifer Estep's series, new books by Sidney Sheldon, Sandra Browne, and Mary Monroe.

JUNE RELEASES

Summer begins with awesome books by Clive Cussler & Justin Scott, Jeffrey Deaver, and Laurell K. Hamilton. Look for a new Anne Brashares novel and a new book by green queen Sophie Uliano. Nelson DeMille and Sherrilyn Kenyon both have new novels in June, as do Catherine Coulter and Dean Koontz.

There's a new biography coming out on Ray Charles and one on Liz and Dick. Sonny Barger has a new memoir due in June. So does Pat Benatar, by the way, and you'll find a new biography about Lance Armstrong, just in time for the Tour de France.

Janet Evanovich presents fans with her latest novel. Danielle Steele, James Rollins, and Karen Slaughter have new books coming out, as do Richard North Patterson and Neil Gaiman.

JULY RELEASES

You're not done yet, are you?

No, you're not.

In July, look for new books by Nora Roberts, the duo of Iris Johansen & Roy Johansen, and ReShonda Tate Billingsly. Ayelet Waldman is coming out with a new book, as are Tess Gerritsen, Alexander McCall Smith, W. Michael Gear & Kathleen O'Neal Gear, and Mary B. Morrison. Look for a new novel by Belinda Acosta and one from MaryJanice Davidson.

I'm excited about the new Paco Underhill book due in July, Carrie Fisher has a new book coming up, and so does Alison Weir.

AUGUST RELEASES

So you're late in taking your vacation? No problem, there are still plenty of new books coming out later in the summer...

How about the latest from the ever-delightful Mary Roach? How about another Sherrilyn Kenyon? You'll find Phillippa Gregory, W.E.B. Griffin & William Butterworth, Faye Kellerman, Nancy Grace, Nevada Barr, and Ridley Pearson all with new books in August, as well as a new biography by

Roseanne Cash and two new diet and exercise books coming out.

And even if you're not on vacation, look for new books by Sandra Brown, Robin Cook, Linda Howard, Larry McMurtry, Fredrick Forsyth, Martin Cruz Smith, R.A. Salvatore, Eric Jerome Dickey, J.A. Jance, and Carl Weber.

There are lots of cookbooks being released in August (just in time for end-of-summer grilling?) and quite a few books for the kids (just in time for back-to-school).

BUT BEWARE...

These release dates, of course, are subject to change. If you head to your favorite bookstore or library, though, and you can't find what you want, don't hesitate for one second to ask the librarian or bookseller what they'd recommend. Better yet, ask them what book they've recently loved best. You can't go wrong with a recommendation like that, you know, and - trust me - people who make their livings working with books like to talk about books.

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