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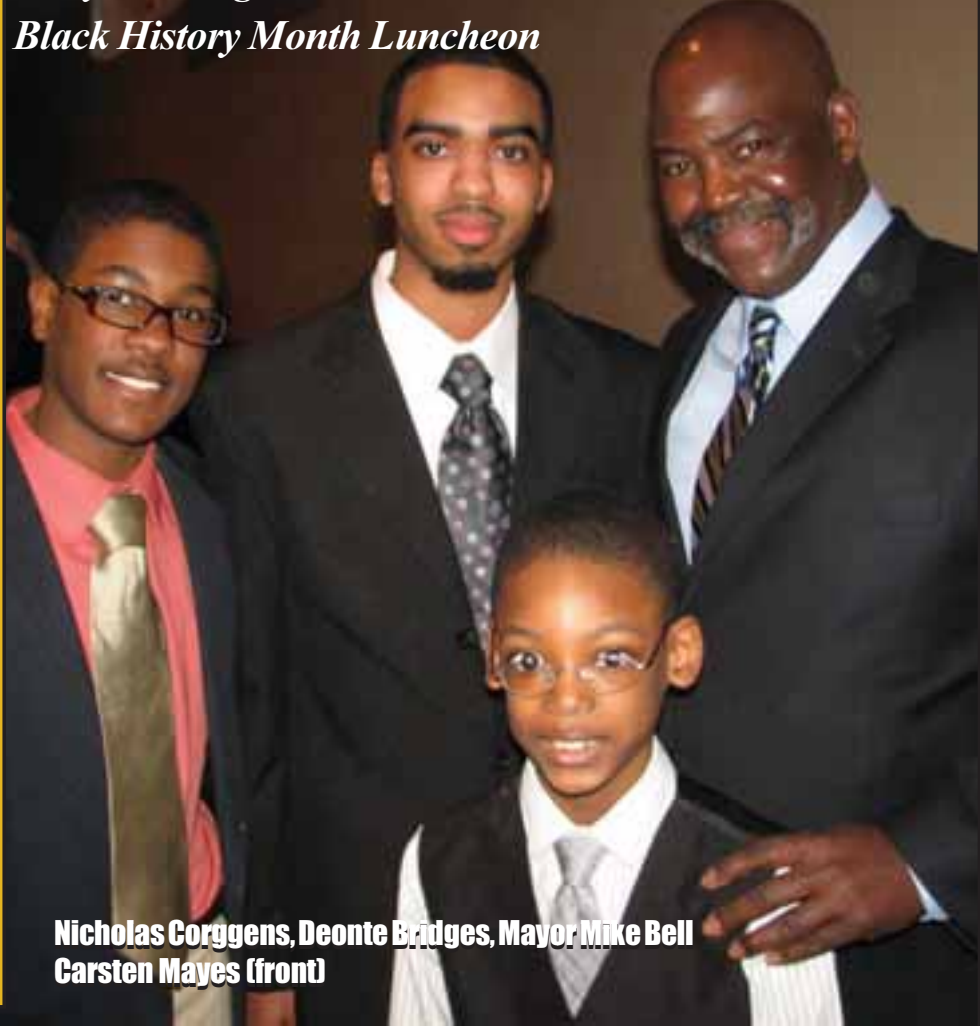
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*Perry Burroughs Democratic Women's Club Annual
Black History Month Luncheon*



**Nicholas Corggens, Deonte Bridges, Mayor Mike Bell
Carsten Mayes (front)**

"I choose to invest my time and energy into my education. Without an education, I knew I would have to settle for less, I plan to obtain my education to the highest degree. I made my 'mess' my 'message,' my 'test' my 'testimony.' Like my father has always told me – bend, but don't break." – Deonte' Bridges, University of Georgia, Class of 2014

This Strikes Us ...

A Sojourner's Truth Editorial

"Read my lips, we're going to cut spending," said Speaker of the House John Boehner last week as he pledged to get tough with the budget and eliminate a deficit that exceeds \$1 trillion.

Well, not exactly eliminate.

In fact, there are certain parts of the federal budget that Boehner and his Republican colleagues are not going to approach when it comes to trimming spending – like most of it. Eighty-eight percent is off limits.

The Republicans – actually the Republicans, the Democrats and the White House – are all squabbling over the 12 percent of the budget that consists of non-military discretionary spending. Items such as nutritional aid to pregnant women and young children.

The huge parts of the budget – entitlements (Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid) are pretty much off-limits for any serious discussion as are those line items devoted to defense spending.

So just how serious is Boehner about cutting spending? Very serious, as long as it doesn't happen too close to home. And there's the rub. How on earth does this Congress go about addressing spending issues when everyone – and we mean the American people as a whole reflected through the eyes, or lips, of their elected representatives – wants to cut all that stuff except for the stuff he or she wants.

According to recent national surveys, when asked about closing their states' budget deficits about the only thing on which a majority of those polled agreed on was the need to cut benefits for public employees. Don't cut education funding, don't cut health care, don't increase taxes, say those polled. Don't force folks to make sacrifices. Just get 'er done.

Most telling in recent days was last week's vote on a small portion of the budget for defense – a second engine for the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter. The first engine, made by Pratt & Whitney primarily in New England, has served the Pentagon so well that President Obama and our military chiefs don't want a second engine. That second engine would be made by General Electric here in Ohio, near Boehner's home district. So guess what?

Not only did Boehner not vote in favor of cutting funding for the unwanted, unnecessary engine (he abstained), he also encouraged his fellow Republicans to keep the spending in place. And here in Ohio, every Republican, even those feisty first-term, Tea Party-approved Republicans, voted to spend the money because the project favorably impacts their own constituents.

In fairness, all of Ohio's Democratic Representatives voted for the project as well.

How can anyone take politicians' at their word when they are so willing so often to merely give lip service to the task at hand. We can read Boehner's lips till he's blue in the face but, so far, all we can see is that elected officials, even the freshly elected, are more concerned with keeping their jobs during the next election cycle than keeping the promises they made during the last one.

With the new Republican majority in the House of Representatives, Ohio's own Jim Jordan has gained recognition as an avid budget cutter. The third-term congressman from our own neck of the woods in northwest Ohio is a self-proclaimed insurgent who is determined to set his party's leadership on the path of fiscal responsibility. He is chairman of the Republican Study Group which has recommended a plan to cut \$2.5 trillion from the budget over the next 10 years.

Naturally, that's \$2.5 million from non-defense discretionary spending. That's \$250 billion a year which, if passed, would cut next year's budget deficit to a figure of just over one trillion. Gutsy stuff, eh? And guess what Jordan did not vote for a week ago? That's right, he wants to keep that unnecessary, unwanted second – Ohio-made – engine in operation.

Our elected officials are just nipping around the edges of our budget crisis. They are afraid to seriously address the items that need to be addressed if the budget is to regain some semblance of fiscal order – health care costs and raising taxes in order to pay for what we want.

As to health care costs, we have to address the issue of Medicare and obtaining value for procedures authorized by the program and we have to provide a mechanism for rewarding those who provide real quality. By the way, the recently passed health care plan addresses these matters – not that the Republicans who say they want to cut government spending really care.

And we have to look at raising taxes. We have to do so fairly and not as Michigan Governor Rick Snyder is proposing. He has offered a budget that calls for raising taxes but in the cause of maintaining Republican hypocrisy, he firmly denies any desire to do so. Instead, his budget calls for ending tax credits – for pensions, for brownfield development, for the film industry, for the working poor. All but homegrown businesses and the wealthy will be paying more taxes in Michigan in the upcoming years.

Until we as Americans can put aside our own special interests and objectively address the problem at hand, we are going to be deluged by politicians who want to keep us reading their lips rather than reading the fine print of their hypocritical proposals.

Community Calendar

February 23

Ella P. Stewart Annual Wax Museum: 11 – 11:30 am or 2:30 – 3 pm; Portrayals of famous African-American women

February 25

St. Paul MBC Faith Friday Service: 7 pm; Speakers Rev. Allen Smith and Min Sherry Galloway: 419-246-2886

February 26

Happy Family Seminar: 5 pm; Parkwood SDA Church; Learn how to communicate with spouse, loved ones, friends and neighbors: 419-241-5456

February 27

Calvary Baptist Church Culinary Food Taster: 4 pm
St. Paul AME Zion Black History Month Celebration: 4 pm: 419-243-1065
GLADettes Youth Club 7th Annual Black History Extravaganza and Soul Food Buffet: 2 to 5 pm; Local 14 UAW Hall: 419-535-5960 or 419-537-9042
Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance Annual Black History Program: First Church of God; 5 pm
Southern MBC Black History Program: Black History Essay Contest for 7 to 17 years old; Dinner at 2:30 pm; UT Gospel Choir at 3:30 pm
Bethesda Christian Center Cathedral Men's Day: 11 am; Guest speaker Larry Sykes: 419-944-0984

March 4-5

Phillips Temple CME Pre-Women's Day Event: Fish and chicken wing dinners; 10 am to 5:30 pm: 419-242-7906

March 5

Rosford First Baptist 12th Annual Scholarship Program Musical: 6 pm

March 6

New Prospect Baptist Church Men's Day: 4 pm; Guest speaker Rev. Sylvester Rome of Tabernacle Baptist Church
Abundant Life Baptist Church First Pastoral Anniversary: Pastor Garland Files; Garden Lake Banquet Hall; 4 pm: 419-244-9443

March 12

West Toledo Bereavement Meeting: Bethlehem Baptist; 10 am: 567-249-7470

March 13

Historic Third Baptist: Inkster High School Concert Choir; 11 am: 419-248-4623

March 18

Zepf Center's "Serve Up an Ace" Tennis Fundraiser and Silent Auction: 7 to 11 pm; Laurel Hill Swim and Tennis Club: 419-841-7701

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Flash Point

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



I use the term slavery in a broad sense to include all members of the working class who share the condition that they were not at liberty to negotiate the terms of their labor... - David C. Korten, The Great Turning

The Money vs People War in America is a conflict as old as the nation itself. The noble aspirations reflected in the Declaration of Independence which hold that all men are created equal, endowed with certain unalienable

Rights such as Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness by their creator, and promise just powers supposedly derived from the consent of the governed, are still tardy in being realized.

After 235 years, a large majority (90 percent plus) consisting of middle class, poor and minority persons remain locked out of a system freely accessible only to the tiny few with the wealth to influence elections and who do so by controlling the opinion-making media forces and using divide and conquer politics to create and maintain gender and race divisions.

One of the most powerful weapons used to keep in check the excesses of a ruling class interested only for what America might yield in slaves, gold, and other forms of natural wealth to support their power and comfort, and provide the most effective vehicle to gain entrance into the "system" and obtain fair treatment for poor, minority and working Americans has been the people-power of

grassroots organizing and mobilization.

For this reason many believe that Ohio Senate Bill 5 is designed to further disenfranchise a rapidly eroding middle class and is in truth, a vial of union-busting poison being deceptively sold under the false label of State Budget Deficit Reducing Tonic.

The bill calls for the State to repeal public employees' collecting bargaining rights, limits prevailing wage requirements paid to building and construction trade employees or eliminates the prevailing wage altogether on public projects and, in instances, imposes required use of comp time rather than allowing overtime.

Ohio Governor John Kasich promotes the bill with the rationale that public employees are "overcompensated relative to workers in the private sector."

However, research by the Economic Policy Institute disputes the governor's assertion and indicates that the average annual wages and salaries of full-time state and

local public employees are nearly six percent less than comparable private sector workers.

Pierrette (Petee) Talley, secretary/treasurer for the Ohio AFL-CIO states, "The deficit is not the fault of public sector workers, we are paid below the private sector. My take is that the bill is an all out assault on union workers and a human rights issue."

Talley adds, "The collective bargaining legislation has worked since it was put in place in 1983 despite its opponents' assertions that the system would break down and it would be the end of the world. We have made concessions and are willing to do our fair share of sacrifice but why put the entire blame and burden on public employees? The governor and his staff should be concentrating on finding jobs rather than trying to punish and to get retribution on unions."

Indeed many economic experts raise similar arguments and are critical of what they describe as a fixation with the supply side and a failure to focus on demand and the heresy that deficits in demand can be corrected by declining wages and prices in the face of unemployment.

Economists further point to other issues as both cause and solution to the current economic straits. "What about unfreezing credit?"

Part of the problem, acknowledged by many, is the credit squeeze created by banks who currently have a zero-risk tolerance and refuse to lend despite the public's help with bailouts which restored their ability to re-capitalize and lend. Yet the banks continue to sit on those funds rather than using them to help generate enough spending to put workers and factories to productive use.

Who will ultimately prevail in the longstanding conflict between the elite capitalists, owners of the productive assets gained by privateering, slaving, cheap labor and war profiteering, and the diminishing class of people who provide the skills and labor which makes the assets productive?

In times of extreme inequality, economic uncertainty and fiscal crisis such as now confronts us, "The key is for everyone to be at the table working together to solve the complex problems we are facing," states one high-level nonunion public employee. "Austerity is the word of the

day but that can be accomplished with unions together with management, jointly negotiating a shared sacrifice. That is the better way to approach it rather than attempting to figuratively take a club to obliterate the lives of the hardworking teachers, public safety professionals, the home health care aides which take care of our sick and elderly, and all of those servants who try to do a good job servicing the public."

What if this civil and time honored "right to come together" is ultimately ungraciously mutilated or slaughtered by passage of Senate Bill 5?

With a sagacious wink, the government employee adds, "It might awaken people out of their slumber and may even galvanize opposition in the next election or even inspire the foundation for a gubernatorial recall effort."

All movements or rebellion need a spark or a camel's back-breaking straw. Will this ignite Ohio?

If so, it won't be the first time that labor or the middle class has led the way.

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Toledo Business Leader Travels with U.S State Department Sponsored Delegation to Middle East

Special to The Truth

A local business leader will travel to the Middle East next week to take part in an international business exchange program that could possibly lead to greater partnerships with his Toledo-based company and several Middle Eastern businesses. Karl A. Parker, Sr., president and CEO of Parker Enterprises will travel, with a delegation of other U.S. business leaders from February 24 to March 16, 2011. While in the Middle East, Parker and the rest of the delegation team will provide various workshops and business training on strategy, sustainability and succession management.



The program is hosted by the Great Lakes Consortium for International Training and Development (GLC) and sponsored by the U.S. State Department Bureau of Educational and Cultural

Affairs. This is the final phase of a four-part program that began in 2010. The GLC, in partnership with the University of Toledo's College of Business, hosted two delega-

tions representing 30 Middle Eastern businesses. The delegates had the opportunity to discuss business challenges with local business leaders and attend
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Perry Burroughs Brings a Rising Star to Toledo

By Torri Blanchard
Sojourner's Truth Reporter

On Feb. 19, the *Perry Burroughs Democratic Women's Club* celebrated their seventh annual Black History Brunch.

As a token of their appreciation and admiration, the distinguished club members took time to acknowledge three of the most remarkable leaders of the future. Amongst the leaders recognized were Johnathon Bush, who is a senior at Central Catholic High School and the owner of *Not Just Cookies, LLC*; Keon Pearson, who is the first African-American valedictorian of St. Francis de Sales High School in that school's more than 50 years of existence and the guest speaker, Deonte' Bridges, who was the first African-American male valedictorian in more than a decade of the historic Booker T. Washington High School in Atlanta, which is also the alma mater of none other than Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

"I'm very proud to stand here today," said Edna Brown, Ohio State Senator. "This is a very special day. This isn't just a Black History program, but a celebration of the long hours of hard work our stu-

dents put into their studies to be successful young men and women."

In addition to the headlining gentlemen, were the articulate middle and high school students from Toledo Public Schools. However, these were not just any middle and high school students; instead they were the "crème de la crème" of their class.

To show their gratitude towards the guest speaker for gracing them with his presence, each school, along with their principals, presented Bridges with a small presentation and souvenir of To-

ledo to carry with him as he embarks onto future endeavors.

"Deonte', I want you to know, that each one of this children has taken pride in who they are and this is their way of showing you that they also take pride in you," said WilliAnn Moore, mistress of ceremonies.

Once the presentations were complete, the audience sat in awe as they listened to the famous graduation speech given by Bridges in 2010, which has received national televised acknowledgement. Next, all



State of Ohio Representative Michael Ashford with students in attendance

attendees sat in anticipation as the young man who earned more than one million dollars in college scholarship offers took the stage.

As Bridges stood in front of the audience, he spoke humbly and gracefully, assuring the audience of his love for God, his parents and the troubling obstacles he'd been through, which ultimately helped shape him into

the man he is today.

"I choose to invest my time and energy into my education. Without an education, I knew I would have to settle for less, I plan to obtain my education to the highest degree," said Bridges. "I made my 'mess' my 'message,' my 'test' my 'testimony.' Likemly father has always told me - bend, but don't break."

By the conclusion of his

speech, there was one thing that was certain, a star was born!

Through all of the adversity he faced during his younger years - the death of a brother, the illness of his mother - Bridges has overcome all and is now a student and the University of Georgia majoring in finance.

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A Black History Moment

The Triple Nickels and the First All-Black Parachute Battalion

By Brittany Jones
Sojourner's Truth Reporter

It seems as though World War II brought out the best when it came to black men in warfare.

Along with the Tuskegee Airmen and the 92nd Infantry "Buffalo Soldiers" Division, another military branch highlighted black troops' useful role within combat.

The 555th Parachute Infantry Battalion or "The Triple Nickels" featured the first all-black parachute platoon, company and battalion formation. What was even more interesting and unusual at that time was that there were black commanders who were in charge of the enlisted men – usually it would be white officers over black troops.

The Advisory Committee on Negro Troop Policies first recommended the battalion in 1942. After approval, an all-black company within the 555th Parachute Infantry Battalion was established in February of 1943 when Chief of Staff General George C. Marshall decided to begin with a company.

Almost 10 months later, on December 19, 1943, the Headquarters of the Army Ground Forces authorized the activation where joining was strictly volunteer based. The original 20 of the first black test platoon consisted of 17 "Buffalo Soldiers" at Fort Huachuca, Arizona. However, it was reorganized November 25, 1944 as Company A of the 555th Parachute Infantry Battalion at Camp Mackall in North Carolina.

As a result of racist leaders and the notion that black troops were "unfit" for the battlefield, they [black soldiers] were subjected to menial jobs to support their white counterparts like hauling ammunition, driving trucks or cleaning mess halls.

This state of segregation also inhibited the unit from serving overseas during the war.

Linden King, sergeant first class of the "Triple Nickels" remembers this all too well. He was not officially a part of this division until 1947.

"Being that we did not fight overseas, mostly because there was no combat to begin with, we did jump demonstrations for cadets," King said. "It was all about pride and to show that black men are capable."

This Huntington, West Virginia native joined the service at the tender age of 14 with four other boys close to his age—they all ended up in



the same bracket.

"I ran away to join because things weren't the same after my father was drafted in 1943," he stated. "I was the oldest of three other siblings. It was just hard."

He recalls that during that time, one did not have to prove they were 18—if a boy said he was 18, there were no questions asked.

"At that time in 1945, the army was simply focused on bringing home troops that have fought in WWII and we were used to replace them," King continued. "They weren't interested in your age. If you said you were 18, then they believed you."

This method is what gave King the chance to travel overseas to Italy in 1946, but he only stayed nine months until he was deployed back to the United States.

The feeling of wanting

something more came over him after returning home. Then one day a bulletin board requesting volunteers for air training came across his path. He signed up and then shortly after, he received orders

to relocate to Fort Bragg in North Carolina—he was a member of the Triple Nickels, which was attached to the elite 82nd Airborne Division.

After about six weeks of training, the Triple Nickels

went on to demonstrate what they learned. They traveled to White Falls, New York and Tuskegee, Alabama. While in New York, the men exhibited the proper jump technique when in front of the white cadets, but in Tuskegee, the commander told the unit that instead of dropping and rolling, he wanted them to land and stay on their feet.

"He did that because he wanted the pride and dignity to be shown that black paratroopers could do these things that the white man thought we couldn't do," King recalls. "It made us proud. My chest was puffed so large."

After those two jump presentations, the battalion continued to be stationed at Fort Bragg, until deactivation in December of 1947. This was largely due to the orders in 1948 for the breakdown of all-black units for integration.

The Triple Nickels now became the 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment.

Integration was a different world for King.

"It was an odd feeling because you already had to be all black, then all of a sudden you had to be black and white," he said. "You had to deal with their personality in relevance to the blacks."

The 505th Regiment soon gave way to being fully absorbed into the 82nd Airborne Division. On August 22, 1950, the 555th Parachute Infantry Battalion was officially disbanded. Some former personnel from the 555th went on to fight in the Korean War. King was among them, but was discharged after some time.

He still resides in Toledo, Ohio and will be 80 years old this year.

Toledo Business Leader

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various training and workshops. During that visit, Parker provided a marketing and strategy workshop with Assets Toledo as well as personalized business consulting for several of the delegates.

The group of eight U.S. business leaders will spend nearly three weeks in Amman, Jordan, Abu Dhabi and

Dubai in the United Arab Emirates sharing their expertise and exploring business opportunities.

"What we're doing is important in terms of business development not only for the companies we are mentoring there, but it also creates platform for future global partnerships and business opportunities for companies in Northwest

Ohio. We are working with family-owned businesses, and having started a family business myself, I understand the joys and as well as the challenges," says Parker.

"I'm truly excited to have an opportunity to share my experience and expertise in strategy and sustainability. A strong strategy followed by

skillful execution is paramount to success. Sustainability must be a part of that strategy and our mentees are poised to implement this new business model." Parker adds.

Parker will write a blog of his experiences in the Middle East, which can be found at www.kps-blog.com.



Letters from the Heart

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Toledo Jack and Jill Holds Second "Jean Jam" Cabaret

By Brittany Jones
Sojourner's Truth Reporter

They uncovered so much success last year that they had to put it on again.

The Toledo Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. hosted their second annual "Jean Jam II" on Friday night,

February 18, at St. Clement's Hall.

The cabaret completely sold out again this year.

With the members dressed in jeans and black shirts that displayed "Jack and Jill" be-

dazzled in silver studs, the guests were welcomed with food, music, picture taking and a party atmosphere.

The purpose of this festivity is to raise funds to support the Jack and Jill of

America Foundation, which is a humanitarian branch of Jack and Jill of America, Inc.

Bonita Johnson was the chairman for the Jean Jam II. She said that she was excited that the event sold out again

this year and hopes to keep it going for years to come.

The foundation's purpose is to cultivate and provide financing to those organizations that "promote the excellent preparation of succeeding generations of children as leaders, in all walks of life, so that they may attain their fullest potential as individuals, enjoy rewarding and

fulfilling lives, and contribute to world peace, progress, and prosperity."

The Toledo Chapter of Jack and Jill have contributed 59 years of service to the community. Jack and Jill of America, Inc. is the oldest and largest African-American family organization in America with a membership of over 9,500 families.



Bonita Johnson, chairman Katrina Barry, chapter president Kimberly Highsmith, co-chairman

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Owens Walter E. Terhune Art Gallery Presents

“Vaughn Bell: Transported Landscapes” Exhibit, Feb. 18 – March 29

Special to The Truth

Owens Community College invites area residents to experience the interconnectedness between art and the environment as internationally-known environmental artist Vaughn Bell presents an installation within the Walter E. Terhune Art Gallery that heightens awareness about how agriculture transforms the local landscape in an exhibit titled “Transported Landscapes,” Feb. 18 - March 29. The Walter E. Terhune Art Gallery is located in Owens’ Center for Fine and Performing Arts on the Toledo-area Campus in Perrysburg Township.

In addition, Owens will serve as host to a reception and lecture with Bell at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 17. Both the reception and lecture, which are free and open to the public, will take place in the Center for Fine and Performing Arts Studio Theatre Room 111.

“Internationally recognized environmental artist Vaughn Bell has created an installation in the Walter E. Terhune Art Gallery that relates Owens Community College to the larger landscape,” said Wynn Perry, Owens’ part-time coordinator of the Walter E. Terhune Art Gallery. “The installation uses seeds of local crops that are significant to Ohio and the global economy. Bell’s exhibition at Owens maps transportation routes and allows



viewers to reflect on the way large-scale agriculture transforms the local landscape.”

Bell is known worldwide for her creation of interactive projects and immersive environments that deal with how society relates to the environment. She has exhibited her sculpture, installation, performance, video and public projects internationally, including commissions for the Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art and the Edith Russ Site for New Media Art in Odenburg, Germany.

The Seattle resident has been featured in such publications as “ARTnews,” “Afterimage” and the “Ar-

cade Journal,” among others. Bell holds a master’s degree from the Studio for Interrelated Media at Massachusetts College of Art and a bachelor’s degree from Brown University.

Both soybean and corn seed, which are incorporated into the exhibit, have been donated by the Bowling Green store location of Mid-Wood Inc., an agricultural grain and supply cooperative that is owned and controlled by the members it serves. During the spring season, an expanded version of “Transported Land-

scapes” will be unveiled in the courtyard adjacent to the Center for Fine and Performing Arts.

Admission to the Walter E. Terhune Art Gallery is free and open to the public from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays; from 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, and from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Saturdays. For additional information about the exhibit, contact the Center for Fine and Performing Arts at 1-800-GO-OWENS, Ext. 2721 or (567)661-2721.

Title Christopher Paul Curtis? book *Bud, Not Buddy* comes alive @ Your Library! New Works Writers Series

Special to The Truth

The Toledo-Lucas County Public Library is proud to partner with Imelda Hunt’s, Ph.D., **New Works Writers Series** for a theatrical reading of the adventurous book *Bud, Not Buddy* by author Christopher Paul Curtis. Cast includes Curtice Smith, Latoya Williams, Kenneth Taylor, Tonya Steward, Minya Bell, Richie Brown, and Tisha Carroll.

The book/theatrical presentation is set in Flint and Grand Rapids, Michigan and tells the story of 10-year-old orphaned Buddy, who searches for his band-leader father and finds his way home.

The presentation is scheduled as part of the Library’s Celebration of Black History in February:

Monday, February 28 – Mott Branch Library from 6:30-8 p.m. (419.259.5230)

Hunt’s New Works Writers Series is also scheduled to present *Bud, Not Buddy* during **National Library Week** in April:

Tuesday, April 12 – Reynolds Corners Branch Library at 7 p.m. (419.259.5320)

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AKA's Celebrate Founders' Day

By Brittany Jones
Sojourner's Truth Reporter



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The guest speaker was Charlene Truitt-Nelson, Great Lakes Regional Director, who encouraged and inspired members to remember that service is the order of the day.

Each year the sorority honors three organi-

Josh Project founder Wanda Butts and Nirvana Now founder Cheryl Norwood.

Clara Petty, president of the local chapter, said that she was pleased at the turnout and the organizations that were selected by the committee were well deserving.

Zeta Alpha Omega



The downtown Toledo Club was full of women there to observe an organization

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In a room decorated in the representative colors of pink and green, Alpha Kappa Alpha So-



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Back: Clara Petty, president, and Caroline Lewis, event chairman

rority, Inc. Zeta Alpha Omega, Alpha Lambda and Iota Iota Chapters gathered for their Founders' Day Celebration. Well over 100 members were in attendance.

This year's theme was “Global Leadership

zations that are making a difference and impact in the Toledo Community.

The honorees for community service awards went to Light-house Community Center, Director George Sherife-Keklah, The

Chapter was chartered in Toledo, Ohio on April 25, 1952. The membership represented a diverse field of professional women. This chapter has been recognized on the regional and international levels for its service to the Toledo community.

This year's chairman was Carolyn Lewis and Pamela Green-Jones served as co-chairman.



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Arts Commission of Greater Toledo Announces Performing and Literary Artist Surveys

The Arts Commission of Greater Toledo (ACGT) is pleased to announce the release of a new survey designed to identify members of the Toledo-area's performing and literary arts communities and their needs. This survey is the first step in ACGT's increase in outreach to these artists. The surveys will aid in informing program policy so that ACGT may better serve these members of our creative community.

The surveys were compiled by ACGT's Performing & Literary Arts Coordinator, Ryan A. Bunch. The position is a new addition to ACGT's staff, intended to increase program services to this under-represented facet of Toledo's creative sector. The position is made possible through a generous grant from the Toledo Community Foundation.

"As we look to expand our current programs to better-serve Toledo area performers and writers, we need



to identifying who the members of this community are and what they want and/or need. These surveys are the first step in doing so," says Bunch.

Following the survey results, ACGT intends also to gather data from local arts organizations, and to host a series of "Meet & Greets" with various sectors of the local performing and literary artist communities.

Surveys should take less than five minutes for most artists to complete, can be taken anonymously and cover information such as basic demographics, artistic medium, skill level, and topical areas of interest.

The surveys are open to

be completed by any performing or literary artists (musicians, dancers, writers, actors, etc.) within ACGT's service area, which includes Allen, Defiance, Fulton, Hancock, Henry, Lucas, Ottawa, Paulding, Putnam, Sandusky, Seneca, Van Wert, Williams, Wood, and Wyandot counties in Ohio, and Lenawee and Monroe counties in Michigan. Surveys should be completed on or before Monday, February 28, 2011.

The community may locate and take the survey at: www.surveymonkey.com/s/acgt-plartists

The Arts Commission of Greater Toledo is the

longest standing arts commission in the state of Ohio that develops and

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They are thrilled with the results! Jack has lost 54 pounds in 90 days! Cynthia has changed two dress sizes and no longer munches granola bars and diet soda to get through the day. Now that they have achieved success without stress, they want to invite YOU to join them on the Body By Vi Challenge, too!

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Book Review

Bob Marley and the Golden Age of Reggae 1975-1976: The Photographs of Kim Gottlieb-Walker with commentary by Cameron Crowe, Roger Steffens & Jeff Walker

c.2010, Titan Books

\$29.95 / \$37.00 Canada

160 pages

By Terri Schlichenmeyer
The Truth Contributor

You've had enough of winter.

You and a few million neighbors are sick of snow, ice, cold, and more snow. No doubt you could use a hint of summer or, at the very least, a whiff of the tropics to get you through until warm weather.

So here's the antidote to antifreeze: *Bob Marley and the Golden Age of Reggae 1975-1976: The Photographs of Kim Gottlieb-Walker*. This book, which includes commentary by Cameron Crowe, Roger Steffens & Jeff Walker, drops the feel of summer right into your lap.

Back in the early 1970s, Kim Gottlieb was an up-and-coming photographer just starting to make a name for herself when she met Jeff Walker, a music writer working for sev-

eral California magazines.

Two years later, they were married and Walker was working as a publicist for Island Records. For months, he'd told his friends about a new kind of music coming out of Jamaica, and it was "the future". Walker had traveled to the island and spent time with the men behind ska, reggae, and dub, and he took Kim with him to capture publicity stills.

The pictures she took then, portraits of Bob Marley, Peter Tosh, Bunny Wailer and other musicians are in this book. Some of them have gone unseen for over 30 years.

Though there is some narrative here, the pictures truly are worth a thousand words. Gottlieb-Walker, says Roger Steffens, has a "keen eye." Jeff Walker is en-

thusiastic about her ability to capture "one magical moment after another..." Gottlieb-Walker could put musicians at ease almost instantly, and they trusted her.

These pictures underscore that talent.

Peter Tosh had "the most militant reputation," and Gottlieb-Walker allows him that. But page through this book and you'll see a sweet, contemplative, almost gentle side of the outspoken singer.

It was said that Bunny Wailer was an Obeah Man with "powers." The story goes that interviewers were instructed to "call him" – though Wailer had no phone – so they literally went outside and called to him. The next day, he arrived, ready for an interview. Gottlieb-

Walker captured shots of the reclusive and reserved Wailer, who was raised as Bob Marley's brother.

And then there are the photos of Bob Marley him-

self: laughing with friends, somber in a magazine pose, singing with his band, dancing onstage, having fun. There are photos of Marley playing with a gi-

ant pile of ganja; and shots of him reading, contemplative, in his home.

Even if you don't read any of the words in *Bob Marley and the Golden Age of Reggae 1975-1976* you'll still want to page through this album. That's because the narrative isn't the focus of author and photographer Kim Gottlieb-Walker's book.

The pictures of Marley and his contemporaries are, and they're very memorable.

Bob Marley and the Golden Age of Reggae 1975-1976 isn't a book for everybody, and if you're offended by drugs, you'll definitely want to pass. But if you love reggae or want a feel for the Islands during this long winter, this book is pretty cool.



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Rare Purls: Knitting Images from the Victorian Age through World War II exhibit – Final Two Talks

Special to The Truth

Join retired *Blade* newspaper editor **Eileen Foley**, an avid knitter, for two final FREE talks on the Main Library exhibit, **Rare Purls: Images of Knitting from the Victorian Age through World War II**.

Foley's private collection of knitting images easily numbers into the hundreds and contains many formats and topics, some of which are covered in **Rare Purls**, on view now through the end of February in the *Blade* Rare Book Room at Main Library, 325 Michigan St. The special exhibit is located in the Local History and Genealogy department on the third floor, where Foley's final two talks will take place.

Scheduled talks:

· **Saturday, February 26** – 2 p.m. in the Local History department at Main.

· **Monday, February 28** – 8 p.m. in the Local History department at Main.

Included in the exhibit of 85 images are pictures of men knitting, topics such as the relationship between knitting and war, and knitting with pets among others.

The exhibit debuted last December by **The Antiquarian Society of the Library Legacy Foundation**, whose members help support and foster rare additions to the Library collection.

Foley, a native of Maine, moved to Toledo in 1989 to

take the position of City Editor for the *Toledo Blade*. She began her journalism career in the 1960s at the *Detroit Free Press*. Foley is a graduate of Brandeis University and The University of Michigan. When Foley started collecting knitting images 10 years ago, she started with 19th Century images then moved toward 20th Century and World War I and II images.

The exhibit, Rare Purls, featuring the private collection of Eileen Foley is generously supported by The Antiquarian Society of the Library Legacy Foundation

Attention Business Owners: Old Equipment is Goldmine

Special to The Truth

Does your business have a cluttered storage room full of unused or dated items? What if you could take those decommissioned items and turn them into cash? Carol Kamm, Online Resale Specialist with Encore Asset Recovery, a full-service business specializing in residual asset value recovery, is an expert in finding an object's maximum residual value – transforming your unused goods to money in your company's pocket.

1 – Reselling to Recycling

"A piece of business equipment will never be worth more than it is at the moment you unplug it," says Kamm. "When businesses go through upgrade cycles, the replaced units generally go right to the storage room. Rather than letting the items age and lose value in the closet, why not sell them to help fund the upgrade? In addition to making money off the old equipment, you regain usable space."

"Working with Encore to sell used technology equipment is a seamless process and has helped us to easily get value from items we would otherwise store indefinitely. Not only do they have knowledge of the used technology market, they will research more obscure items to help determine the best way to sell them, and come to pick up the items from our location when it comes time to sell them," says Jeff Hagley, System Administrator at a national organization based in Ann Arbor.

2 – Contact Help

"One of the reasons businesses don't take advantage of the monetary value of old items is that it requires extra time and effort. Our specialists here at Encore Asset Recovery take care of all that for you," continues Kamm. "We will transport the items to our location and store them until the sale is completed. Our trained staff is able to analyze and research the best way to sell any item. Additionally, we can take each object and determine the value by comparing it to recently completed sales. With a worldwide online market, consignment sales to other businesses, refurbishers, or individuals are made easier. While your business may be ready to trash outdated items or equipment, businesses around the world that can't afford the latest and greatest may be looking for just that type of equipment."

"Encore has been very instrumental in the liquidation of the remaining equipment [from Pfizer]. Their ability to research and effectively price the items has ensured a high rate of success. I can firmly say I would not have been able to accomplish half of what Encore has done; their market knowledge for online auctions is unparalleled and I must commend the team on their professionalism and courtesy," says Shamar Herron of Ann Arbor Spark.

3 – What sells?

"Some of the most popular items in business to business sales today include telephone systems, restaurant equipment, medical and laboratory devices, IT equipment, and anything under the technical banner," says Kamm. "One of our clients turned their old engineering equipment into a return of six figures. Just imagine how much idle money might be accumulating in your business' storage room today."

About Encore Asset Recovery and Carol Kamm: Encore Asset Recovery, LLC helps businesses and individuals find new homes for business equipment, antiques & collectibles, electronics (iPods, cameras, computers, etc.), high-end housewares, jewelry and watches, entertainment memorabilia, musical instruments, event tickets, and much more. Based in Ann Arbor, Michigan, Encore serves all of Lower Michigan and northern Ohio. Encore's offices and retail location (Encore Online Resale) are located at 1958 S. Industrial Highway, in the Colonial Lanes Plaza in Ann Arbor, MI, and can be reached at 734.761.6187 or info@encoreassetrecovery.com. Carol Kamm, an eBay Education Consultant, speaks and consults regularly on eBay and the online resale market.



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Black Leadership: Who, What, When and Why?

By Michael Hayes
Minister of Culture



I always try to end each Black History Month with a piece about what we as African Americans need to do to move forward.

Do we need a leader? Malcolm & Martin died before my time but the psychological impact of losing them seems to create a vacuum where our people perpetually feel like a flock with no shepherd. Now since I just used the words "flock" and "shepherd" I'm sure many of you just thought to yourselves "Well, Jesus Christ is my leader anyway".

Which is fine and good, but with black people's religious beliefs ranging from Islam to Black Israelite to those who operate spiritually instead of religiously... uniting under one or another religious banner may mean more division than actual unity.

It took a Christian and a Muslim and a few radicals to lead us before.

Although we've had Rev Jesse Jackson and Minister Louis Farrakhan since, we haven't thrown our full support behind them in overwhelming numbers so that's further proof that leaders tied to a religion may not ever unite

us again.

So who? Who do we as African Americans listen to when it's time to move our people forward?

Bill Cosby? Oprah? Jay Z? Spike Lee? Tavis Smiley?

Dr. Cornel West? Congressman John Conyers? Kwesi Mfume?

Who do you listen to when black issues are brought up?

Who calls you to action?

Who gets you motivated when a Jena 6 occurs, or explains the liberation of Egypt to you?

I'll tell you who:

Tom Joyner, Michael Baisden, and one or two or the people listed above.

We could've been listening Sistah Soulja all this time, but we haven't.

We could've been following brother Fred Hampton Jr, all this time but we haven't.

Entertainment captures the hearts and minds of people, particularly black people.

So who do we listen to most of all? Those most closely tied to our constant appetite to be entertained.

This is why Muhammad Ali was able to build consciousness around black identity and how our ideals do not mirror the ideals of this country and have that message go farther and quicker than many civil rights leaders... because he was at the peak of entertainment fame as a sports figure.

So why haven't our le-

aders of millionaire athletes taken a stand on black issues since?

Because the lucrative aspect of entertainment, and our incessant need for entertainment actually makes it more appealing to just shut up and get money.

Why rock the boat? "But we need a leader, we need a leader" some of you say.

President Barack Obama is too busy fixing American problems to just focus on black problems and that's fine. We elected him to address issues much larger than our own specific reality.

Look at that, "issues much larger than our own..."

Before we can have black leadership we need to decide if we even agree on the issues we want addressed.

We need a consensus. Which is particularly hard for us to do since it would involve us agreeing with one another.

COMMON ENEMY

When we banded together on plantations to revolt and forcibly take our freedom, we were responding to a clear and present enemy: the horrific reality of slavery and captivity.

When we banded together in the churches, mosques and neighborhoods to stare down racists in order to get fair treatment we were responding to a clear and present enemy: the overt racism and injustice of our day to day lives.

In one sense a common enemy is a tool of propaganda and manipulation.

Make Americans hate the Middle East for no reason, Americans will now support two pointless wars and the murder of people who have never attacked us.

However, having a common enemy can also be a psychological catalyst.

Many objectives can be achieved through people working together in response to a threat that feels real to all of them on some basic level.

But what threatens black people today?

Do we discuss racism or oppression as immediate concerns of our daily life?

Do we have such a pressing need for equality that we can band together to go after it?

Really.. when is the last time you sat around with other black people and everyone connected through a shared enemy or challenge?

The world has changed to a point that even black people don't want to see black vs. white anymore.

We tolerate the police brutality, the slanted op-

portunities and sideways remarks.

We tolerate them killing off the middle class which affects us directly because we still are on such a loose footing.

We are so scared of NOT being seen as self sufficient, the last thing on earth many of us want to do is get caught "blaming the white man."

We are so focused on our own personal acquisitions of possessions and status that we don't identify with oppression and hardship that was purposely placed on our doorstep.

It's like we just tackle the hurdles, we don't address or question their existence.

Without a common bond a leader wouldn't have much to work with even if one did emerge.

We know we want money. We know we want things.

Those of us who are more progressive know we want advancement and a restored sense of community.

But we fear each other more than we fear our oppressors.

We can't even wrap our minds around the new era slavery of the prison system because so many

of us think we are better than those of us who land in jail.

We stood by as White America turned its hatred and persecution to a new target by detaining Arabs after 9/11 and instead of identifying with their hardship or even dedicating ourselves to exposing the truth behind who really demolished those towers and why... we just kept our mind on our grind.

When I saw the footage of those people in Egypt mobilized to overthrow a government that had abused them for too long, I was envious.

Why can't that be us? We don't need a leader, we need a memory.

We need to remind ourselves of how bad we were treated, before we find ourselves right back on some "We Shall Overcome... someday" ish.

The next time you find yourself around a room full of black people I ask you to simply pay attention to where the conversation leads.

And, also, where it doesn't.

Until next week, everyone..

Local Retailers Warehouse Sale to Benefit Toledo Children's Hospital

Local boutiques from the Toledo area will gather on Saturday, February 26, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., for the Third Annual "Cheap and Chic for Charity" event located at the Davis Building in the heart of downtown.

The shops will sell winter merchandise, discounted up to 80 percent off. Guests will be charged a \$5 admission fee and have the option to buy raffle tickets. The Toledo Children's Hospital Foundation will receive all proceeds from the entry fee and raffle ticket sales.

Participating retailers include: Lady C, Bella Brie, Vivian Kate, Scoots, MEIG, Harold Jaffe Jewelers, Loft and Home Essentials, Schramm's Flowers, Ragazza, V Couture, Sophie's Sister, Sophia Lustig and Jan Pugh Pottery

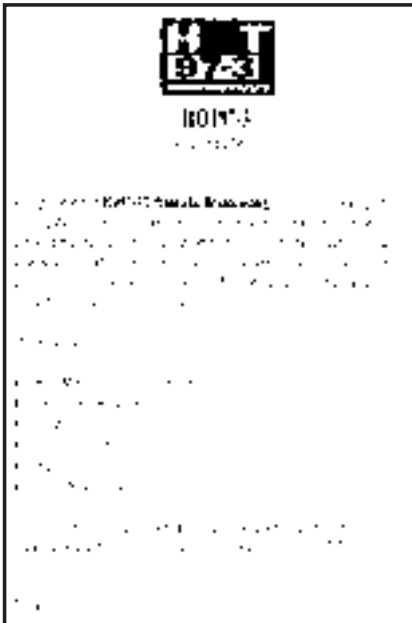
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State of Ohio Ohio School Facilities Commission NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Bids will be received by the Toledo Public School District (the "District or TPS"), at the School Board Office, Treasurers Room 3, 420 E. Manhattan Blvd., Toledo, Ohio 43608 for the former Ottawa River Elementary School Pre-Demolition Asbestos/HazMat Abatement Project in accordance with the Drawings and Specifications prepared by:

TTL Associates, Inc.
1915 N. 12th Street
Toledo, Ohio 43604
Phone No. 419-324-2222
Fax No. 419-321-6252

The Construction Manager for the Project is:

Lathrop/Gant/Barton Malow, LLC
701 Jefferson, Suite 302
Toledo, Ohio 43604
Phone No. 419-776-5600
Fax No. 877-281-0784

Any Proposed Equal for a Standard shall be submitted to the Consultant, no later than ten (10) days prior to the bid opening. If no Addendum is issued accepting the Proposed Equal, the Proposed Equal shall be considered rejected.

Sealed bids will be received for:	Estimates
Bid Item No. 1: Asbestos/HazMat Abatement of Ottawa River Elementary School	\$98,500.00

Abatement Dates: April 5 through April 29, 2011 until **Friday, March 11, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. (as determined by Stratum clocking (cell phone time))** and will be opened publicly and read immediately thereafter.

The pre-bid meeting will be held on **Friday, March 4, 2011, at 1:00 p.m.** at Ottawa River Elementary School located at 4801 290th Street in Toledo, Ohio. **ATTENDANCE AT THE PRE-BID MEETINGS IS MANDATORY FOR ALL CONTRACTORS INTENDING ON SUBMITTING A BID.**

Bidders will be required to comply with the Toledo Public School District's Community Inclusion Plan.

Contract Documents can be obtained from **Toledo Blue Print, 6964 Mc Nerney Street, Northwood, Ohio 43619, phone: (419) 661-9841** for the cost of the printing, to be paid to the printing company at the time the drawings are picked up. CD-Rom copies of the bid drawings are also available from **Toledo Blue Print** for no cost with the purchase of the specification books.

The Contract Documents may be reviewed for bidding purposes without charge during business hours at the following locations:

Maumee F.W. Dodge Plan Room
3521 Briarfield Blvd., Suite D
Maumee, OH 43537
PH: 419-861-1300
FX: 419-861-1325

The Plan Room
3135 South State St., Suite 210
Ann Arbor, MI 48108
PH: 734-662-2570
FX: 734-662-1695

University of Toledo - Capacity Bldg
Toledo, Ohio 43606
PH: 419-530-3120
FX: 419-530-3242

Builders Exchange
5555 Airport Hwy, Suite 140
Toledo, OH 43615
PH: 216-661-8300

Northwest Ohio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
303 Morris St.
Toledo, Ohio 43602
PH: 419-351-1521

E.O.P.A. - Hamilton Building
505 Hamilton St.
Toledo, Ohio 43602
PH: 419-242-7304

Columbus F.W. Dodge Plan Room
1175 Dublin Rd.
Dublin, OH 43215-1073
PH: 614-486-6575
FX: 614-486-0544

Construction Association of Michigan
43636 Woodward Ave.
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302
PH: 248-972-1014
FX: 248-972-1136

Ohio Construction News
7261 Engle Rd., Suite 204
Cleveland, Ohio 44130
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Notice to Bidders: Inquiry # FY11-076, (Project # 0106-10-680) for Nitschke Technology Commercialization Complex Upfits 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, March 9, 2011. 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 \$75.00 will be charged per set. Any further information may be obtained from Tom Stuckey of Poggemeyer Design Group, Inc. at 419-352-7537. One Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Wednesday, March 2, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in 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: \$145,760.00; Breakdown: General Const: \$75,446.00; Fire Protection: \$11,387.00; HVAC: \$19,591.00 & Electrical: \$39,336.00.

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Request for Qualifications

Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to Pre-Qualify General Trades (Concrete, Masonry, Carpentry, Glass and Glazing, Roofing, Misc. Steel, Millwork, Accessories), Doors/Frame/Hardware, Drywall/Studs/Acoustical, Flooring, Painting, Plumbing, Fire Suppression, Mechanical, and Electrical Contractors, Project #0104-10-656 for The University of Toledo Center for Biosphere Restoration Research - Bowman-Oddy Laboratories and Wolfe Hall Renovations project on the Main Campus.

Total Construction Budget for project: \$5,878,000.00, of which \$1,500,000 is for Wolfe Hall and \$4,378,000 is for the Bowman-Oddy Laboratories. This project is a State of Ohio Construction Reform Demonstration Project and will use the "Construction Manager at Risk" project delivery format with a guaranteed maximum price (GMP). Contracts will be awarded by the Construction Manager at Risk to the pre-qualified bidder that represents the best value to the project, as selected by the Construction Manager and approved by the owner.

The construction services required are described in the RFQ. Please submit all responses to the RFQ to The Lathrop Company, 460 W. Dussel Dr., Maumee, Ohio 43537 by DATE: Wednesday, March 2, 2011, TIME: 4:30 p.m. All questions and inquiries and requests for copy of the RFQ can be emailed directly to gkayne@tcco.com at The Lathrop Company. Please reference Project #01104-10-656 on the outside of envelope and include Six (6) copies of your response.

Dueling Piano's to Support Local Lupus Foundation

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The Lupus Foundation of America, NW Ohio & Michigan Chapter, Inc. is currently selling tickets for their annual spring fundraiser. This year's event will highlight the Main Street Dueling Pianos Show based out of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

This musical team performs

an all-request show with a healthy dose of interactive comedy which promises for an exciting evening. Your ticket provides an all-inclusive evening with dinner, drinks (including beer), a live entertainment performance from the Main Street Dueling Piano's along with a

silent auction featuring some great items. Tickets are \$55 each. Private tables with seating for six are available for \$500.

This special event will be held beginning at 6 p.m. on Saturday, March 5, 2010 at The Brugeman Lodge at Riverbend in Findlay, Ohio and is set to help raise funds to help pa-

tients and families whose lives are affected by the autoimmune disease, Lupus. The mission of the Lupus Foundation of America, Michigan & NW Ohio Chapter is to offer support and services to all those whose lives are affected by Lupus.

If interested in purchasing tickets please call the office at

419.423.9313 or they may also be purchased at www.lupusnwoh.org. The last day to purchase tickets is Wednesday, March 2, 2011.

The Lupus Foundation, NW Ohio & Michigan Chapter is located at the Family Center on N. Blanchard Street in Findlay, OH.

WAITE HIGH SCHOOL RENOVATIONS
Pre-Bid and Community Inclusion Meeting

This \$18,000,000 renovation provides opportunities in:

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- Site Work
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Contractors and suppliers of all sizes and backgrounds are encouraged to be present. Come prepared to network with other construction professionals.

For additional information contact:

Dan Brianas 419-410-0858 Erik Johnson 419-466-0337

February 28, 2011
9:30 a.m.

Waite High School
 301 Morrison Drive
 Toledo, OH 43605

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Once Again the Minorities Lose ...

... while majority contractors get 95 percent of state and federal contracts awarded for sewer improvement but have to accept the same monthly rate increases as they do while receiving only three to five percent of the work that it involves for these improvements hardly seems fair.

This city administration seems not to understand that in order to pay this higher rate of service, minority contractors need to have a larger share of these contracts awarded to them not because of ethnicity but because we all have to be able to work as a whole to be able to afford these increases that are placed on every family.

Now comes privatization of garbage collection. If only we had \$7 million to buy the city's fleet of trucks to do the job. We can only dream.

We are sure who will get these contracts with limited minority inclusion, if any, but will also pay the same monthly collection amount.

At this time, we are sealing our own fate to not succeed in what we all would like to believe is fair dispersion of funds not only to the majority but also the minority who have the hardest time paying for current services.

Educated people will continue to leave our city not because of the lack of jobs but because of the injustice that we have learned to recognize as the road to nowhere.

Perhaps a percentage of income plan would allow for a fairer solution to seniors and people with less income.

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