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**It's Not Us ... It's Them!**

By Lafe Tolliver, Esq  
Guest Column



ran that news clip).

Secondly, where is the connect between kids cutting up in public and the lack of job opportunities?

I cannot recall the number of times when I was growing up that, when I was not working, I had the impulse to start a mini-riot when a job was not offered. Get real!

I am not going to sink to that level of thinking that when the dollar flies out, civil unrest is the norm to be expected. Every time some hot-headed kid wants to show how tough he or she is, that should not mean that the kid is mad because he is not working in one of the skill trades.

I daresay that there are not being kept in reserve a number of plumbing, electrical or carpentry jobs that, when civil unrest flares up, those jobs are made available to battling high school teens.

I do not see local labor unions anxiously watching the six o'clock news for a basketball flare up and then...BAMM!! they are doling out good-paying jobs to put a lid on any future riffs.

Theoretical and hypothetical arguments about the causes of youth employment and violence can still be reduced to a lack of education and the fixing of one's inner moral compass.

Being black and poor does not axiomatically equate violence or mayhem. One can come from the "best of homes" and wind up a serial killer...white or black. One can come from an impoverished home and still succeed despite the negative odds. Dr. Ben Carson anyone?

Kids will be kids, stupid or otherwise, and the media will hype up the

drama for ratings and for their own peculiar agenda.

For some media outlets, the showing of violence hypes up viewership and flares up stereotypes.

Don't like it. Complain to the media bosses and boycott their sponsors and complain to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The media outlets that played and replayed that scenario were loathsome in regards to their behavior.

The ol' days of minorities storming corporate offices with nostrils flaring and eyes bulging and white corporate fat cats hunkering down with guilt-ridden consciences and writing out fat checks for "social" programs that promise a fix are history.

You want results? You want to start to get a grip on chronic juvenile truancy and low educational standards that result in chronic juvenile unemployment? Look to ourselves.

I have said it before and will say it again: Black America, there will be no White Knight riding in from Washington D.C., or Columbus, Ohio or Ottawa Hills or Perrysburg to save us. They have their own problems so why would they spend a nickel trying to stop black kids from acting like fools at a high school basketball game?

If black Toledoans are looking to City Hall or to the remaining downtown corporations to throw a pity party and start handing out checks to anyone who can paste together a grant from an Internet template...good luck! That will happen when Kim Kardashian dates a white man.

As stated before, the onus of solving the problem of black-on-black crime and

teenage pregnancy and low educational skills is with black folks and how we command and use our ever-present resources.

What is that I hear? You wonder where the money will come from to fund programs for ourselves?

Silly ninny! That money has been there the whole time. It is just the resolve to tap into it and to do the right thing that is sorely missing.

What money you say? If I were to tell you that in the black community we have dozens and dozens of sources of right now of cash available and people with the skills to properly utilize it, what would you say?

If I were to inform you that any complaints about not having enough money to send kids to two year and four year colleges or to start fledging startup businesses and to stop the madness of kids having kids are baseless, what would you say?

You are probably wondering where is this money and where are these experts.

Those centers are the black churches a/k/a local community banks. They are practically on "every cor-

ner" in the black community and are capable to providing, over a period of time, all of the needed resources so that "our" problem can be turned around and redirected.

So, why are they not operating in our best interest (and ultimately in theirs)?

That is easy. Fear. In Toledo, the overwhelming majority of black churches are too timid to act in a collective and progressive manner. If they are asked to ban together economically for the good of the community they opt out because their first concern is their own offering plate and who would share in it.

Simply put, too many black churches may like each other but they do not love each other enough to trust someone else other than their own to determine what happens with the weekly bank deposits (a/k/a: tithes and offerings).

Each week, tens and tens of thousands of dollars flow to and from the black churches in Toledo but how many of those dollars "pull double duty" via appreciable investments in the very communities from which they derive their sustenance. That is like not

feeding a mule when the mule has been plowing those 40 acres all day long. Hello....! You need to feed the mule!

As for the moral compass issue, it is the local black church that has the most opportunity and regular contact with its pew sitters to impact juvenile delinquency and families as with what is right and what is wrong. Not everyone is going to go to their local corner bank (the church) so the banker must go to the depositor with their mission statement in hand.

So, the next time there is a dust up at a school sporting event or a Shauntae has a baby out of wedlock or a DeMarcus who can't do simple algebra in order to gain entry into a skilled trade training program, simply ask where is the local bank (the church) you have been depositing into (with your tithes and offering) and their mission statement.

Ask them why they won't pool their monies and other resources and help out...then watch them duck and run for cover!

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Now that the recent melee at a past Rogers-Scott basketball game has died down, it appears that it was a good time for some to bemoan the lack of job opportunities for juveniles. What a grand time to wipe our eyes and point a trembling finger at the local corporate and government fat-cats who are not digging fast enough in their financial goody basket to pass out treats.

Digging for what? Ostensibly to provide jobs for seemingly angry minority kids who are supposedly slugging it out after a sporting event because they have been or are being deprived of jobs.

Let me get this right. Being deprived or denied a job equals a right to engage in public mayhem.

Is that is what is being touted about as the rationale for such boorish conduct?

First of all, it is a woe-few kids who act the fool and engage in nonsensical behavior on the delusion that by acting out, corporate America will go into a cold sweat and cobble together some training programs or provide some high-income jobs to some kids who cannot read past the fourth grade level. (Note: Scott High should organize a protest against the local TV station that continuously

**Community Calendar**

March 1

City of Zion Fire on Friday: Hosted by Toledo District of Full Gospel Baptist Fellowship; 6:30 pm; Guest speaker Bishop Joseph Walker of Nashville: 419-246-1850

March 1-2

Phillips Temple CME Pre-Women's Day Event: Chicken and fish dinners; 10 am to 5 pm: 419-242-4906

March 3

Owens College Community Band Winter Pops Concert: 1:30 pm; Music from Broadway shows, marches, a patriotic medley, and more; Owens fine and Performing Arts Center: [William\\_dais@owens.edu](mailto:William_dais@owens.edu)

March 12

Councilman Tyrone Riley Community Forum: 6 to 8 pm; Eleanor Kahle Senior Center; Assisting residents in accessing city services; Also present - police, Department of Neighborhoods, Land Bank, Department of Inspections: 419-245-1050

March 16-17

St. Paul MBC Men's Day Weekend: Saturday Kick-off breakfast at 9 am; Sunday - Sunday School at 9:25, morning service at 10:45 with Pastor James Willis, afternoon service at 4 pm with guests Rev. Robert Birt and the Glass City Church of God: 419-246-1886

April 10-12

Toledo District Full Gospel Baptist Church Fellowship International Intercessory Prayer Conference: City of Zion, Mt. Zion Church; 6:30 pm; Speakers - Bishop Duane Tisdale, Overseer Lanier Twyman, Bishop William Murphy: 419-246-1850

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# “Bayard Rustin: An Unsung Hero for Equality”

A decade before Rosa Parks' arrest for refusing to give up her seat on a Montgomery, Alabama bus, police dragged Bayard Rustin off a bus in Tennessee for the same act of protest. When pressed about why he was resisting segregation, Rustin gestured to a young white boy seated at the front of the bus. “If I sit in the back,” Rustin said, “I am depriving that child of the knowledge that there is injustice here, which I believe is his right to know.”

Bayard Rustin, an often unsung hero of the civil rights movement, spent his entire life exposing injustice in our nation. Even before he served as lead organizer of the 1963 March on Washington where Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. declared his dream, Rustin was labeled a Communist and a radical by the government. When he traveled to the segregated South during the first-ever Freedom Rides, he experienced a barrage of racial slurs and violence.

But in America, in the 1950s and 60s, no label stuck to Bayard Rustin quite like “homosexual.” As an openly gay man, Rustin was attacked by everyone—Congressmen and activists, black and white—simply for living openly. Yet, at a time when few others would, Rustin proudly wore that label.

To Bayard Rustin, fighting for his equality as a black man, while leaving his identity as a gay man unspoken, would have been an unthinkable betrayal. It was his firm belief that silence about either identity meant he accepted the system of discrimination that allowed hatred about both to persist.

Long before it was easy or safe, Rustin was motivated to live openly. He could have hidden the fact that he was gay. When confronted about it, he could have lied—that’s what everyone did in those days. But Bayard Rustin was exceptional. He lived openly because to do otherwise would be a missed opportunity in exposing the injustice and intolerance he, along with other members of the LGBT community, experienced.

Despite a lifetime lived in service to justice and nonviolence, Rustin’s legacy was marginalized by his sexuality. His 1987 New York Times obituary demonstrated the evasive language about LGBT people that was all too common in the media just a few short years ago. The obituary skirted the topic of his being gay and referred to his longtime partner by euphemism only. Even today, his name is not nearly as well known as the other greats of the Civil Rights movement.

This Black History Month, we should not forget trailblazers like Rustin. Out of dedication to his life and legacy, let us uplift the stories of LGBT African-Americans who felt and still feel the burdens of discrimination—those whose very lives illustrate the insistent fact that the fight to treat all people equally is both this country’s greatest accomplishment and its greatest unfinished obligation.



Today, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the nation’s oldest civil rights organization, and the Human Rights Campaign, the nation’s largest LGBT civil rights organization, are proud to work together toward equality. And we’re proud that President Barack Obama used his second inaugural address to link the Civil Rights movement and the LGBT Equality movement just last month. But long before a president like Barack Obama was even possible, Bayard Rustin was preaching an equal future. We shouldn’t forget his sacrifice, and the greatest tribute to his legacy would be to finish his work.

**Benjamin Todd Jealous, NAACP President & CEO**  
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## Sen. Sherrod Brown in Your Hometown

### Working to Keep Wrestling in the Olympics

Wrestling is a historically heavyweight among Olympic sports, and has a proud tradition in Ohio. From youth wrestling camps and high school meets, to NCAA tournaments, Ohio athletes have learned the strength, discipline, and focus that allow grapplers to succeed both on the mat and in life. The sport is accessible to anyone, regardless of their financial circumstances. But recently, the International Olympic Committee issued a misguided decision to eliminate wrestling from the Olympics beginning in 2020.

Citing “an effort to ensure the Olympic Games remain relevant to sports fans of all generations,” the International Olympic Committee (IOC)—the organization that controls the Olympics—voted to eliminate wrestling entirely after the 2016 games. Yet, the organization decided to keep many events that have a higher cost barrier to entry and less fan support.

I’m not against some of the other sports that the IOC decided to keep, but I want to ensure that no one tries to squeeze middle-class kids out of a chance to compete on the international stage—especially in a sport that was part of the original Olympics and is the third-most successful sport for the U.S. in the Summer

Games.

That’s why I recently introduced a Senate Resolution opposing the elimination of wrestling from the Olympics. My former colleague, and Wrestling Hall of Fame Member, Jim Jordan (R-OH) has introduced a similar resolution in the House. On behalf of thousands of high school students and two 2012 Olympians with Ohio connections, we are asking the IOC

to reconsider eradicating one of the original Olympic sports.

Wrestling has been a sport longer than the IOC has been in existence. In addition to being practiced by the ancient Egyptians, Greeks, and Romans, our nation has a long history with wrestling. President Abraham Lincoln and two Ohio-born Presidents, Ulysses S. Grant and William Howard Taft, were

wrestlers.

My good friend and colleague, the late Senator Paul Wellstone of Minnesota, was inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in 2000. At the time, he explained that, “Wrestling has always been a big thing for me. I’ve had a love affair with the sport for most of my life. It helped me as a kid, I got in some trouble, then I found a sport I was good at, and

that transferred to better things in other areas.” Like Senator Wellstone, the same is true for more than Ohio’s 11,000 high school wrestlers and students at 17 Ohio universities with NCCA programs—from Kent State University to the College of Mount Saint Joseph.

Wrestling is accessible to athletes from all economic backgrounds and from all cultures, unlike

some of the sports protected in the IOC’s decision. And wrestling has a proud tradition in our state, in our country, and around the world.

The IOC should not ratify this preliminary decision by its executive board. By retaining wrestling, the IOC will remain respectful of tradition and remain relevant for all athletes and communities around the world.

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# Local Democratic Party Calls for Unification; Hicks-Hudson Elected Council President

By Artisha Lawson  
Sojourner's Truth Reporter

The Lucas County Democratic Party executive committee in under an hour on Thursday, February 21, 2013 and discussed two matters that had caused internal conflicts. Party Chairman Ron Rothenbuhler announced the party's newly-reinforced unity in a show of support for Paula Hicks-Hudson's election for Toledo City Council president.

"The two most important things that we went into executive session for, number one, to make a recommendation to our eight members on City Council," said Rothenbuhler of the first issue. The recommendation called for their support of Paula Hicks-Hudson for president of Toledo City Council. That means that if all eight Democrats follow that recommendation that Paula Hicks-Hudson will be elected president at the next meeting.

As The Truth was going to press, just before this Tuesday's council meeting, McNamara confirmed that indeed Hicks-Hudson would be receiving all eight Democratic votes.

That announcement was a direct result of the previous City Council meeting, where five unsuccessful council votes were held to fill the newly-vacant president's seat. Joe McNamara had resigned as president, yet remains a council member and will be running in this year's mayoral race.

The five original supporters of Hicks-Hudson were Democrats: Shaun Enright, Tyrone Riley, Steven Steel, Lindsey Webb and Hicks-Hudson herself. Joe McNamara and Mike Craig supported Adam Martinez, while George Sarantou (R) was supported by Rob Ludeman (R), and D. Michael Collins (I).

The Lucas County Democratic Party meeting also resulted in a resolution in the matter involving the recent cCity Council seat nomination. The local committee endorsed



Shaun Enright, while Joe McNamara and Mike Craig split the decision by supporting former Mayor Jack Ford.

"The second was to address and find resolution that Joe McNamara and Mike Craig would accept. The bylaws state they should never publically go against an endorsed candidate," explained Rothenbuhler.

As a result of the meeting, McNamara has agreed to resign as the Party's second vice chairman and as co-chairman of the Policy and Bylaws Committee. Craig holds no positions within the Party.

Rothenbuhler expressed confidence that during the next City Council meeting that Hicks-Hudson would formally become the City Council president and that last week's Party meeting will increase unification within the group.

"There were a lot of people who asked Paula Hicks-Hudson about council presidency," said Rothenbuhler. "I spoke with city council people, and said this is the way we

need to do things and work together. She had five votes, more than other contenders. Both actions tonight will make our party stronger and I'm proud to be the chairman of the party that realizes working together is better."

Hicks-Hudson, long-time Old West End resident and former chief legal counsel for the State of Ohio Office of Budget and Management, was elected to City Council in January 2011 by council members to fill the vacancy created in District 4 when former Councilman Michael Ashford was elected to the Ohio General Assembly.

Hicks-Hudson, a one-time candidate for judge, was elected to the District 4 seat in her own right later in 2011.



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## Youth Empowerment "Short Take"

Ohio State University (OSU) Extension, Lucas County 4-H Program  
Ohio State University (OSU) Young Scholars, Toledo

In June 2012, OSU Extension, Lucas County, 4-H Youth Development Program and OSU Young Scholars were awarded an OSU Cares Grant to conduct educational programs with youth in the community. The first quarter of project included the FIRST Lego robotics afterschool program at Toledo Technology Academy, OSU Extension's Signature Program Real Money Real World and a community service opportunity for OSU Young Scholars.

Youth from the ages of nine-13 participate in the FIRST Lego afterschool program. The partner organization is Toledo Technology Academy (TTA). Teens from TTA serve as mentors to the youth and the group also has an adult volunteer from the school who helps out with the project. The team will participate in the FIRST Lego Robotics regional competition on December 1 of this year at Toledo Technology Academy.

In October, OSU Young Scholars participated in the Real Money Real World Program. Real Money, Real World is an active, hands-on experience that gives young people the opportunity to make lifestyle and budget choices similar to those they will make as adults. AmeriCorps members in Toledo, who were trained earlier this year to implement the



program in Toledo Public Schools, assisted with the program.

Also in October, high school youth from the OSU Young Scholars program began the community service part of the OSU Cares project by training to become teen mentors for Lucas County Extension's CARTEENS Program. CARTEENS is a traffic safety education program for first time juvenile traffic offenders. Peer leaders plan and facilitate the program.

OSU Young Scholars participating in the simulation of the Real Money Real World Program.

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FIRST Lego Robotics afterschool program all attend Toledo Technology Academy.

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## Youth Empowerment "Short Take"

The FIRST Lego Team of Ohio State University (OSU) Extension's 4-H/Young Scholars Program in Toledo, Ohio Advances to the Districts and Win \$5,000 Grant to Attend FIRST Lego League World Festival in St. Louis.

Submitted by: Cynthia Toler, Extension Educator (4-H/Lucas County)

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On Saturday, December 1, 2012 both teams participated in their first Lego Robotics regional competition at Toledo Technology Acad-

emy. We had two rookie teams and while we knew they had the heart and determination to do well, we also kept in mind that their inexperience will play a major role in the results. The teams had a great time meeting other kids and working hard readjusting the programming of their robots as they went through the different judging categories.

During the closing ceremony, one of our teams got a big surprise. OSU 4-H/Young Scholars' Lego Cy-

borgs not only qualified to advance to the districts in Dayton this coming January, we also received an invitation to the First Lego League (FLL) World Festival in St. Louis next April. In addition to the \$1,000 fee being waived for the St. Louis World Festival, our team also received a \$5,000 grant from the Lego Foundation to help with expenses to St. Louis. The kids were excited and as a coach/mentor to the kids, I was happy and proud. All the hard work paid off for the

kids; however, there is more work to do as the kids prepare for the Districts and the World Festival in St. Louis.

We are extremely proud of both of our teams. Although they were separate teams, Team Lego and Lego

Cyborgs worked together and separate throughout the year as one team. Team Lego will be rewarded for staying with the program by traveling with us to both the District and the World Festival. For results of the Regional

competition at Toledo Technology Academy, see the following link: [http://edoutreach.wpafb.af.mil/Robotics/media/2012/flyers/toledo/ta\\_results3.pdf](http://edoutreach.wpafb.af.mil/Robotics/media/2012/flyers/toledo/ta_results3.pdf)



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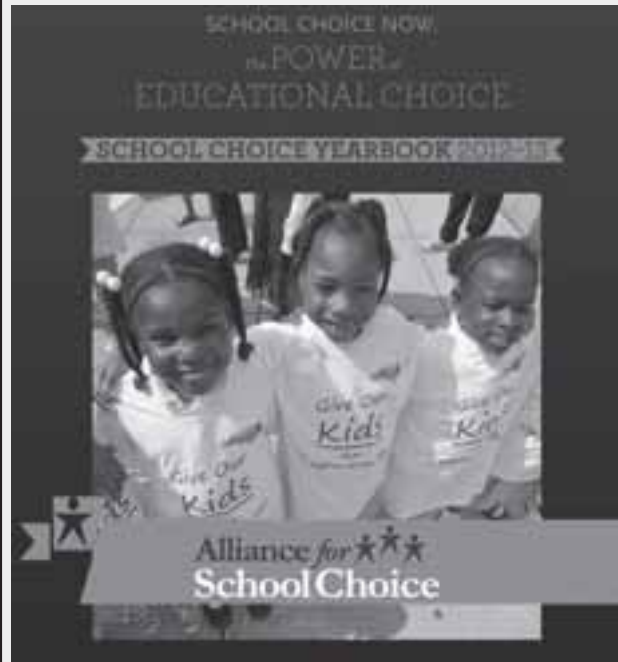
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**What's Really Going On - The Lies That Bind** is a presentation that addresses media messages and images that permeate today's youth and culture. Annesha will pull back the layers of deception and dispel the myths that can keep youth engaged in destructive behaviors that can sabotage their success. She will also help them recognize negative influences in their lives and how to respond to them. Annesha delivers a powerful straightforward message that will empower, inspire and transform.

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## Vanessa Lynn's "Boss Lady" Premieres at Maumee Indoor

By Carla Yvette



*Cast of Vanessa Lynn's, Boss Lady*



*Bonita and James Adams*

E.T.M Productions presented the Toledo World Premier of Vanessa Lynn's play "Boss Lady," February 1, 2013 at the Maumee Indoor Theater.

Bonita and James Adams, founders of E.T.M. Productions and Regional Directors of Urban Playwrights United (U.P.U), which is an organization founded by Vanessa Lynn that offers services to help playwrights, producers, authors to help them improve their craft, said, "What we are trying to do through U.P.U is create a network of playwrights, producers and promoters in order to help get our productions in cities other than our own."

The premier of "Boss Lady" in Toledo was a U.P.U and E.T.M. collaborative to help promote Vanessa Lynn's "Boss Lady" DVD. The event was very well attended with the entire cast in present and available for a meet and greet after the premier.



*Playwright, Vanessa Lynn*

Bonita Adams encourages any writers, producers and promoters interested in improving their craft to contact them at [etmproductions@yahoo.com](mailto:etmproductions@yahoo.com).

stating that there are a lot of opportunities opening up for people who have aligned themselves with this organization.

To learn more about both

organizations visit; [www.etmproductions.net](http://www.etmproductions.net) and [www.urbanstageplays.info](http://www.urbanstageplays.info).

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## Jack and Jill's Jean Jam

By Carla Yvette

By now you might have heard of 'Jean Jam', hosted by the Toledo Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated and, if you haven't, come on out from under that rock!

Jean Jam is an adult cabaret fundraiser where guests dress in their denim best, BYOB, BYOF (food) and dance "all night long" to the latest old school and new school tunes. Jean Jam 4, held February 15, at St. Clements Hall, lived up to its reputation from previous years as "the party of the year" and was likened unto a classic 'grown folk' party with a family reunion flair.

Guests danced, hustled and wobbled as DJ J-Roc kept the party pumping with his charismatic energy that entertained and enlivened the crowd up until the final hour.



Carla Yvette with Jack and Jill members Rhonda Sewell and Jacqueline Rivers



Alesia Donaldson, L.J. Jones and Lanell Jones



Michael Stubblefield and Patrice McClellan



Alisa Gafaney, Dawn Humphrey and Tammy McKittrick

According to Jack and Jill member and event chairman, Patrice McClellan, Ed.D, the Jean Jam fundraiser is their way of giving back to the community and 100 percent of the proceeds from this year's Jean Jam will go to benefit The YWCA of Northwest Ohio.

Caption: Front Sheronda Brandon, Marlene Taylor and Kimberly Hibbett, Back row, Tracie Mangum, Val Robinson and Loretta Taylor



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## AKA's Founders' Day Program

Sojourner's Truth Staff

Amanda Bryant-Friedrich, Ph.D., was the keynote speaker at this year's Toledo chapter Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated Founders' Day Program on Sunday February 24 at the The Hotel at UTMC (formerly the Toledo Hilton).

Bryant-Friedrich, an associate professor of pharmacy in The University of Toledo Department of Medicinal and Biological Chemistry and a long-time AKA member since 1989, addressed the issue of the position of women of color in the global community.

"The struggles are the same," said Bryant-Friedrich later in a conversation with The Truth as she spoke of how the goals of the sorority dovetail with the concepts of global leadership she pre-



Katina Johnson and Charlla Alen



Andrea Price and Alicia Hitt



Abi Moss, Cheryl Wallace, Jacquilyn Turner with Marie L. Bush and Martha A. Cotton

speaker.

Founded on the campus of Howard University in Washington, DC in January 1908, Alpha Kappa Alpha is the oldest Greek-letter organization established by college educated African Ameri-

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sented to her sorority members.

"Helping on an international stage can help those of us domestically," Bryant-Friedrich said. "A lot of people have a tough time wrapping their arms around global service," she conceded even as she noted that such involvement is both necessary and unavoidable in today's world.

Reminded of the fact that American international involvement had over the years been met with mixed reviews, at best, Bryant-Friedrich admitted that "we [Americans] have a heavy-handed way of handling things."

She also noted, only partly in jest, that such heavy-handedness generally has male fingerprints all over it.

Bryant-Friedrich has been at UT for about five years. The North Carolina native earned her undergraduate degree from North Carolina Central University, her masters from Duke University and her doctorate from the University of Heidelberg in Germany. She also did post-doctoral work in Germany at the University of Basel.

So after all these travels, how did the chemist/pharmacist end up in Toledo?

Bryant-Friedrich's career path took her to a smaller college in the Detroit area and tenure at that institution. But she "had a real drive to do cutting edge research" and the facility and faculty at UT offered her that opportunity.

This year's Founders' Day

Program was facilitated by Rhonda Sewell, event vice chairman. Greetings were offered by Deborah Washington, Ph.D., president of the Toledo chapter - Zeta Alpha Omega - and Patricia Hogue, Ph.D., event chairman, introduced the keynote

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Shawn Robie, Local 8 and Yvonne Harper

Family, friends and local officials gathered, February 23 at the Gesu Sullivan Center for Phil Copeland's Annual Valentine's Dance, a tradition started by his uncle, the late Bill Copeland. Guests were treated to dinner catered by "We Are Ribs" and entertained by vocalist Marsha Jones and saxophonist Arthur L. Bishop. Music was provided by DJ Big Trav.



Yvonne Harper with Anita Lopez and Phil Copeland

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can women. From this small group of 20 women, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. has grown to a membership of over 250,000 college-educated women affiliated with undergraduate and alumna chapter worldwide.

The Toledo chapter was an outgrowth of a combined membership of graduate and undergraduate members from the University of Toledo. In 1952 in the home of Reba Harris, Zeta Alpha Omega Chapter was chartered. The first president was Kathryn Franklin. Surviving Charter members are: Anna Marie Bolden and Helen Cohen. Out of this group of 28 charter members, today the chapter has grown to over 100 women.

For years the former Ebony Fashion Fair had been the major fundraiser for community service and scholarships. Recently, the organization's "Fall into Fabulous" event will continue to support the community and scholarship endeavors. These events have allowed the sorority the ability to provide more than \$200,000 in scholarships to area college-bound youth and recognize and reward service organizations for their work in the Toledo area.

Alpha Kappa Alpha has always been involved in political action. The chapter has provided forums for debates; telephone, email, and letter writing campaigns; voter registration drives; and taking voters to the polls on election days.

As the sorority enters its second century, the membership continues to adapt to the changing social needs. The goals of its program activities center on emerging young leaders, economic security, global poverty, human rights, and health issues. They recognize and honor grandparents' raising children, encourage women to have their own businesses, provide coats to the needy and help in food banks. Most recently they collected cleaning supplies and completed a day of service to benefit the Family House. Where there is a human need, you will find the women of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. providing "Service to all mankind." Zeta Alpha Omega will continue to support the international goal of "Global Leadership Through Timeless Service".



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It's the Journey Not the Destination

By Michael Hayes
Minister of Culture



I thought I'd be married by now. I thought I'd be a happy hubby, daddy and multi-platinum, chart-topping music producer by now. What could be better than to spend my days earning wealth being creative and my nights surrounded by a beautiful family of my own? Right? Knowing a Plan B couldn't hurt, I made sure to get my education too. So, I also thought I'd be a successful advertising/marketing/PR profes-

sional by now. For years I questioned my fate because my choices didn't seem to be panning out. For years I felt like I had done all of what was asked of me but I just couldn't seem to get my head above water. I mean I had my complaints down pat. By my mid to late 20s they were well-rehearsed and ingrained. Here I was with my bachelors degree, never been to jail and hadn't knocked anyone up. All the things they tell young, black males in the hood to do/don't do if they want to be successful... I had followed and it still didn't seem to be working. You know how you just get to a point where you're existing, but not really living? You got your job, you make due, you live and laugh and love when you

can but there's still untapped potential. There's still that aching to really get your life as you envisioned it. Does anyone out there feel me? These words may tell you a lot about my life, but I'm not writing all of this just for myself. February 26 2013 is my 35th birthday. All the milestone ages (18, 21, 25.. and for some odd reason 28 not 30) were hard for me. But the weeks leading up to this birthday... 35 just felt like it was a wrap. True, 35 is nowhere near as "old" as it may have been back in the 80s/90s. But more than the age itself, the weight of all I have yet to accomplish is what got to me. We all get down on ourselves at times but when you have high expectations and what seems to be no results,

we do more than just resort to self-criticism... we become our own worst enemy. If anyone reading this has ever felt this way, I'm doing this for you... well, us. Have you ever seen the NBA player who just happened to be on the championship team? He rode the bench, didn't play, didn't contribute but still gets a ring. Then he gets traded and still rides the bench on a different team because that ring didn't make him valuable enough to get a bigger role either way. The lesson in that is accomplishments do not make winners. Overcoming makes you a winner. If you have had to deal with circumstances that required you to rise above and beyond, if you have jumped those hurdles and faced those challenges you are a winner. Not later after you get that car or that house, but RIGHT NOW. If you are much wiser, stronger, or more faithful than you were before because life left you no

other choice...then YOU ARE a winner! I'm telling y'all, I have learned that those sayings our elders pass down to have endured for a reason. When they say "Trouble Don't Last Allways." When they say "Nothing Beats A Failure But A Try." When they say "Cry A River And Build A Bridge Over It". Even when they say "...well, at least you got your health." Especially that last one. Because that's what people break out when your situation has gotten so bad that's all they can muster up to offer you, but it's true! Your health is beautiful! That heart beating inside your chest is no accident, as long as it's there, you have a shot. Everyone's walk is NOT the same, but acceptance of our own individual paths and tolerance of each other makes us free to share a common journey. Actually, that is what it's always been about.

The journey, not the destination. We are simply works in progress and no matter what things we acquire or milestones we reach the work will never be finished, it's not meant to. This surely applies to me. I am still learning, and figuring things out. Instead of taking inventory of what I don't have, I make sure to appreciate all that I do have and it really does wonders. I have a loving family, life-long friendships and still untapped potential. I trust that an entity greater than me always aligns things perfectly. So I don't feel bad about turning 35 (shout out Gen Y!). And I'm learning to give myself a break, and so should you.

Peace. Email: mercuryspeak@gmail.com (not speak"s" - just speak. Lol)

Herzing University to Host Latino Career Day
Special to The Truth
Herzing University-Toledo is hosting this year's Latino Career Day in conjunction with Toledo Public Schools. Approximately 150 TPS high school students will be exposed to a variety of careers through presentations delivered by local Latino professionals. Among the career fields represented will be firefighter, police officer, lawyer, government official, graphic designer, skilled trades, health care, educator, and business owner/entrepreneur. "While we reach out to all segments of the Northwest Ohio community, this is a special opportunity to directly reach an underserved population of students," said Herzing University-Toledo Campus President Greg Guzman, a Toledo native and the region's only Latino campus president. "The sooner and more often we expose kids to potential careers, the bigger the impact we can have on their futures." Many of these career fields match up well with the areas of study available at Herzing University-Toledo, which include public safety, technology, business, health care, and graphic design. The idea behind such an event is to expose students to available careers so they might make education decisions related to preparing for a career of interest. Such events can encourage completion of a diploma and post-secondary education and combat a long-standing high school drop-out rate among Toledo Latinos.

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Candidates must complete an application that is available through the City's Personnel Department, which is located in the City Administrative Services Building, 304 North Church St., BG, OH 43402. Hours: 8:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M., M - F. (Offices closed 2/18/2013.) Telephone: (419) 354-6200; Fax: 419-352-1262; E-mail: [BGPersonnel@bgohio.org](mailto:BGPersonnel@bgohio.org). Application materials are available on-line at <http://www.bgohio.org/departments/personnel-department/employment-opportunities>. Résumés may be included, but will not substitute for a completed City application. Specific information about the examination process will be provided upon application. Applications will be accepted from **February 11 through April 8, 2013**. A copy of the job description will be provided to applicants.

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If you believe the Holy Spirit is leading you to become our new leader, please send your resume to:

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## AOD Therapist Full-time

Seeking an experienced Therapist to provide individual, family and group counseling, complete diagnostic assessments and provide case management services in our AOD programs.

Candidate must possess a Master's Degree and have a minimum of two years experience working with adults with mental health and chemical dependency issues. Independent mental health license (LISW, PCC) and chemical dependency license (CDCA, LCDC II, LCDC III or LICDC) required.

Human Resources - AOD  
Unison Behavioral Health Group, Inc.  
1425 Starr Ave.  
Toledo, OH 43605  
Fax: 419-936-7574  
Email: [hr@unisonbhg.org](mailto:hr@unisonbhg.org)  
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## Clinical Therapist- Genesis Partial Hospitalization Program Full-time

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Position is based at Unison's Woodruff site. Candidate must possess a Master's Degree, current Ohio License as LSW or PC, and have a minimum of two years experience working with adults with mental health/substance abuse/ trauma/ criminal justice issues. LISW or LPCC preferred.

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Toledo, OH 43605  
Fax: 419-936-7574  
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## Request for Proposals Housing Quality Standards (HQS) Inspections RFP #13-R004

Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority (LMHA) will receive proposals for HQS Inspections. Received in accordance with law until Monday, Feb. 25, 2013, 3PM ET. For Documents: [www.lucasmha.org](http://www.lucasmha.org), 435 Nebraska Ave., Toledo, OH 43604 or 419-259-9446 (TRS: Dial 711).

Proposers required to meet Affirmative Action and Equal Employment Opportunity requirements as described in Executive Order #11246, Sec. 3 Compliance Applicable.



Request for Qualification (RFQ) to Hire an Architect/Engineer (A/E), Inquiry # FY13-54, Project # 6000-13-1758. The University of Toledo intends to retain professional services for The Substation Emergency Power. Total Project Cost: \$8,000,000.00. Please submit all responses to The University of Toledo, Joy Martin, Plant Operations Building, 2801 W. Bancroft St., Mail Stop 216, Toledo, Ohio 43606 by DATE: Friday, March 1, 2013, TIME: 4:30 p.m. All questions and inquiries can be emailed directly to [james.graff@utoledo.edu](mailto:james.graff@utoledo.edu). For a copy of the RFQ email [joy.martin@utoledo.edu](mailto:joy.martin@utoledo.edu). Please reference Inquiry # FY13-54 on the outside of envelope and include four (4) copies of the SF 330 Form with your response.

### Safe-T-City Teachers

The Toledo Police Department is accepting resumes for the position of "Teacher" for the 2013 summer Safe-T-City Program. Interested applicants shall send their resume, home address, contact information, copies of any/all teaching certificates and experience coordinating or instructing child safety programs, and three (3) references (include name, address, and telephone number of each reference.) All information shall be submitted to Toledo Police Department, Personnel and Public Affairs Bureau, 525 N. Erie Street, 43604 by no later than March 30th, 2013. EOE.

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## Perry Burroughs Annual Black History Month Brunch

By Carla Yvette  
Soulcial Scene Editor



*Caterpillars to Butterflies, Grace Community Center, Advisor Twana Boyd*

The Perry Burroughs Democratic Women's Club held its "2013" Annual Black History Brunch, February 16 at Premier Catering. The objective of the club is to study, understand and perpetuate the principles of the Democratic Party and aid in the election of endorsed Lucas County Democratic Party candidates. The luncheon was heavily attended by Toledo Public school students, their sponsors and countless elected officials and representatives.



*LC Auditor Anita Lopez, with students from Bowsher High School*

The guest speaker, Montica Talmadge, was presented with gifts of honor from students from Toledo Public school schools and area organizations.

Montica Talmadge is the first Elected African American Democratic National Committeewoman of the Young Democrats of America. Vallie Bowman-English, Esq. served as mistress of ceremony.

Yvonne Harper, long-time president of Perry Burroughs, started the annual brunch years ago to celebrate Black History Month and to introduce Toledo Public School students to role models in the community.



*Toledo Board member Cecelia Adams, Ed.D., with Laura and Pastor Cordell Jenkins*

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