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"The point is that throughout history, no matter what we have had to overcome, people have found the courage to act and to solve and right wrongs – even when it causes personal grief."

Racisms Without Racism I

By Rev. Donald L. Perryman, D.Min.

The Truth Contributor



Now, as then, we find ourselves bound, first without, then within, by the nature of our categorizations. -James Baldwin

recent Heritage Α Foundation study claims undocumented immigrants would add \$6.3 trillion to the nation's deficit if granted legal status. The study's coauthor, Jason Richwine, further argued that immigrants should be barred based on low IQ, which he claims would have the effect of "keeping out Hispanics in particular, who may have a "genetic" predilection towards lower intelligence.

Even though shrouded in the sheep's clothing of academia, the study's vicious racism and warped thinking is plain and evident. Yes, racism remains alive and well today despite society's vigorous denial.

However, it is not obvious acts or the pronouncements which have allowed racism to persist and to thrive. Rather, this dark, shadowy evil, having become embedded into the very structures of society itself, has been able to persevere by "evaporating the very categories of recognizability." its Thus, making the classic definitions and modes of racism "illegible." That is the assertion of David Theo

Goldberg, PhD. I was able to discuss with Goldberg, the director of the system-wide University of California Humanities Research Institute and executive director of the Digital Media and Learning-Research Hub, "Racisms without Racism," a concept, he asserts, which enables the perpetuation of

structural racism.

Perryman: Please describe "Racisms without Racism" for readers of The Sojourner's Truth.

Goldberg: Prior to my concept, Eduardo Bonilla-Silva (2006) argued that contemporary racism becomes racism without racist persons or individuals, so that racism proliferates because people declare "I'm not racist" or 'it was not intentional," etc. even as the acts of racism continue to circulate and be perpetrated.

If you look around, I mean – the latest controversy about the Heritage Foundation study by Richwine, even though whatever data he's pointing to has long been shown to be completely emptyheaded and lacking in its grounded-ness. There's not been - either on his part or anybody associated with this case - any consideration that he himself is an agent who can be characterized as being racist. And so racism proliferates but the agent of racism disappears.

However, what I am

arguing is that there is the disappearance, in most instances, even of the language to be able to identify that such and such

an expression is a racist expression. What I'm trying to point to is the more enigmatic, even more opaque kind of condition where you can have these proliferations of

what we historically would recognize and identify as racism. But because we no longer have the language, the language has largely been erased as having its reference points, so that when you say something is racist, we don't actually recognize it to be so.

The racism itself disappears even though racism proliferates. So that it's this state of condition where it's impossible even to make the claim, so that the person making the claim quite literally becomes crazy, i.e. "you don't know what are you talking about, there's no such thing, we obviously don't understand you're saying, what you're babbling on like a madman," etc.

And so I'm trying to point by this sort of racisms without racism, as this enigmatic condition where you have -- which by all accounts is proliferation or a new proliferation of circulating racisms but they no longer have the apparatus

the to say this is what it is.

Perryman: What are the implications of "racisms without racism" for a contemporary public policy issue such as immigration?

Goldberg: The classic conception of racism was predicated on the fact that the State, government agencies and bureaucracies were either directly engaged in racist expression and acts themselves, or provided the underlying infrastructure in the name of which racist practices and expressions were proliferated.

It is no longer the government in the State's name or state bureaucracy or government bureaucracies acting this way. Rather, conditions have been structured so that private expressions of racism could be expressed by individual people or even individual businesses in an extended sense protected by the State itself, which claimed that it couldn't prosecute because it decidedly is private expression using private resources. And as long as those expressions weren't drawing on public or State resources there was nothing the State could do about it. And so it's that privatization and the potential of that privatization of racism, which is the indication of these new -- what we're characterizing as these new expressions of racism.

So therefore immigration, the states can say we're formulating policy to apply to anybody in these and these circumstances. So that anybody who comes to the US without legal papers or by crossing the border without going through immigration and so on and so forth, the State is going to have a perfectly "neutral" set of laws that say "we will prosecute or imprison anybody who violates law in that kind of way."

And anybody staying here will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law, et cetera without identifying explicitly, the actual population groups in particular. So it's a version of the same as the idiom about Paris: "Even the millionaires cannot sleep under the bridge in Paris." As though the millionaires needed to sleep under the bridges. The people sleeping under the bridges are people who are homeless and so it's the same logic here. It's almost bad faith. This all protects itself from being charged in a particular kind of way. Even as it undertakes to produce the very results of the thing explicit about it used to produce.

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June 2

New Prospect Baptist Church Installation Service: 6 pm; Rev. Nathan Madison

June 8

St. Stephens COGIC Father & Son Luncheon: Noon to 2 pm; Speaker Elder Pierre Taylor

Rainbow Tea: UAW Hall; 2 to 5 pm; Sponsored by the MSVMC Cultural Diversity and Civil Rights Committees: 419-350-3232

Gun Buy Back: 10 am to 4 pm; People's Baptist Church; Working guns bought for \$50; No questions asked

June 9

New Prospect Baptist Church 48th Anniversary: 4 pm; Guest speaker Rev. Stanley Clark of United Vision

June 15

3rd Annual Fatherhood Walk: Central Catholic High School: Guest Speaker Bill Harris: 419-377-1488

June 23

New Prospect Baptist Church 48th Anniversary: 4 pm; Guest speaker Rev. Taylor of Beulah Baptist

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Ensuring College Graduates Leave with Degrees, Not Debt

By U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown Guest Column



Student loan debt now exceeds \$1 trillion. That's more than credit card debt. That's more than auto loans. In fact, student loan debt is only second to mortgage debt in this country.

That's unconscionable. Students and their families should not have to sign away their financial futures in order to get a good education. Yet today's graduates aren't just leaving campus with newly minted degrees; they're leaving with a lifetime of debt.

Students at KSU and OSU, Sinclair and Cincinnati State, Ohio University and the University of Toledo, and countless other schools throughout our state are looking forward to starting their futures upon graduation. These students will graduate into an economic recovery and better job prospects than other recent graduates, but their heavier debt burden means that graduates will spend their adulthood paying off their debts instead of buying a home, starting a business, or continuing on to graduate school. Money that could be spent for productive economic activity will instead go to servicing debt.

According to the Wall Street Journal, the average student-loan debt for a borrower earning a bachelor's degree this year is \$30,000. That's why subsidized Federal Direct Stafford Loans are so important. Most independent Stafford borrowers about 80 percent - come from families making less than \$40,000 a year.

Unfortunately, unless Congress acts soon, more than 361,000 college students in Ohio will face an average of \$1,000 more in costs over the life of their loan, per subsidized Stafford loan.

Beginning on July 1, 2013, interest rates on these need-based loans will double from 3.4 percent to 6.8 percent for borrowers, unless we do something to stop it. Allowing Stafford increase will hinder Ohio students' ability to afford college – and hurt America's economic competitiveness.

That's why I'm fighting to pass the Student Loan Affordability Act, which would keep college affordable for more middle-class and lowincome students. The bill would accomplish this by maintaining the current interest rate for subsidized Federal Direct Stafford Loans at 3.4 percent. This legislation would help ensure that more Ohioans can achieve their dream of going to college - at no extra cost to taxpayers.

In fact, this bill would close several wasteful loopholes. Among other things, this fully paid for bill would close a loophole for businesses that shutters their doors in the U.S. only to open in China or India or Brazil and get a tax break for moving expenses.

And it would ensure all forms of crude oil are included in the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund, eliminating a special tax loophole the saves the oil industry money but not making them pay to clean up tar sands or oil sands.

More must be done to keep down the cost of higher education – and the federal government must continue to provide students with federal student loan options with borrower-friendly terms.

Students should not be required to mortgage

Loan interest rates to their future or delay their life because of student loan problem, and save money Affordability Act. increase will hinder Ohio opportunities for a better debt. We can solve this by passing the Student Loan



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Ohio Senator Nina Turner: "Deliverance Is on Deck"

By Fletcher Word Sojourner's Truth Editor

Ohio Senator Nina Turner, a Democrat who represents the eastern portions of Cuyahoga County and parts of Lake County - Ohio's 25th Senate District, will be in Toledo this upcoming weekend. Turner will deliver the keynote message at the Alpha Kappa Alphas Sorority, Inc.'s Foundation luncheon and "deliverance' is the message.

"Moving forward is the key," said Turner last week during a conversation with The Truth. Turner spoke to us from the road in between engagements in her very busy schedule these days. "We have a rich history in making and pushing social justice so 'Deliverance Is on Deck' is the title. The point is that throughout history, no matter what we have had to overcome, people have found the courage to act and to solve and right wrongs even when it causes personal grief.

"I am going to be telling my audience that what people do today matters in terms of making things better for those who come later."

A state senator since 2008, Turner, the Senate's minority whip, began her elective office career as a Cleveland City Councilwoman in 2006. A first generation college graduate, Turner's hot button issues over the years have been women, workers



and voters

During this era of Republican control of all branches of the state government, Turner has been keeping particularly busy over the past several years helping to fight back the Kasich at administration's efforts to curtail the bargaining rights of public employees and to

limit voters' access to polls. "We have a chief election officer who felt it was okay to appeal all the way to the United States Supreme Court to take away from voters three days to vote," she says of Secretary of State Jon Husted's attempt last year to eliminate the final weekend before Election Day from the block

of early voting days.

That attempt was blocked in federal district court and that ruling was upheld by the U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals. The U.S. Supreme Court declined to overturn the lower courts' decision.

Turner's concern about voting rights has led to a decision to run for Secretary of State in the 2014 election cycle. While she has not formally thrown her hat in the ring, she admitted that will happen soon. Even though she is not yet a declared candidate, Turner is already busy on the campaign trail making appearances all over the Buckeye State.

before I make my announcement," the senator said last week.

Her first task as Secretary of State should she prevail? "I'd think the voters of Ohio look at the way we can create an environment where they know that their right to vote is unfettered," she said. "And there is no room to be partisan."

Turner is just as forthright when she speaks of such concerns as jobs and education.

Addressing the issue of the jobless rate, which is steadily improving in Ohio and the nation as a whole, Turner noted that "the

whom you ask

"We have more progress to make. We have to make sure our workforce is highly educated. Are we going to do what's necessary to educate our children?" she asked of the task she sees as vitally important in order to attract high end employers to the state.

"I want young people in this state to get a great education, not an adequate one. We have to make the requisite investment in those youngsters."

Turner will be speaking at the AKA Foundation Luncheon this Saturday, June 1, at The Pinnacle. Lunch starts at 11:30 a.m. For more information, contact Edna Robertson at



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Rep. Michael Ashford Elected as Whip of House Democrats

Toledo lawmaker named to one of the top spots in new leadership team

Special to The Truth

Tuesday evening, State Rep. Michael Ashford (D-Toledo) was elected by his colleagues to the number three spot on the new four person team to lead House Democrats

"I would like to thank my House Democratic colleagues for supporting me as Whip for the House Democratic Caucus," said Rep. Ashford. "I am very excited about working with the new leadership team, Democratic Leader Tracy Maxwell Heard, Assistant Leader Debbie Phillips and Assistant Whip Dan Ramos. Together we will continue to be a voice, not only for Democrats, but all Ohioans."

Ashford's election to leadership is not the only change on the House Democratic leadership team. State Rep. Tracy Maxwell Heard (D-Columbus) was elected as the new Democratic Leader of the Ohio House of Representatives: State Rep. Debbie Phillips (D-Athens) was elected Assistant Leader, moving up from Assistant Whip; and Dan Ramos (D-Lorain) will serve as the Assistant Whip and first Latino member of leadership in the history of the Ohio House of Representatives.

"We will stand tall in the fight for education, police, firefighters, senior citizens, and protecting the Middle Class," Rep. Ashford added. "We will stand with our Union Brothers and Sisters to continue to create good jobs for all Ohioans. I follow in the great footsteps of leaders from Northwest Ohio who has helped paved the way for me, and I'm proud to have been selected to continue carrying the banner.'

The second term lawmaker is expected to officially start his new duties on June 1.



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A.S.K. (After-School Klub)

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May 9 saw the Year End Celebration of the A.S.K (After-School Klub) program, a ministry of First Alliance Church, Toledo Urban Impact. During the school year, the After-School Klub (A.S.K) ministers to fourth – eighth graders twice a week. Volunteers from the community and First Alliance Church minister to students by providing









the After-School Klub.

The club not only provides help with homework and tutoring, students are also provided a healthy snack and transportation within a limited radius.

Cooper says, "The year-end celebration was a way of looking back in

retrospect at all the students had accomplished this past year and to celebrate them with their family and friends. The theme again is RWR, Reading Writing and Relationship because for our students we believe that the best is yet to come."

The program included

song selections from the A.S.K. choir and vocalist Andrea Eaton as well as each student being presented with a certificate. Remarks were given by guest speaker Christina Rodriguez, director of Mom's House and volunteers provided and served dinner and dessert for all in attendance.

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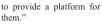
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The Spotlight Showcase







The well attended event was emcee'd by Rap artist Chief while DJ Dre Wills kept the atmosphere live







Brand Name Media Rocks in association with Pozativ ProMotions presented their first 'Spotlight Showcase" May 18 at The Truth Gallery featuring live performances by Falease Sophae, Jay Hubb, Kimbers, Cheez and a special debut performance by the band, "By the 18th ".

Logic, founder of Brand Name Media Rocks said his reason behind the showcase was to spotlight talent in the city of those in the younger age bracket. He said: "When I was growing up as far as in the hip-hop scene, a lot of our elders never really reached back and brought us along so I saw that there was a generation gap amongst the music and decided to reach back for people that I felt were like minded with the same kind of music that we like and enjoy and wanted





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Social Clubs Empowering Our Youth: Caterpillars to **Butterflies and Toledo Urban Impact After-School Klub** (A.S.K.)

Carla Yvette Special to The Truth



Caterpillars to Butterflies second graduation Tea Party was held April 20 at the Grace Community Center. Caterpillars to Butterflies is a girls empowerment club founded by Twana Boyd that empowers young ladies to achieve their maximum potential by building confidence in their social skills and is offered free of charge for girls ages eight -

The 10-week program focuses on personal grooming, bullying, self respect and table manners just to name a few. Started in September of 2012, Boyd says she volunteers to give back to the community and started Caterpillars to Butterflies because she felt our youth need more self-empowerment groups. Each session ends with a Graduation Tea Party where friends and family are encouraged to attend.

The third orientation will begin Friday, September 27, 2013 with the session starting Saturday, October 5, 2013 and running until December 14, 2013.

For more information contact Twana Boyd at 419.708.6872.

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A Night of Outstanding Elegance: The 49th Annual Debutante Cotillion

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the Toledo Lucas County Public Library served as 2013 Cotillion Presenter.

This year's Miss Congeniality was Pearline Young.

Jayla Satterfield was the winner of the talent contest as Sarabe Russell took second and Jada Bolden and Faith Mitchell finished in a tie for third.

BreAnn Russell was announced as the Second Runner Up for Miss Debutante 2013; Jayla Satterfield was named First Runner Up.

And the winner is Faith Mitchell is Miss Debutante 2013. Faith, a senior at Notre Dame Academy and the (Continued on Page 10)









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HoodWinked – An Eye-Opening Experience

By Carla Yvette

Growing increasingly tired of the negative images portrayed in the media is what served to inspire Albert Earl to hold the workshop entitled, "HoodWinked-The Media Influence On Black America" May 22 at the Reynolds Corner Library. The event was free and open to the public however, an RSVP was required in order to insure seating.

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Addressing a full house, Earl states, "When I get into this, if anybody is offended, maybe you need to be because the truth is the truth." He further stated,

"If you're easily offended, I won't be offended if you get up and leave the room."

Earl began by laying a historical foundation beginning with the 1900's and touching on the race riots that led to the burning of The Black Wall Street.

He then proceeded to show, in great detail, the media's depiction of African Americans. He presented evidence of the men consistently being portrayed as violent, the women overly sexualized and black families until the Cosby's, headed primarily





by single mothers. The well-researched and organized information coupled with compelling and sometimes graphic images, communicated the intended message and left an impression on all in attendance.

One of the most surprising facts he shared with the audience is that the same three media giants that are heavily invested in the music industry, are highly invested in the private prison industry and showed through slide presentation, their role and influence on the Hip Hop industry.

Earl says the sole purpose of the workshop was to inform the African-American community about the impact the media has on our children and young adults.

He states, "The feedback

What I hoped would happen is happening, people are having conversations with their families and children."

Based on the overwhelming response and requests, Earl says plans are in the works to hold the workshop again in the near future.







Inferno by Dan Brown

c.2013, Doubleday

\$29.95 / \$30.00 Canada

465 pages

By Terri Schlichenmeyer,

The Truth Contributor

All your life, you've tried to be good.

As a child, you were taught kindness and compassion, honesty and trustworthiness. You learned graciousness and generosity, and embraced gratitude.

You've always tried to be good for several reasons, mostly because it's the right thing to do. Also, there's a place for evil people and you don't want to go there, but in the new novel Inferno by Dan Brown, you may have no choice. Hell may be coming to Earth.

Nothing made sense - then again, nightmares rarely do.

But when Professor Robert Langdon woke up in a hospital room in Florence, Italy, the nightmares weren't the worst of his problems. Langdon couldn't remember how or why he'd gotten to Italy in the first place, or how he'd been grazed by a bullet aimed at his head. Though he'd been sedated, there was little time for recovery: moments after he regained consciousness, a spiky-haired woman strode down the hospital's hall and tried to kill Langdon again. He narrowly escaped with the help of his doctor, quick-thinking Sienna Brooks, who asked Langdon about an object he'd been carrying.

Covered with text and symbols, the object was a cylinder that, once opened, yielded an odd device that became a projector. Though Langdon was an expert on Italian art and literature, Dante in particular, the image from the projector mystified him.

It was a famous painting, an impression of Dante's Inferno, but it had been altered. Dante's Rings of Hell were out of order, with additions to the painting in strange places. Slowly, Langdon came to understand that the alterations were clues to what the device was and where it had come from... but there was no time to think. Someone wanted him dead, and they'd surely kill Dr. Brooks, too.

On a ship just off the coast of Italy, the provost pondered his last client. He was glad the man's contract was done. The Consortium had spent a year maintaining the man's privacy and safety, but the work was troublesome and the provost regretted taking the business.

He regretted it even more when he realized what the client was about to unleash... Okay, first the bad news: Inferno is a tad too long.

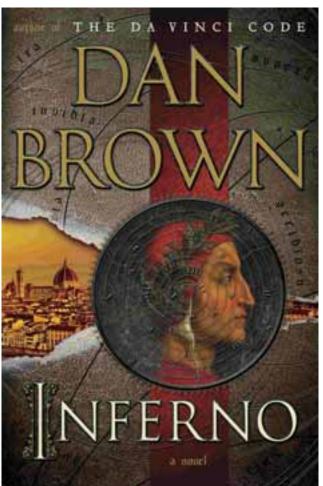
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Author Dan Brown's two main characters escape and are chased over and over and over again, relentlessly – which is exciting at first, but tiring as this book progresses. "Inferno" also ends rather strangely (but I won't tell you why, because that would ruin it for you).

Now the good news: DAN BROWN HAS A NEW BOOK OUT.

And it's a thriller with chases, intrigue, esoteric clues that require genius-level thinking, international locales, secret passages, and an evil madman. It's complex and fast-moving. For a couple weeks' worth of entertainment, what more could you want?

Fans of The DaVinci Code will feel right at home with this book in their hands, and espionage lovers will want to dive right in. If that's you, and you crave a good book, Inferno is already one of this summer's hottest.

"New Slaves" by Kanye West

By Michael Hayes Minister of Culture



"New Slaves"

[Verse 1] Mv momma was raised in an era when. Clean water was only

Iwearmyheartonthesleeve Iknowthatwethenewslaves I see the blood on the leaves I see the blood on the leaves I see the blood on the leaves Iknowthatwethenewslaves I see the blood on the leaves They throwing hate at me Want me to stay at ease F**k you and vour corporation Y'allniggascan'tcontrolme Iknowthatwethenewslaves Iknowthatwethenewslaves I'mabouttowildthef**kout I'm going Bobby Boucher I know that p***y ain't free You niggas p***y, ain't me Y'all throwing

And in her Hampton mouth Y'all 'bout to turn shit up I'm 'bout to tear shit down I'm 'bout to air shit out Now what the f**k they gon' say now?

Kanve West simultaneously released this song worldwide a few weeks ago, but not by putting it in stores. The image of him performing "New Slaves" was projected on to the sides of large buildings in over 50 cities across the globe, all at the same time.

Yes, it's true his new album Yeezus drops next

Beyonce, "Open Letter" by Jay Z and "New Slaves" by Kanye West.

All people whose album sales have dipped in recent years while artists nipping at their heels continue to surge (Rihanna, Drake, Kendrick Lamar).

But did they release some sure-shot, radiofriendly hit single to reingratiate themselves with the masses? NO.

Like I said weeks ago, these people are making statements at this point ... not just music.

KANYEWEST

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served to the fairer skin Doing clothes you would have thought I had help But thev wasn't satisfied unless I picked the cotton myself. You see its broke nigga racism That's that "Don't touch anything in the store" And there's rich nigga racism "Come That's that here, please buy more" What you want a Bentley, fur coat and diamond chain? All you blacks want all the same things Used to only be niggas now everybody play me Spending everything Wang on Alexander New Slaves

o k Н о 1 see it's leaders You there's followers and But I'd rather be a d**k than a swallower

see it's leaders You and there's followers But I'd rather be a d**k than a swallower

[Verse 21 I throw these Maybach keys You know that niggas don't read Throw some on Maybach keys Fuck it, c'est la vie Iknowthatwethenewslaves Y'all niggas can't f**k with me Y'all niggas can't f**k Ye with Y'all niggas can't f**k with Ye I'll move my family the country out So you can't see where I stay So go and grab the reporters So I can smash his recorders See they'll confuse us with some bullshit like the New World Order Meanwhile the DEA Teamed up with the CCA They tryna lock niggas up They tryna make new slaves that's See that privately owned prison Get your piece today They Probably all the Hamptons in Braggin' 'bout their maid F**k you and your Hampton house f**k your 1'11 Hampton spouse

contracts

at

her Came on Hampton blouse

But this is not just promotion. Not anymore. This is something entirely different.

month

Most people hate to say 'I Told You So'.

I'm not one of those people, I don't mind saying it at all.... so... I TOLD YOU SO.

When Watch The Throne came out and half of y'all felt that Jay Z and Kanye West were simply basking in their own greatness, I told everyone then that there was something deeper going on. I told everyone that these guys are still speaking up for the black experience, but from the perspective of where their careers have landed them.

Y'all said "illuminati". I said "no, but there is some enlightenment going on".

Y'all said "I'm done listening to them." I said "we might wanna listen now more than ever".

Look at what this year has produced thus far. "Bow Down" b١

bags and his budget gets slammed every time he wants to shoot a 30 minute mini-film that can't be sold in stores.

Kanye West may have

impregnated a Kardashian.

but he's not as big of a fool

Sure, the lyrics to "New

I mean, he can't really be

Also, he's not exactly

speaking on my particular

black experience with

some modern day slavery

to high fashion brands

because I don't even know

But it's the risk taking

This is like when Prince

(a Gemini just like Kanve)

wrote the word "slave"

on his face and attended

events where the world-

wide press would surely

see him just because he

was at odds with his record

Now, if these people

Of course Def Jam wants

They may actually be

asking him to spend LESS

money if his expense

account is full of multiple Lamborghini's and Louis

contracts..that's on them.

a marketable Kanye West.

their

haven't read

company.

who Alexander Wang is.

that sticks out most.

anti-corporation and have

a shoe deal with Nike.

Slaves" reveal a few

as he sometimes seems.

contradictions.

Trying to reign Kanye West in may be for his own good in some respects.

But if that back and forth is creating art as compelling and necessary as "New Slaves," I hope he never works out all his issues and inner demons.

That's what art does. It lets life torture you just enough to create the art that helps life torture others less.

But with his line about the prison system, how outspoken he's been on Chicago's murder rate in recent years and his overall willingness to push every envelope... Kanye West is necessary.

So maybe whatever's pushing him to his limits is necessary too.

I guess we'll find out June 18 when the album drops.

Until then... youtube him and keep watch, something's because happening up at the throne.



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The Sojourner's Truth

May 29, 2013

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ENGINEER

The City of Toledo is currently seeking experienced Engineers for employment in the Department of Public Utilities, Division of Engineering Services. We are seeking to fill multiple vacancies in the following areas: Roadway Engineering (Planning & Design), Construction Management, Water Utility Engineering and Storm Water Utility Engineering. This work will involve performance of work of considerable difficulty involving the design, project management and inspection of facilities such as streets, water lines, storm and sanitary sewers and storm drains. Requirements include graduation from an accredited college or university with a Bachelor's Degree in Engineering as well as possession of a valid State of Ohio driver's license. Most positions require registration in the State of Ohio as a Professional Engineer. Pay range: \$53,800 to \$68,900 depending upon experience and license requirements.

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Successful non-profit with comprehensive and innovative neighborhood revitalization strategies seeking individual responsible for ensuring residential properties remain current in all aspects of occupancy and compliance. Ideal candidate will possess experience and knowledge of federal regulations. Excellent communication and computer skills required.

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A Night of Outstanding Elegance: The 49th Annual Debutante Cotillion

By Carla Yvette

Society Editor

This year marked the 49th year of the Annual Debutante Cotillion presented by the Toledo Club of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. (NANBPWC), held Saturday, May 25 in the Stranahan Theater Great Hall where exceptional young ladies from area high schools were presented to society.

The young ladies were nominated by their schools and selected based on qualifications set forth by The Toledo Club which include strong academics, tremendous social and volunteer skills, as well as having ambitious goals for their futures.

Months of character-building events, etiquette classes, a mother-daughter luncheon and 11 weeks of dance lessons attributed to the poise and grace displayed by the debutantes and their escorts during the formal presentation and waltz.

A charming group of Debs-In-Waiting, adorned in red, showcased style, elegance and grace.

The program began with a welcome by Toledo Club President Denise Black Poon followed by greetings from North Central District Governor of The NANBPWC Inc. Barbara Tucker.

First Vice President Wanda Terrell presented Miss 2012 Debutante, Aleshia Miller.

Judges and tallier were introduced by Talent Co-Chairman







Beverly Tucker. This year's judges were Toledo City Council President Paula Hicks-Hudson; Miss Debutante 2010, Tessa Scott; Instructor- University of Toledo Soloist, Monroe United Methodist Church, Patricia McCauley. Desiree McGee served as tallier. Debs-In-Waiting were introduced by Leola Haynes, Debs-In-Waiting chairman and Jackie Black, Cotillion choreographer.

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