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"Football is just a tool. There are lessons to be learned in this game of football."

Keeping the Home Fires Burning

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

We have been seduced into believing that our "holy dance" is always up and down, never side to side. We have denied our humanity by separating our spiritual lives from our physical lives.

- Lee Butler, Jr.



Sexuality, for "mature" individuals in general and black clergy, in particular, is something that is seen as radical or even obscene by most who live in this current era where youth and the procreative dimension of relationships predominates.

Yet, the splitting of spirituality and sexuality has had a devastating impact and negative influence upon African American relationships, according to Lee Butler, Ph.D. In a society where most youth in communities of color seldom witness marriages that have lasted 15, 20 years or more and female-headed households are the norm, the need for successful relationship models is great.

A great deal of black marriages lack relational openness and intimacy. In many instances, we often find that in addition to our spouse, we are also married to our jobs, church, sorority or fraternity and/or hobbies.

Marriage, however, is a commitment that requires nurture and care. If neglected, the relationship will die. And, while procreation may not be possible or even desired, the need for intimacy, love, friendship and companionship will always be present.

This week I wanted to share with the Truth's readers, my own efforts to add spice to my marriage and to keep it fresh despite others' preconceived notions of what a "man of God" should do in his own house with his own wife.

I have a standing weekly date with my wife called Fridays Cooking With Wife. We work together in planning and preparing a meal each week. The wife decorates the table and selects a fresh flower arrangement. We discuss (and debate, mostly) each week's menu and develop a grocery list. I pick up the ingredients and work primarily as the sous chef, cutting, peeling and preparing the ingredients. Usually, she prepares the main dish and helps me with the sides. The grill, however, is my domain.

While we are cooking, the house is rocking with old and new school, hip hop, neo-soul, dance to romance music from a playlist custom selected to fit with the dinner theme. Finally, just prior to sitting down to eat, we freshen up and apply designer or niche fragrances to our bodies, providing a sensual scent to make the atmosphere complete.

I won't talk about post-meal activities, but one thing that I can say, is that my lovely wife is also a fabulous cook. But, for us, it is also an opportunity to spend time together at the end of a busy week and allows us to "experiment" and "create" by working together using each other's strengths while providing support for each other in the areas

that we are less strong.

More than anything, my Fridays Cooking With Wife strengthens our marriage and helps us to maintain a healthy relationship. My hope is that other couples will join us on Fridays by cooking and sharing your meals on social media also.

As inspiration to keep the "fires" of your home burning, I leave you with recipes from one of our fabulous Friday cooking dates:

FRIED LOBSTER TAIL

Ingredients:

4 (4-6 oz) lobster tail, shelled and thawed
peanut oil for frying
1 cup of buttermilk
1 tsp onion powder
1 tsp salt
1 cup self-rising flour
wooden skewers
2 tsp Louisiana or Tennessee Sunshine hot sauce

Stir buttermilk and hot sauce in a bowl. Add lobster tails, coat well, cover and place in the refrigerator for at least 10 minutes. Combine self-rising flour, salt, and onion powder in a shallow pan. Remove lobster tails from the buttermilk and skewer lengthwise in order to prevent from curling up during the frying process.

Dredge the tails in the flour, coating well and place in the pan of oil. Fry until golden brown and turn carefully to brown other side. Cover pan and cook an additional five minutes. Drain on paper towels and carefully remove skewers.

CREAMY SUMMER SUCCOTASH

Ingredients:

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July 9

Warren AME Special Prayer Vigil: 6 pm; For the victims of the SC church terrorist massacre

July 11

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July 12

100 Women in White: 4 pm; Indiana Avenue MBC; Devotion topic by Tessa Scott of Calvary; Guest speaker Sis. Shirley Lyons of Greater St. Mary MBC

July 19

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July 20-24

Pilgrim Church Vacation Bible School: "The Kingdom of the Son;" 6 to 8 pm; Free for children ages 4-12: 419-478-6012

July 22-26

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Same Sex Marriage...Now What?

By Lafe Tolliver, Esq

Guest Column

Well, it is over, so they say. It is over in that the U.S. Supreme Court by a contentious and fractious vote of 5-4 has claimed that the right to marry is a fundamental right and is one of dignity.

The sounds of the four dissenting judges were loud and scalding as they vented their profound outrage at their majority-block voting colleagues.

Now, fast forward to the practical aspect of this judicial decision and I used the word "judicial" advisedly, since people may suspect or believe that just because a decision is reached, that somehow that calms the waters and or smoothes out the rough edges of its practical implementation.

Remember the seminal case of *Brown v. Board of Education*? It was decided in 1954 and, to my opinion, the reaches and the failures of *Brown* are still with us with so many school systems still profoundly segregated and the effects of that "unequal" education still looms in America via unemployment, housing and social integration.

Over 60 years later, we are still reading about the pernicious effects of a culturally shocking Supreme Court decision still not being respected and fully implemented.

Resistance to *Brown* and its progeny are still amongst us. When *Brown* was first reported out and 10 years subsequent to that issuance, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act of 1964, he prophetically stated, "That we (the Democratic Party) have just lost the South (the white Southern voter)."

All so true when the South, as seemingly upon a dime, shifted from being Democratic voters to that of Republicans voters and all to the happy squeals of Ronald Reagan and the Republican presidents thereafter.

To unload *Brown* and its progeny, it would take multiple volumes to explain how the country's resistance to *Brown* seeped into so many parts of the American way of life when a court told the country that it had to dismantle all vestiges of discrimination including how it educates future generations of American kids.

Well, what will be equally troublesome and puzzling will be the minutiae of implementing the recent decision of the Supreme Court allowing same-sex marriages.

This is virgin territory and with thousands of entities including hospitals and churches and private universities which have had long-standing policies that unilaterally reject the notion of same-sex marriages, it will be a lawyer's playground as to testing and challenging a vast hodgepodge of rules and regulations and laws and customs that have excluded those who are in a gay marriage.

The difficulty in my opinion will be that America will have to come to grips with a fiction that for millions will be untenable or a concept of a discussion that has not been fully reckoned with and that is: America is not, "One Nation Under God" Nor do we do a good job of modeling, "In God We Trust."

Unless those two concepts are brought in the public discussion, the conversation of the implications of same sex marriage will be 2-D and not 3-D.

Why? Any tax exempt religious institution that enjoys tax breaks or a religious-exempted

foundation or charity or hospital or college will have to make a jarring decision and that is: "Do we continue with our belief system that clearly states that we model our care and services and methodology after the tenets of the Gospel of Jesus Christ or do we absorb the worldview that embraces same sex marriages?"

If you stand apart and do not absorb it and do not change your policies to reflect a change of your faith position in that you now will accept same sex marriages as being, "OK", you have lost your identity and do not deserve tax-exempt status.

If your employment policies as an adoption agency or a medical center or a half-way house includes in your mission statement (Cherry Street Mission or Grace Mission?) references to Jesus or to biblical statements as your standard and those standards do not allow a flagrant trespass as acknowledging same-sex marriages as being biblically proper, you are in trouble.

If your college or your offered scholarships or your employment requirements indicate an allegiance to biblical principles and you refuse to amend or delete those founding principles, you are in trouble. Remember the ghosts of Chick-Fil-A and Hobby Lobby?

If your religious organization which receives a United States government stamp of tax-exempt approval and you forbid the employment of gays and those who are in a same-sex marriage, you are in trouble.

Think of the billions of dollars that religious tax-exempt organizations enjoy be they the Catholic Church, the Methodist Church, Church of Scientology, Quakers, Mormons, the list goes on and on and on.

Now think of someone challenging their right to be free from public taxation due to their outright "discrimination" against those in a same-sex marriage or those who are gay.

The myriad of lawsuits challenging such tax-exempt perks and privileges is only a matter of time before some gay organization yells, "Foul!" and wants the U.S. Supreme Court to weigh in on whether organizations that have a custom or practice or a written policy of saying no to gays or those in gay marriages can continue to enjoy their tax-exempt status and the accompanying income and real estate thereto.

Their argument is quite simple. Equal protection can mean that I am treated equally as others in the same situation and if I am not treated equally for a job that I am qualified for simply due to being in a same-sex marriage, the government should not reward such discrimination



Lafe Tolliver

with a tax-exempt status since it will diminish the ruling by the court that same-sex marriages are the law of the land.

Yes, private religious organizations can say no to those who do not meet their religious scruples but, can they successfully continue to do so when they are getting fat and juicy tax exemptions that are supersized?

This breach in the wall of America which professes to be a God-based nation is quickly crumbling when the American public has a sea change of attitude about what God has called sin. They better be prepared to lose some perks and goodies when the United States Supreme Court weighs in (in the near future) and strips all religious tax-exempt organizations of their right to go tax free but still "discriminate" against same-sex marriages and their participants.

This cataclysmic social challenge will have this country revisiting its religious convictions so as to find out how much trust they still have or want to have in the God that they profess they are both submitted to and in whom they trust.

This decision will foment that discussion!

If you fight for the moral imprimatur of God in the marketplace, then it is probable that the federal taxing agency (The IRS) can take away favorable tax-exempt coverage from those entities that disobey the reign and rule of the IRS when the IRS says No! to God.

Now, America...Who's Your Daddy? The tax man or God?

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When Will We Get Ours

By Jay Black, President, Toledo African American Chamber of Commerce
Guest Column

As we look at the state of the economy in the local African-American community I am often asked "when will we get ours" or "when will it be our time?"

There is an ever-increasing frustration within our business community concerning the lack of procurement opportunities from public institutions and elected officials who rely on the African-American vote but in turn do not use their influence or economic resources to support us.

Many within the Toledo African American Chamber of Commerce (TAACC) have argued for a way to effectively hold publicly-funded institutions and public officials (and private sector institutions for that matter) accountable to ensure that they "do right by us."

We have watched for a long time how other racial, ethnic or religious communities feed at the "public trough. They have much more success at it than the black community. We believe there are a number of reasons for this reality. Some of those that we discuss at our monthly meetings are listed below:

We have not done what we need to do to position ourselves to access these opportunities. This includes networking, providing a quality product at a competitive price, effective marketing and providing superior customer service.

Many procurement managers, purchasing agents, and institutions operate using the 'FBI' business model. They only do business with friends, brothers and in-laws.

And yes, institutional racism still exists.

Some of the information we have requested from public, tax-funded organizations that come to voters periodically and seek help via levies is as follows:

- Do you have a written plan that outlines your intent to involve

African-American owned businesses?

- How much money have you spent with the groups listed above over the past three years?

- The organizations' hiring results of blacks and other minorities over the past three years.

We will review the results of the data received to provide you with a scorecard summary with an associated grade to help you determine if the organization has done "right by us" or not. You can then use this information to decide whether you want to vote for their levies, or in the case of candidates, vote for them as individuals.

We strongly encourage our members and our community to stop supporting organizations and individuals whose track record clearly shows they have not "done right by us." We believe it is now time for the African-American community to "get ours." Having tools that are based on facts that we can use for accountability purposes will help us to understand who we can partner with to strengthen our community economically.

In future articles we will highlight some of the "wolves in sheep's clothing" that we allow to fleece our community, help you identify some of the CEP's (ask me the next time we talk what this means) who are doing our community more harm than good, and some practical ways we can work together to build and retain wealth in our community.

Finally, please support the TAACC Gala on August 8, 2015. Please visit our website: toledoaacc.com for more information



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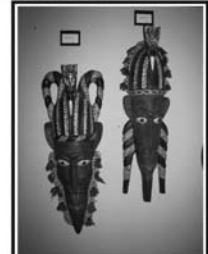
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House Dems Decry Missed Opportunity to Reform Charter Schools Before Next School Year

Criticize historic budget funding levels without added accountability, transparency

Special to The Truth

Members of the Ohio House Democratic Caucus last week expressed deep disappointment with the legislature's failure to act on charter school reform before breaking for summer recess. In the state's two year budget signed by Gov. Kasich on Tuesday, charter schools receive an historic amount of tax dollars, some \$1 billion, with no transparency and accountability reforms tied to the funding.

Many Ohio charter schools have come under fire in recent years for attendance rigging, potentially illegal leasing practices, bribery and conspiracy. Nationally, Ohio has become known as the "Wild, Wild West" of charter schools in addition to being ranked 49th in the nation for quality and accountability by charter proponents, behind Nevada.

In a review of over 4,200 state audits last year, the Akron Beacon Journal found that "no sector – not local governments, school districts, court systems, public universities or hospitals – mis-spends tax dollars like charter schools in Ohio." The audits revealed \$27.3 million at minimum was improperly spent by charter schools since 2001. Even the Fordham Institute, a pro-charter think-tank and Ohio charter school sponsor, believes Ohio "needs a top-to-bottom overhaul of its charter school sector."

Yet the state budget was stripped of charter school reforms, shifted more taxpayer funds to privately operated charter schools, and even dedicated additional dollars – \$25 per student – for facility costs of online charter schools, even though online schools lack traditional brick-and-mortar buildings.

Wednesday evening, during an almost-four hour break in session, the House could have passed House Bill 2, a charter accountability and transparency reform measure that initially passed the House before being strengthened by the Senate and voted out with unanimous, bipartisan support. By failing to take any action on charter school reform before the summer recess, the Republican-controlled legislature has effectively stalled long-overdue reform efforts until after the beginning of next school year.

Here is what House Democratic lawmakers are saying about the state's failure to adequately regulate the scandal-ridden charter school system in Ohio:

"As the national spotlight remains on Ohio for its failing charter schools, I am very disappointed that we are missing an opportunity to develop stronger rules for schools that are funded by tax dollars, but privately run. These rules deal with management,

conflict of interest, and financial reporting – all of which are critical for creating public trust in how these schools operate," said **Rep. Christie Kuhns (D-Cincinnati)**.

"Every school in Ohio, whether public or private, should have to play by the same set of rules and be held to the same high standards," said **Rep. Teresa Fedor (D-Toledo)**. "The Republican-led legislature has allowed the "Wild, Wild West" era of charter schools to continue for too long. We need real reform now."

"Our children can not afford to lose out on a quality education because the legislature refuses to hold charter schools accountable," said **Rep. John Patterson (D-Jefferson)**. "The same set of standards should apply to both private and public schools in order to ensure that students are being properly educated and prepared to succeed in the 21st century."

"Private, for-profit charter schools are failing children and fleecing taxpayers," said **Rep. Janine Boyd (D-Cleveland Heights)**. "True charter school reform is long overdue. We need to inject a healthy dose of accountability and transparency into the state's charter school system."

"Governor Kasich and his cronies have shown their true colors once again. Despite cutting funds to good public schools, and giving big increases to charter schools, they still failed to pass common sense reforms," said **Rep. Debbie Phillips (D-Albany)**. "Charter schools in Ohio lack basic oversight on the use of tax dollars, and Kasich's failed leadership will cost kids and taxpayers dearly."



Rep. Teresa Fedor



Rep. Janine Boyd

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According to Board member and Race Chairman Martin Allen, "this race and walk are geared for fun, teamwork and adventure. The course is staffed with wonderful volunteers and a host of people who are dedicated to Read for Literacy and Claire's Day. When you race with us, not only are you adding to your personal fitness, you are joining in the fight to end low-literacy in our community!"

Funds raised during this race will fund literacy programs for adults, children and families who want to increase their knowledge of reading. Volunteers work one-on-one to bring the joy of literacy to our students every day! We are thankful that more than 2000 students participate in our programs each year and an additional 6000 people participate in Claire's Day Book Festival each May. Together we are enhancing literacy for Northwest Ohio.

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DAY OF EVENT AGENDA:

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- 9:15 am Finish Line Celebration with DJ Reddcup!!
- 10:00 am PRESENTATION OF AWARDS BY AGE
- 10:45 am CLOSING REMARKS

Tips to Make History Come Alive for Your Family

Special to The Truth

It may have been many years since you picked up a history textbook. And if so, who can blame you? History can seem dull when told as a listing of facts and dates. But learning about times gone by can be a worthwhile pursuit -- whether you want to be better prepared to help your kids with homework or to beef up your own store of knowledge.

Luckily, there are much more fascinating and engaging ways to become a history buff than by reading a standard textbook. To make history come alive for you and your family, consider the following:

Historical Fiction

Revisit and rethink historical fact with inventive fictional novels inspired by true events. Historical fiction can be a fascinating way to get acquainted with history.

Check out one such new read, "The Lusitania Conspiracy," which explores events surrounding the infamous sinking of the RMS Lusitania, a British ocean liner, and at the time, one of the world's fastest and most luxurious passenger ships. In time for its 100th anniversary, history buff and author Ron Walters details a series of intense events involving mystery, murder, and perhaps even crimes against humanity, offering one possible explanation as to what occurred so long ago on May 7, 1915.

According to Walters, the truth behind the sinking, which involved the loss of 1,200 lives is "the greatest story never told."

"The story of the Lusitania has been overshadowed by the Titanic's sinking for nearly 100 years, even though it's far more interesting and intriguing," says Walters.

Though it is fiction, the book is based on real events and features historical figures. After enjoying the novel, you can look forward to

a film version, currently in the works. For more information, visit www.thelusitaniaconspiracy.com.

Take a Vacation

The next time you travel, take an opportunity to get more deeply acquainted with your destination by learning about its history. Were any battles fought there? Did important figures spend time there?

Almost every location has an interesting story behind it and seeing where an event took place can help bring facts to life and shed light on a story.

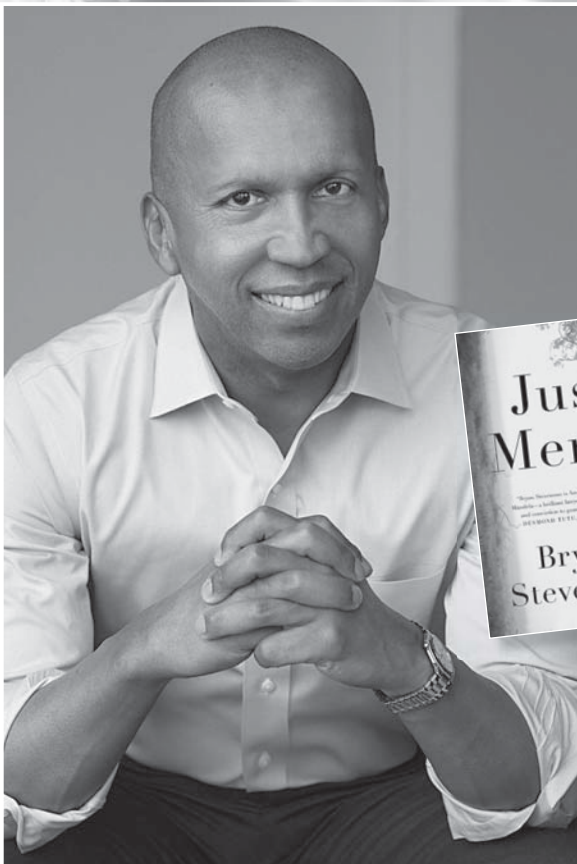
Consider planning a family vacation around an historical site like Gettysburg, site of one of the largest battles of the Civil War and President Abraham Lincoln's famous Gettysburg Address. Or you can visit a place like Los Alamos, home to the Manhattan Project during World War II. There are many destinations with historical meaning that can be explored by your family.

Make it Personal

History extends beyond the famous and infamous. Everyday people have interesting stories to tell as well -- including your ancestors.

Delving into your own family's past is now easier than ever, as there are online services that can help you search historical records and documents to piece together your story far into the past. Supplement your research by conducting interviews with relatives and record the sessions for posterity.

History is not meant to put you to sleep. By seeking out more vivid interpretations and retellings of the past, you can make it come alive.



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By Rhonda B. Sewell, Library Governmental Affairs and Media Strategist

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Where else can you see your favorite African-American authors up close and personal?

This year, the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library has some spectacular authors in store for the local community that you can see and hear for free or for a nominal fee. Our **Authors! Authors!** series, presented in partnership with The Blade, has welcomed some of the biggest names, straight off the bestsellers lists for more than two decades. And, our newer series **Open Book**, where authors tell their stories, is sponsored by the Library Legacy Foundation and features authors covering a variety of genres.

It's time to whip out your electronic or paper calendar and store or jot down the following dates below as must-see appearances. Our more than 175-year-old system is here to transform and engage with these three amazing authors, plus a whole lot more! Find additional author appearances at toledolibrary.org.

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• **(Authors! Authors!) Tuesday, September 29 * Bryan Stevenson** – (7 p.m., McMaster Center, Main Library) Social Justice, Civil Rights, MacArthur Fellow, TED speaker, best-selling author (most recently – *Just Mercy*), founder and Executive Director of



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• **(Open Book) Monday, October 12 * Pamela Samuels Young** – (6:30 p.m., Kent Branch, 3101 Collingwood Blvd.) Attorney, author. Described by one reviewer as “John Grisham with a sister’s twist). Pamela is an award-winning author of six legal thrillers, including her most recent novel, *Anybody’s Daughter*. **FREE**



Pamela Samuels Young

• **(Authors! Authors!) Date to be determined * Kwame Alexander** – (Stranahan Theater) 2015 John Newbery Medal for the Most Distinguished Contribution to American literature for Children (*The Crossover*), award-winning YA/children’s book author, poet, teacher, and literacy advocate. (Call 419.259.5266 419.259.5266 for ticket information).



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Carnel Smith's 13th Annual Boys Football Camp

Sojourner's Truth Staff

For 13 years now, Carnel Smith, Ed.D., has conducted an annual boys' football camp for youngsters in grades three to eight. Each year dozens of inner-city youth – 130 this past year – turn out for a week to hone their classroom and football skills. Each year a host of volunteers turn out to help Smith, principal of Robinson Elementary School, reach out to the community and help impart life lessons to the youngsters.

"Football is just a tool," says Smith. "There are lessons to be learned in this game of football."

Among the numerous volunteers who assist Smith is Robert "Pig" Odoms, a retired area football coach whom Smith recruited at the onset, 13 years ago, to help out.

"I can't run it without you," Smith told Odoms then. Smith, who attended Scott High School and went to the University of Pittsburgh on a football scholarship before spending time in the NFL, was all too familiar with the football knowledge Odoms could bring to the camp. Odoms, after all, was Smith's first football coach.

"I've been coaching for 35 years, says Odoms who has spent time with virtually every Toledo Public Schools football program. "I love kids and

anything I can do to help keep them off the streets, I want to do it."

"Kids don't have the mentors like we did when we were coming up," he says. "As I go around the neighborhoods, I don't see adult attendants at fields, nothing is open and there are too many negative things for them to do."

Smith has been operating his camp long enough that former attendees are now part of the volunteer corps.

Not all of Smith's volunteers are football folks however. There are nurses, for example, who serve to safeguard the health of the campers. Dawn King, LPN, a childhood friend of Smith, has been volunteering since the early days also and has brought along others to assist her.

The kids get minor injuries, of course, and they also come to the camp with issues that need monitoring, such as asthma or diabetes.

"I feel like it's a good opportunity to serve the community, to help out youth and to mentor other nurses," says King of the many reasons for her long-time involvement. "It's a good time and a great thing to be involved in."

Some of Smith's volunteers spend more than one week a year helping to put the whole thing together. Mona Bills, for example, who has also been involved for the entire 13-year run, and helps get kids registered, works with parents on time issues, gets food delivered, t-shirts arranged and all the administrative duties that such an undertaking demands. Bills also helps out year-round with critical tasks such as fund-raising.

Bills came to the project through her connections – she is Smith's sister. "It's a good cause," she says of the camp. "There aren't many programs out here for inner-city young men."

For Smith, his summer activities – he has also conducted a girls' basketball camp – are labors of love. "I'm just pleased that I can do it," he says.


For those around Smith, his dedication to the cause has inspired their involvement.

"I'm so proud of him," says Odoms, who has been astonished at what Smith, whom he has known for so many years, has accomplished in adulthood. "It shows what hard work can do."




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Owens Community College to Implement Tuition Guarantee Program

Special to The Truth

Owens Community College last week announced the implementation of a tuition guarantee program, pending Ohio Board of Regents approval, that will hold tuition rates for Fall 2015 and Spring 2016 for up to three years or until the completion of a degree, whichever comes first.

"Our mission is student success and for many students cost plays a big factor in their ability to continue their education, Mike Bower, Ph.D., president of Owens Community College. "While our tuition rate is still lower than other institutions in northwest Ohio, we want to do all we can to assist students in not only reducing cost, but also the time required to complete a degree."

Existing full and part-time students and new (first-time) full-time students who elect to enroll in at least 15 credit hours in Fall semester 2015 or Spring semester 2016 will be eligible for the guarantee. Their tuition will be guaranteed at current rates during the time of their participation in the program.

Students will be required to sign a completion pledge that states they will: maintain continuous enrollment in fall and spring semesters with at least 15 credit hours per semester for three years or until degree completion, whichever comes first; and complete an academic plan by the end of their second semester.

"The tuition guarantee program is designed to help students and parents accurately predict tuition costs for their entire time here at Owens," said Bower. "We want to see students succeed and this program is rewarding students for taking positive steps toward completion."

The tuition guarantee is part of Owens' "Take 15" initiative that assists students in graduating on time, saving tuition money, and starting their careers sooner.

For more information on Owens Community College, please visit www.owens.edu.

OACTA Announces 2015 Law Student Diversity Scholarship Recipients

The Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys (OACTA) announced the recipients of its 2015 Law Student Diversity Scholarships. These scholarships were open to incoming second and third-year African-American, Hispanic, Asian, Pan Asian and Native American students enrolled at Ohio law schools. Incoming second and third-year female law students enrolled at Ohio law schools are also eligible regardless of race or ethnicity. Other criteria for the scholarship included:

- Academic achievement in law school;
- Professional interest in civil defense practice; and
- Service to community and to the cause of diversity.

Three (2) scholarships, each in the amount of \$1,250, will be awarded to: **Ikechukwu Ekeke**, a student at Case Western

Reserve University School of Law, and **Rujeko Manungo**, a student at Capital University Law School. These two students will be recognized at the OACTA Annual Meeting on November 20, 2015 at The Hilton Columbus at Easton in Columbus, Ohio.

The Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys is an organization of attorneys, corporate executives and managers who devote a substantial portion of their time to the defense of civil lawsuits and the management of claims against individuals, corporations and governmental entities. The Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys promotes fairness, excellence, and integrity in the civil justice system by providing resources and education to attorneys and others dedicated to the defense of civil actions. OACTA believes that a diverse membership makes a stronger organization. OACTA encourages diversity in all aspects of its activities and is committed to nurturing a culture that supports and promotes diversity. In 2011, OACTA was nationally recognized as the recipient of the DRI (Defense Research Institute) State and Local Defense Organization Diversity Award.

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The Hearst Foundations Establish \$100,000 Lourdes Scholarship

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Lourdes University has announced the establishment of the Hearst Scholarship Fund benefiting academically successful students from disadvantaged backgrounds with demonstrated financial need. The \$100,000 scholarship allows Lourdes University to award five select students with a renewable scholarship distributed over four years. The goal is to assist these talented students in successfully pursuing and achieving their bachelor's degree.

Recipients, called Hearst Scholars, will apply in their first year of study. To qualify, Hearst Scholars must hold a high school grade point average of 3.0 or higher and a comparable ACT score; have an unmet financial need of not less than the annual scholarship amount; and be enrolled full time in an undergraduate degree program. Applicants must submit a written statement that describes their educational plan including how they propose to graduate within the four-year timeline required. Recipients must reapply annually for a total of not more than four years and must maintain a 3.0 GPA.

During the grant process, George Irish, vice president and director of East Coast Operations for the Hearst Foundations, visited Lourdes

University. Irish was "impressed with the institution, its students and the team that Dave Livingston, president of Lourdes, has put together."

The Hearst Foundations are national philanthropic resources for organizations working in the fields of culture, education, health and social services. The Hearst Foundations identify and fund outstanding nonprofits to ensure that people of all backgrounds in the United States have the opportunity to build healthy, productive and inspiring lives. The Hearst Foundation, Inc. was founded by William Randolph Hearst in 1945. In 1948, he established the California Charities Foundations, later renamed The William Randolph Hearst Foundation. Both foundations are guided by the same charitable mission, which reflects the philanthropic interests of their founder. Both foundations are also independent private philanthropies operating separately from the Hearst Corporation.

Lourdes University is one of a select number of exemplary colleges the Hearst Foundations have supported who are dedicated to preparing students to succeed in a global society. Preference is given to medium size, private liberal arts colleges and universities. Other Ohio institutions who have received scholarship support from the Hearst Foundations in past years include Baldwin-Wallace College, Case Western, Kenyon, Oberlin, Ohio Dominican, University of Cincinnati, University of Dayton, Wittenberg and Xavier.

"Over 55 percent of Lourdes students are first generation college students. How fitting that our students will carry on the legacy of Mr. Hearst who accomplished so much in his lifetime and has contributed so much to society through his foundations," says Mary Arquette, vice president for Institutional Advancement.

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3 cups frozen baby lima beans
1 bunch chopped green onions
1 tbsp fresh minced garlic
4 cups fresh yellow corn kernels (about 6 ears)
2 cups heavy whipping cream
1 tbsp chopped fresh thyme
salt to taste
½ teaspoon black pepper
2 cups grape tomatoes cut in halves
1 pound thick sliced bacon, cooked and crumbled (save drippings)
Combine lima beans with enough water to cover in a medium saucepan. Bring to boil over medium-high heat; reduce heat and simmer for 20-25 minutes.

In a Dutch oven, heat bacon drippings. Add onion and garlic, and cook 5 minutes stirring frequently. Add corn kernels, lima beans, cream, thyme, salt and pepper. Cook for 35 minutes, stirring occasionally until corn kernels are tender. Add tomatoes. Cook for 2 minutes until tomatoes are heated through. Top with crumbled bacon.

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Ashford Announces State Funding for Safety Updates at the University of Toledo

Project will bring elevators up to code, enhance student safety

Special to The Truth

State Representative Michael Ashford (D-Toledo) this week announced the University of Toledo has been granted approval to contract with DLZ Architecture Incorporated to conduct the Elevator Safety Repairs and Replacements project on campus. The state Controlling Board today approved a total of \$244,500 for the repair and replacement of five elevators on the Main Campus.

"Many buildings around University of Toledo's campus still have their original elevator with little updates since the original installation," said Rep. Ashford. "The Elevator Safety Repairs and Replacements project is being conducted for the safety of our students and to ensure all elevators are up to date with the newest security standards. I am pleased this state funding will help make

campus buildings safer for our students and faculty."

DLZ Architecture Inc. was chosen by the Department of Facilities and Construction to help carry out this project based on the company's knowledge and collective experience of their proposed team. The firm conducted an assessment which concluded that 16 elevators around all three campus's needed repairs, but the 5 most critical will receive the funding for replacements first.

This project will upgrade some 40-50 year old elevators and bring the elevator machine rooms up to par with code compliance. These upgrades will result in minimized maintenance, increased



Rep. Michael Ashford

safety, and improved appearance of elevator cabs.

Fourteen Local Artists Paint Murals in the Warehouse District

Special to The Truth

Art Corner Toledo, with administrative funding support from Toledo City Council and Lucas County Commissioners, has organized an opportunity for 14 local artists to paint murals in the Warehouse District this summer. The project is underway and will be completed before the Wander the Ware-

house event on Sunday September 20, 2015.

Additional funding support to purchase supplies from Byrne Paint to supplement a donation from Sherwin Williams was organized by the Toledo Warehouse District Association with an online Indiegogo campaign.

During the winter and spring months, Art Corner Toledo held a series of community meetings in the Warehouse District during which local artists were invited to submit their designs after hearing input from community members.

Joe Marck, the building owner, had given permission to paint 12 slots in a parking lot near Toledo Farmer's Market in order to create a sense of space and destination where now people park for Mud Hens games. The designs traveled through the local approval process and, in May, were given the go ahead to begin painting when the weather allowed.

The 12 local artists will be compensated by funding granted to Art Corner Toledo from Lucas County Commissioners and their

names are as follows: Amber Lefevre Soboleski, Erin Peterson, Deborah Augustine, Ed Conn, Merce Culp, Amy Fidler, Daniel Mauk, Alfred Frank, Sammi Dougherty, Jeffery Weiser, Delfina Zapata, and Tina Tagle.

The last two artists serve as president and vice president of OLA (Organization of Latino Artists) who were instrumental in the first few waves of murals to be painted in Toledo's South End on Broadway Street. Each artist involved with the project has contributed to the creative renaissance in Toledo and Art Corner Toledo is thrilled to have them all on board.

A separate project in the same district involves Douglas Kampfer and Natalie Lanese who will paint a baseball and Toledo treasure themed mural on Jack Wilson's Sculpture Studio building at St. Clair near Washington.

For additional information, please contact Rachel Richardson at 419-810-5804 or art-cornertoledo@gmail.com.



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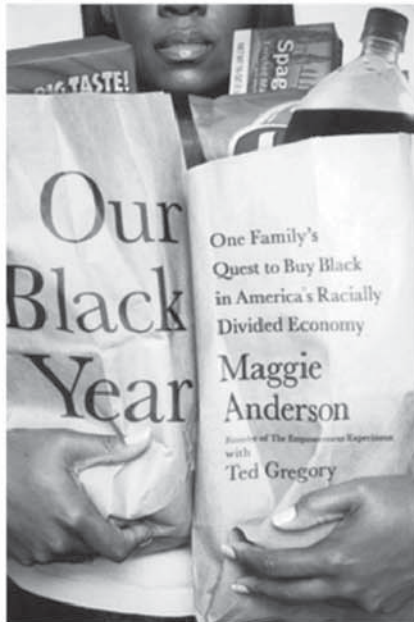
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IFB #15-B006

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Toledo Cares: A Unity Breakfast with the Mayor

Sojourner's Truth Staff

Dozens of Toledoans turned out for a Unity Breakfast on Tuesday, June 30 and to sign a Toledo Cares banner that will be hand delivered by Bishop Marjorie Holt to the Emanuel Church in Charleston, SC to honor those of that congregation who were killed in a terrorist massacre earlier in the month.

Pastors, city officials and organization leaders gathered at Warren AME Church with Toledo Mayor Paula Hicks-Hudson in a time of celebration and to pay homage to the City of Toledo for moving forward together.



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