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2:00 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 17, 2014

YPs and Alumni from across the region! Come out while we celebrate 13 years of service to Pittsburgh. The picnic will be held at the Rhododendron shelter Highland Park from 2 pm - 6 pm. Food, games and drinks will be provided, but BYOB! This is a family affair so bring out the kids, come have to fun and begin to build new connections with YPs around the region!!! We will be collecting items for the Back To School Drive during the cookout so please bring your bags or supplies!!! We are also collecting donations for the Back To School Drive! \$5 buys a brand new book bag, \$10 buys the supplies for each bag, and \$15 provides for one completely filled bag! Help us reach our goal of 300 filled bags for the children of the Urban League Charter School and the region as a whole!!!

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Wilkins woman dead; suspect wounded

Assailant shot himself, police say

BY ADAM BRANDOLPH

Delicious Jones, a mother of two, was as unique as her first name, a longtime friend said on Saturday.

"She was the greatest. She was wonderful," Marcus Roach, 39, of Clairton said about his friend of 18 years. "She was my go-out-and-eat buddy, my Applebee's buddy."

Jones' relationship with the man whom police identified as the main suspect in her death, William Arrington, 36, of Turtle Creek, got serious in April, Roach said. It soured recently, however, and Jones, 32, told Roach that she was going to end it, he said.

Roach led police to Jones' house along McMasters Avenue in Wilkins about 12:30 a.m. Saturday, and police found her cellphone in the toilet and evidence of a struggle. They found her body in woods across the street. An autopsy is pending.

Arrington was "most likely responsible" for Jones' death, Homicide Unit Lt. Andrew Schurman said. Arrington had not been charged as of 9 p.m. Saturday.

Arrington shot himself and was in critical condition in a local hospital, Schurman said. He was transported there from a family member's house in Wilkinsburg on Saturday afternoon, the lieutenant said.

Roach said Arrington, whom he also knew, was originally from Philadelphia.

Jones' children are 16 and 10, Roach said. She worked as a tax preparer for Jackson Hewitt



Jones

and in the housing department of the Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh, said the Downtown nonprofit's president, **Esther Bush**, who recalled teasing Jones about her first name when they met.

"We smiled about it, and I told her I appreciated having somebody with a name that sweet working at the Urban League," Bush said.

In November 2010, Arrington pleaded guilty to two counts each of terroristic threats and simple assault. He was sentenced to three to six months in jail and two years

of probation.

He pleaded guilty in May 2008 to robbery, aggravated assault and intimidating a witness or victim. Com-

mon Pleas Judge Donald E. Machen sentenced him to 11½ to 23 months in the Allegheny County Jail.

Monday will be a difficult day at work, Bush said.

"The Urban League is very much involved in trying to stop the violence in the community working with different coalitions and on a national level," Bush said. "When something like this happens, and it hits very close to home, the message is just too clear how we need to stop this violence in our neighborhood."

Staff writer Natasha Lindstrom contributed to this report. Adam Brandolph is a staff writer for Trib Total Media. He can be reached at 412-391-0927 or abrandolph@tribweb.com.



Arrington



Community Calendar

Annual Summit

AUG. 15—Sisters Saving Ourselves Now will host its 3rd Annual Summit at the Community College of Allegheny County South Campus, 1750 Clairton Blvd., West Mifflin. The theme for the two-day event is "Enhance Health and Well-Being of the Black Family: Committed to Healing, Education and Empowering." There will be a keynote speech by Pittsburgh Police Ass. Chief Maurita Bryant; presentations by Melanie Campbell, president and CEO of the National Coalition on Black Civic Participation, and Dr. Tony Mitchell; a special report on Black women in the U.S.; a book signing by Lueana Coward; and entertainment by gospel rapper Real LIMS. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 412-303-4888 or email sisterssavingourselves-now@gmail.com.

Schenley High School

AUG. 15—The Schenley High School Class of 1974 Reunion Committee will host its 40th Reunion Weekend. The reunion will run through Aug. 17. For more information, call Oluwashigun Amenu at 412-242-4345.

Community Flea Market

AUG. 16—East-Tri Borough

Neighborhood Association will host its annual Flea Market and Membership Drive from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Homewood Salvation Army, 8020 Frankstown Ave., Homewood. The event will take place rain or shine. For more information, call 412-247-4093 or email etbna412@gmail.com.

Bowling for Evan

AUG. 17—Kiana Slaughter will host Bowling for Evan from 12-4 p.m. at Fun Fest Entertainment Center, 2525 Freeport Rd., Harmarville. This fundraiser is to raise money for Evan who is an 8-month-old battling Pulmonary Vein Stenosis and is scheduled to have his third open-heart surgery. The event will benefit the Radiant Warrior Spirit Fund. For more information, visit www.radiantwarriorspirit.wordpress.com.

Operation HOME

AUG. 30—The Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh will host its Operation HOME workshop from 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. at the Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh, 610

Wood St., Downtown. This is an intensive homeownership program that equips potential interested homebuyers with a basic understanding of how to travel the path to mortgage qualification and maintaining homeownership. Participants will listen to speakers, meet with counselors

and more. Registration is required. For more information, call 412-227-4161 or 412-221-4815.

Back-to-School Drive

ONGOING—The Community Empowerment Association will host a Back-to-School Supply Drive at the CEA Arts, Cultural and Training Institute, 7120 Kelly St., Homewood. They will be collecting school supplies for underprivileged students in the community. The supplies will be distributed Aug. 30 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Gazebo in Homewood, at North and Frankstown Avenues. For more information, call 412-371-3689 ext. 30 or email info@ceapittsburgh.org.

DHS SummerFood Program

ONGOING—The Allegheny County Department of Human Services will host its annual SummerFood Program at various locations throughout the count. The program provides a free nutritious breakfast and lunch, along with recreational activities, to children up to age 18 as well as eligible individuals with disabilities on weekdays. For more information, call 1-800-851-3838 or visit www.alleghenycounty.us/dhs/food.aspx#summerfood.

(To have items listed on Community Calendar, send information at least two weeks in advance to: 315 E. Carson St., Pittsburgh, PA 15219; Fax: 412-481-1360 or email: newsroom@newspittsburghcourier.com.)





The Urban View: Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh's President/CEO Ms. Esther L. Bush



Urban Media Today and WZUM 1550am present The Urban View. Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh's President/CEO, Ms. Esther L. Bush, announces a new initiative called Bank on Pittsburgh. Listen below.



The Urban View - Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh

Take charge of your health today. Be informed. Be involved.

We are excited to be starting our fourth year of "Take Charge of Your Health Today. Be Informed. Be Involved." These pages focus on health disparities and provide readers with health information, resources and research studies in the Pittsburgh region. We want these pages to provide valuable information on subjects that may affect you, your family or friends. We have many great topics lined up this year, including healthy habits in children, lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender health and environmental health.

The monthly series is a partnership of the New Pittsburgh Courier, Community PARTners (a core service of the University of Pittsburgh's Clinical and Translational Science Institute—CTSI), the Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh, and the UPMC Center for Engagement and Inclusion. All articles can be accessed online at the New Pittsburgh Courier website.

This month, the "Take Charge of Your Health Today" page focuses on stress and health. Jennifer Jones, MPH, community engagement coordinator at CTSI, and Esther L. Bush, president and CEO of the Urban League, sat down to talk about the importance of recognizing and dealing with stress.

JJ: Good afternoon, Ms. Bush. It's hard to believe that we're starting our fourth year of this series! Thank you for your enthusiasm as we create these health pages every month. I know that you see these pages as important to the African American and larger Pittsburgh community. I always appreciate your perspective and insight on the health topics each month. August

is a busy month for many people—family vacations, working around the house, going back to school and so many others. We thought it appropriate to talk about stress and how it affects our health.

EB: I'm so glad we're taking a few minutes to talk about an issue that affects so many of us. First, I think it's important to realize just that—we all have stress in our lives. Stress can be due to money, our jobs, our families, our kids or our health. What makes each person feel "stressed" is different. Stress is color blind; it affects us all. As Dr. Rabin mentions, there are negative effects of stress on our body. These include high blood pressure and problems with sleeping and can even lead to depression.

JJ: That's right, Ms. Bush. We all handle stress differently, both physically and mentally. Sometimes we may not even know exactly what makes us feel stressed. I know that when I'm feeling tense or overwhelmed, I like to take a walk outside or call a friend or family member. Talking to someone I love and trust is really helpful, and usually they can make me laugh. That helps take my mind off the tough situation, if even for a few minutes. What helps you handle stress?

EB: Relaxing with family and close friends, with a high dose of laughter, is a good remedy for me, too. Also, sometimes just turning off the phone, hiding away for a day, tending to household tasks and listening to music relieves a lot of built-up tension and gives me a refreshed outlook. The overview with Dr. Rabin also highlights ways to reduce stress. I encourage everyone to try at least one of

these things next time you feel overwhelmed or are having a stressful day. Know that you aren't alone and that there are resources available to you. Pitt also has researchers who are working to learn more about stress and our bodies. If you have never participated in research, this could be a great opportunity for you.

JJ: I agree, Ms. Bush. I know this topic is one that can be uncomfortable to discuss, but it's important to figure out how we can keep our stress levels lower and lead a healthier life. I just want to thank everyone for continuing to read these pages each month. These health pages help all of us stay informed about health topics important to our communities. If anyone has any questions about the information on this page, e-mail PARTners@hs.pitt.edu.



ESTHER BUSH





AKAS WITH HONOREE—Peggy Harris, Crystal McCormick, Austin Davis and Jackie Blakey-Tate (Photos by Debbie Norrell)



AKAS WITH HONOREE—Peggy Harris, Dwayne Fulton and Jackie Blakey-Tate

Gentlemen of Excellence

by Debbie Norrell
 Courier Staff Writer

How do you describe a “Gentleman of Excellence? According to the Alpha Alpha Omega Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., he is a man who has distinguished himself through achievement, service and advocacy in the fields of Arts, education, business, community advocacy, community service, entrepreneurship, law, medicine, religion, master trades and social services. On June 27, at the Longue Vue Club in Verona, 13 such men were honored during a beautiful evening.

Kevin Howard provided the soundtrack while guests enjoyed hors d’oeuvres and the beautiful evening on the patio

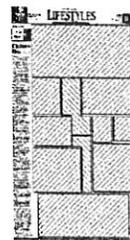
overlooking the Longue Vue golf course. AKA Chapter President Jackie Blakey-Tate greeted the large gathering while Peggy Harris, co-chair of the Gentlemen of Excellence committee, welcomed the group. Crystal McCormick, co-chair of the Gentlemen of Excellence committee had the pleasure of introducing the Great Lakes Regional Direc-

tor-Elect for Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. and Pittsburgh’s own Toni S. Kendrick. Dara Crawley served as a dynamic mistress of ceremonies who did her homework on each awardee.

And the awardees were: Dwayne Fulton Jr. (Arts, Mt. Ararat Baptist Church), Clarence Jackson (Business, PNC Bank), Melvin Hubbard El (Business, Office of state Rep. Ed Gainey), Darryl T. Wiley (Community Advocacy, Legacy STEM), Don O. Johnson (Community Advocacy Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.), Charles J. Franklin

III (Education, Pittsburgh Public Schools), Carlton Heywood (Education, Pittsburgh Public Schools), Michael Phillips (Education, Penn State University), Sponce Cade (Entrepreneurship, Alpha and Omega Wheels), Austin Davis (Government, Office of Allegheny County Executive), Blaine Jones, Esq. (Law, Blaine Jones Law, LLC), Rev. Dr. Vincent K. Campbell (Religion, Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church) and Ryan Scott (Social Services, Urban League of Pittsburgh).

Each gentleman accepted their award in person and Rev. Campbell dedicated his award to the late Delphia Briscoe, a life time member of Ebenezer Baptist Church. Along with the awards, the organization also presented scholarships to Janay Jennings and Diamen Green, who will both attend Lincoln University in the fall, and Candace King, a Duquesne University student.





GENTLEMEN OF EXCELLENCE—Michael Phillips and Carlton Heywood



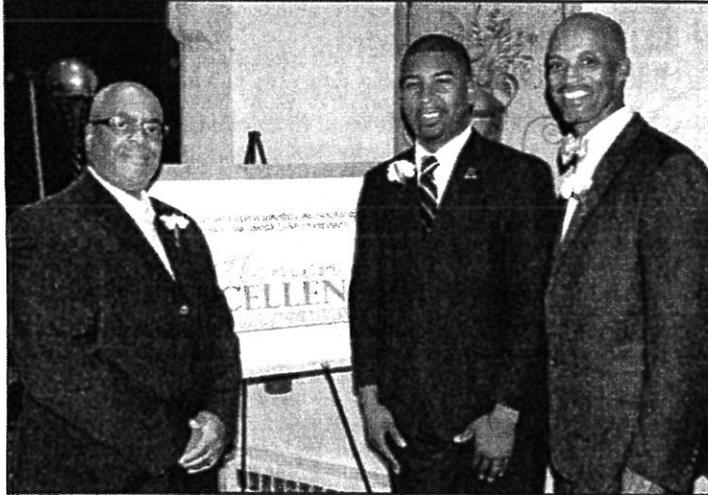
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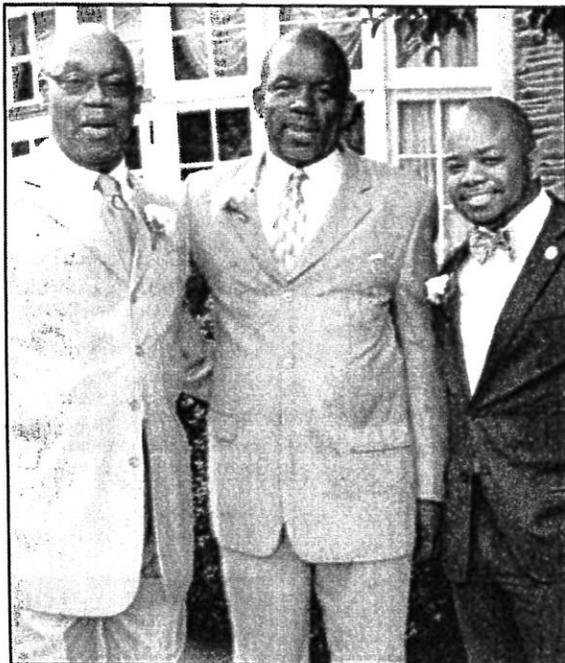
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GENTLEMEN OF EXCELLENCE—Melvin Hubbard EL, Ryan Scott and Darryl Wiley



GENTLEMEN OF EXCELLENCE—Charles Franklin, Don O. Johnson and Clarence Jackson

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Esther L. Bush



In 1994, the Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh grained Pittsburgh native and National Urban League veteran, President Esther L. Bush. She continues to transform the Pittsburgh community as an advocate of social and economic equity. Esther has been instrumental in the development of many programs to benefit African American youth, including ULPGH Charter School, the African American Achievement Trust and the Black Male Leadership Development Institute. In February 2013, Ms. Bush was recognized at the White House as a Champion of Change in the Educational Excellence for African Americans program. She is one of ten Americans to receive this award.

A graduate of Pittsburgh's Westinghouse

her hometown of Pittsburgh in December 1994, Ms. Bush was President and Chief Executive Officer of the Urban League of Greater Hartford. She is the first female to serve in each of her last four positions in the Urban League movement.

Ms. Bush was appointed by Governors to serve on the Pennsylvania State Board of Education, PA Commission for Crime and Delinquency, Law Enforcement and Community Relations Task Force, the Governor's Commission on Academic Standards, and the Voting Modernization Task Force. She served on the Executive Committee of the National Urban League Association of Executives and is Chairman of the Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh

High School. Ms. Bush began her career as a high school teacher. She also worked as a college administrator and corporate consultant. She has moved progressively up the ladder of the Urban League movement, starting in 1980 with the position of Assistant Director of the Labor Education Advancement Program for the National Urban League in New York City. From there, she served first as Director of the New York Urban League Staten Island Branch, then as Director of its Manhattan Branch.

Before returning to

Charter School Board of Trustees. She is a current member of the International Women's Forum, Pittsburgh Chapter and formerly on the International Women's Forum Board of Directors. In addition, Ms. Bush has served as a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association's Judicial Evaluation Committee and Serves on the boards of UPMC, the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust, United Way, Duquesne University, and on many other boards and committees.

Reflections by Gregory Peaslee, Senior Vice President, UPMC

I knew about Esther Bush long before I met her 18 years ago. In her role as executive director of the Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh, Esther was very visible in the public arena, and she projected an aura of



grace and class as she worked tirelessly as a catalyst for change. I was fortunate to experience her winning personality up close when Esther joined UPMC's board of directors with the mission to help us make UPMC a better place to work for all people. Over the past two decades, I have come to more deeply appreciate her intelligence and her wit. Esther is a catalyst for change. She has the uncanny ability to tackle difficult situations head on and to build consensus among disparate groups, all in the unerring spirit of dignity and respect.

**Reflections by Tim Stevens,
The Black Political
Empowerment Project (B-
PEP)**

When I was asked by Luther and Roxanne Sewell to write a few words on my friend Esther L. Bush, I was delighted. I have had a very special relationship with Esther since she returned to her hometown in 1994. We both entered important positions of leadership within the African American community within weeks of each other, Esther as the President of the Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh, and I as the President of the NAACP Pittsburgh Branch. We have worked in close partnership ever since. I have found her to have a passion for the African American community in particular, and for the Pittsburgh Region as a whole. She has provided great leadership to the Urban League, which has been reflected in

its national ratings by the national Urban League headquarters. When one sees the National Urban League President, Marc



Morial, speak of Esther Bush, his enthusiasm for Esther is quite obvious. Esther has provided leadership in the field of education by initiating a very successful charter school and her partnership, which I share, in the work of A Plus Schools and in working with Dr. Linda in attempting to improve the educational climate for African American students. Esther has indeed been a 'person of the year', not only for this year, but for each year she demonstrated leadership for our City of Pittsburgh and beyond!

**Commentary by Gregory
Peaslee, Senior Vice
President, UPMC**

Candi Castleberry Singleton came to UPMC in 2008, and our organization and the region are better because of it. As our Chief Inclusion and Diversity Officer, Candi launched the UPMC Center for Engagement and Inclusion in 2008. But her impact has extended far beyond UPMC and has influenced and improved our local

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community. Her accomplishments are many: She developed and nurtured the Dignity & Respect Campaign, now a national initiative, founded on 30 Tips that remind us to be mindful of how we treat others; introduced the Cultural Competency Initiative, a practical approach for helping employees learn to interact with others in a culturally appropriate manner; led Health Community Healthy You, a multifaceted UPMC effort to motivate the community to become partners in their health care; and serves as a co-chair of the Regional Health Literacy Coalition, a community collaboration focused on improving patient and provider communications.



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