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*"People think there are problems today, but when I served on the board, the superintendent of schools resigned right after our first meeting. We had to make a decision to close 10 schools all at once and everyone was lobbying to save a school. But we had to balance the budget."*

# This Strikes Us ...

*A Sojourner's Truth Editorial*

What a week it was for the Bush Administration. Indeed, what a week it was for the nation. First, the combined intelligence agencies – there are 16 of them serving U.S. interests, by the way, which leads to the inevitable question about why a Republican president and a Republican Congress committed to reducing the size of government haven't seemed to notice that they could start right here – compiled a report last spring that concluded that the conflict in Iraq was contributing to the increase in the number of terrorists who are bent on taking out their frustrations at the U.S.

Second, Bob Woodward, famed Watergate reporter and Washington Post editor, released a book, *State of Denial*, that opened up for public view the dissent within the Bush Administration on the conduct of that particular conflict. According to Woodward, who has always had unfettered access to administration officials because he has in the past only had nice things to say about them, the decision-making process is flawed by rampant incompetence.

The regrettable aspect of the release of both of these reports is that the contents took no one by surprise. Most Americans, Bush calls us "naive," know by now that the War in Iraq is not having the impact on what the administration optimistically informs us is just around the corner – peace, prosperity and democracy in that part of the world.

Bush and his staff were incensed at the release of the intelligence report excerpts but only because information was released that countered the impression the administration is trying to convey. There was nothing of concern in the report that would endanger national security. The only danger presented was to Republican election chances in November.

There was, however, analysis that the Bush folks did not want the public to know. So naturally they ranted about the leak more than they did about the actual contents.

What are we to make of this war?

The one thing that becomes increasingly apparent is that a bunch of draft-dodging civilian policy-makers have decided in their dotage that it's now time to "man-up." We have a real case of testosterone poisoning in Washington and the symptoms of the mini-epidemic are pretty frightening, it even seems to have afflicted Condi. Of particular interest is that the old Nixon-era cowboy himself, Henry Kissinger, has been revealed as someone whom the present-day leaders rely on for advice. Kissinger is reported to have told them that the only justifiable withdrawal strategy is victory.

We are bemused, of course, at the fact that Kissinger's vision on strategy is so admired after all these years. This is the man who brokered a peace agreement with North Vietnam after six or seven years of attempts and ended up with the same deal he could have gotten during the Nixon Administration's first year – with a whole lot fewer American and Vietnamese casualties. What has he done to earn such respect as a strategist?

Or maybe the talks go something like this: "What went so wrong during your war, Henry?"

Bush himself has been quoted recently as saying that he will stay the course in Iraq and he doesn't care if the only ones who end up supporting him are Laura and Barney – the family dog. We're not sure about Laura, but we are absolutely certain that the dog has more sense than that and will eventually see the light.

The Bushies retort to those who disagree with them is to call them traitors or appeasers. Those who disagree are letting down our troops, say those who-would-be-generals. Note that the real generals, for the most part, are sitting on the sidelines shaking their heads in horror at the way the civilians have mismanaged this trumped up war.

We learned this lesson during Vietnam and somehow managed to forget it within the span of a generation: in the timeless struggle to win people's hearts and minds, you can't win hearts and minds by bombing their houses and maiming their children.

Of course, when our leaders decide that little matters other than the Rooseveltian "big stick" approach to foreign affairs, what can we expect?

We do know what we want.

First, there is no guarantee of "victory" in Iraq and we doubt if even the redoubtable Dr. Kissinger can define that term.

And, second, if the Iraqis are indeed capable of managing their own affairs, the U.S. should leave immediately. If the Iraqis cannot, we are simply postponing the inevitable – a civil war in which the victor may or may not end up being a friend of the U.S.

The fact is that most Iraqis no longer want us there and we have reached the point where it is impossible to determine to what extent our presence is making a bad situation intolerable.

Rummy and Condi and Dick are busy telling us that we're almost within reach of our goals in Iraq. We've been hearing that for far too long and we've been convinced for quite some time that they haven't the slightest clue on what our goals are or how to reach them. Maybe the Iraqis have a better sense of what they need for themselves than we do.

# Community Calendar

## October 6

- N-His Name Ministries: Freedom in the Heart of Holiness Pre-conference musical; 7 pm; Open Arms Cathedral Temple: 419-290-8106
- Fish Fry: Amazon Lodge #4; 11 am to 5 pm; Deliveries available on orders of 3 or more: 419-531-7079

## October 7

- Top Ladies of Distinction: Honoring Grandparents; 10 am to 2 pm; Indiana Avenue MBC: 419-382-7283
- 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Striking Out Cancer Bowling Event: Imperial Lanes & Entertainment Center; 1 pm; Literature, fun for the family, raffles: 419-531-4058
- Walk for Diabetes: At the Toledo Zoo; 8 am: 888-DIABETES
- Commandress Ball: Mecca Court # 73; Radisson Hotel; 7 pm

## October 8

- Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church: Annual Women's Day; 4 pm; "Christian Women Living Today to Live again;" Guest Speaker Sister Ellen Torbert of Dallas: 419-531-1994

## October 9

- Free Breast Exams and Mammograms: St. Luke's Hospital; For uninsured and underinsured women: 419-893-5923

## October 12

- Holt Lifeline Center Grand Opening: 2902 Elm Street; 3 to 6 pm: 419-729-3040

## October 13

- Harvest Auction & Bake Sale Luncheon: Women's Connection West; 11:30 am to 1 pm; Sylvania CC; Speaker Linda Harrah: 419-472-8749

## October 14

- African American Women Cancer Support Group: 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Cancer Awareness Workshop; 10 am to noon; Southern Missionary Baptist Church: 419-535-3126 or 419-242-3279
- Legends Luncheon: The African American Legacy Project; Genesis Dreamplex; Celebrating the history of northwest Ohio's African-American contributors: 419-243-8858

## October 15

- Center of Hope 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Day Celebration: Speaker Minister April Hearn of New Prospect Baptist; 11:30 am

## October 16-20

- Feel the Fire: New Prospect Baptist Church; 7 pm nightly

## October 17

- Free Breast Exams and Mammograms: St. Luke's Hospital; For uninsured and underinsured women: 419-893-5923

## October 20

- Bethesda Christian Center Cathedral: Appreciation banquet for Bishop Marjorie Holt: 419-514-4477
- Fish Fry: Amazon Lodge #4; 11 am to 5 pm; Deliveries available on orders of 3 or more: 419-531-7079

## October 20-22

- N-His Name Ministries: "Freedom in the Heart of Holiness" second annual conference; Open Arms Cathedral Temple: 419-290-8106

## October 22

- Annual Men's Day Celebration: Braden United Methodist Church; Guest Speaker Vince Davis; 10:30 am

## October 21

- UAW Local 12 Presents: Motown & Jazz Night Out; Fundraiser for UrbaneKnights; 7 pm to midnight; Live entertainment, food, champagne, cash bar: 419-461-2461 or 419-241-5852

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## My View

By Jack Ford  
The Truth's Political Columnist

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A quiet revolution is brewing at One Government Center—on the county side of the building, that is.

The Democratic Party team of Lucas County Board of Commissioners Tina Skeldon Wozniak, president, and Pete Gerken have brought forth some marvelous public policy initiatives. Sometimes they have done so with Republican Commissioner Maggie Thurber, sometimes not.

Last week the two Democrats came together on a breakthrough policy in selling water to outlying Lucas County areas based strictly on "smart growth" principles. This will allow reasonable development to occur while guaranteeing a good return of water fees and economic development to the City of Toledo.

Thurber demurred on this initiative because of her concern that these county areas might later find that their autonomy would be compromised. The new

policy is a real departure from the old process where water was sold namby-pamby to outlying areas and Toledoans actually lost population and economic windfall to rampant "sprawl."

The Wozniak-Gerken team has pulled off a number of big initiatives. Not too long ago we saw the merger of the county-wide drug and alcohol agency with the Mental Health Board. This new joint agency will streamline county government and provide a secure base for drug treatment services which has failed to pass a levy in Lucas County. This new agency will be led by the veteran administrator Jacqueline Martin.

Nor does it stop there. Wozniak and Gerken have gotten a real handle on the Jobs and Family Services program. Remember a few years ago when we were sending millions of dollars back to Columbus and Washington because we were not spending it? Well, Wozniak, a master's degree-trained social worker knows how to deliver services to those in

need. Program after program has been unfurled by either Wozniak or Gerken for the betterment of Lucas County residents. They have been a willing partner on youth programs and health programs such as CareNet.

The commissioners shook up the Toledo Zoo's operations in the aftermath of last year's problems and things seem to be straightening out there. The new blood on the zoo board and commissioner oversight have restored a level of confidence to what is arguably Toledo's brightest jewel.

One last point on the commissioners. The Board of Lucas County Commissioners seems intent on making diversity a high priority. New appointments of Deborah Ortiz at Jobs and Family Services and Sharon Reid as the number two person in that department demonstrate a strong commitment to bringing in qualified minorities.

I hope the financial picture for the county remains solid. My guess is that the addition of Dan Hiskey will



Jack Ford

help keep their budget on target. And Hiskey, working in tandem with Mike Beasley, a real policy wonk, makes for a strong veteran staff.

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## Tony Burroughs Conducts African American Genealogy Workshop

October 7 at Main Library

\*Book signing immediately following workshop

The Toledo-Lucas County Public Library and The Library Legacy Foundation present noted author, teacher, and genealogist Tony Burroughs for a free African American Genealogy Workshop scheduled from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, October 7 in the McMaster Center at Main Library, 325 Michigan St. Register today, space is limited!

Burroughs is the author of *Black Roots: A Beginner's Guide to Tracing the African American Family Tree*, and teaches genealogy at Chicago State University. He has appeared on *The Real Family of Jesus*, which aired on Discovery Channel, and the PBS shows, *Ancestors*, and *African American Lives with Henry Louis Gates*.

This program is free and open to the public. Registration is required. For more information, please call 419.259.5207 or visit toledolibrary.org

## My Turn: Guest Editorial Step Right Up! .....Three Negroes for a Dollar!!!

By Lafe Tolliver

Bullets whizzing by...zing, bap, thunk, thud....gotcha black boy! Drugs in the streets....people running for cover...rip, rap, blat....gotcha little girl!

Blades flying...bodies crying...families dying...who cares! So what...it is just black folks. Their lives ain't worth a plug nickel.

Those are the headlines that can be taken from the streets of Toledo, Ohio and St. Louis, MO and Phila, PA and Cleveland, OH and Dallas, TX and Boston MA. Black on black crime. Too many black people marauding out of control. No respect for themselves, for God or for anything.

Get mad ... get a gun. Got dissed ... get a gun. Mad about a job ... get a gun. Family member yelled at you ... simple. Get a gun. Need money in a hurry ... get a gun. Mad at the world. No problem ... get a gun.

In the last two weeks in Toledo, nine people (eight black) have met their maker through a cloud of violence and weapons. Two people were shot simply because a person got dissed at a birthday party and he wanted to confirm his manhood... so he shot into the house and wounded two people.

All of the shooters and the wielder of the knife (a domestic violence case) were allegedly black folks.

Black folks who have lost their moorings and are drifting out of control.

Black folks, who for whatever reason, lost sight of the fact that the people they were killing were made, as were they, in the image

of a holy God.

Black folks who took it upon themselves to become the grim reaper and send other black folks into eternity.

These shooters were not white folks or white people wearing white robes. These were not white people running around with lynching ropes threatening to take out people of color.

These were people who supposedly look like you and I and have nappy heads and who love the smell of cooked greens and cornbread and who in better times would address you as, "Bro" or "Sis."

These are men and women who have decided that your life is not going to continue and who also made the same concurrent decision that their life is so wretched that they are willing to die or go to prison for expressing that hate by blowing you away.

We do not need a psychologist or a sociologist to examine these troubling reports and tell us what we do not want to hear and that is black on black crime is shredding our fragile communities and when you add the drug overtones and the inner rage that can be ignited by a supposed slight... we are our own worse enemies.

I will betcha two donuts to a door knob that the black churches and so called "community leaders" will lose their voice and spirit by not speaking out long and loud about our in-house dirty laundry and that is... too many of "us" kill "us" and until we stop it, any one of "us" could be on some morgue table being ID'd by a grieving father or mother or uncle.

Government programs

won't solve this ethnic/cultural embarrassment.

Marches on city hall won't stop the bullets from flying and finding their deadly mark. Community pot lucks won't stop the nonsense of black on black crime.

The only true indicator of stopping rampant immorality (and that is what murder is) is to regain and retain our inner moral compass of values that show that each person is of value and is entitled to worth and dignity.

Using familiar Biblical terms... the enemy comes to kill, steal and destroy.

That enemy is Satan whose singular purpose is to destroy in the killer's mind any notion that you are of value and infinite worth. Once that image has been destroyed, you are fair game for a gun in the hands of a person who has had his internal moral compass destroyed.

It will take community action on an ongoing basis to put out the message that we will not engage in conduct that places our lives in the hands of criminals nor will we raise children to believe that if you got a beef with someone, a .38 special will win the argument.

Unless and until we as a community decide to retake our community and monitor its values and speak out against that which destroys and kills and maims... keep ducking, looking over your back and watching out for the bullets.

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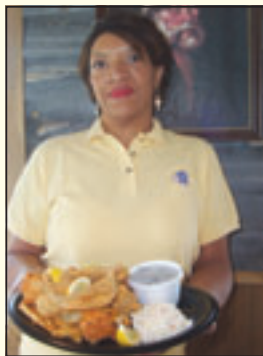
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## Ken Blackwell Courts Toledo's African-American Vote

By Nadean Hamilton  
Sojourner's Truth Reporter

With less than six weeks to go before the election, Republican gubernatorial candidate Ken Blackwell met with a group of local African-American ministers in the Clarion Hotel ballroom on Wednesday, Sept. 27.

Blackwell, who is Ohio's secretary of state, emphasized his managerial and economic experience over that of his Democratic opponent, U.S. Representative Ted Strickland.

"I've written on economic power more than anyone in the state of Ohio," said Blackwell.

"[Strickland] was ranked 402 out of 435 in terms of effectiveness in the U.S. Congress, said Blackwell. "He has no real substantive managerial experience, is this the time to elect [someone] who doesn't have a dime-spit of experience?"

Blackwell also questioned Strickland's commitment to diversity. "He never hired a black person until about three to four months ago when we put the heat on him," said Blackwell. "African-Americans make up 76 percent of [Washington] D.C., why doesn't he have an African-American in his D.C. office?"

Blackwell spoke about his plan to lease the Ohio Turnpike to private investors, which he says would bring in \$6 million dollars a day in interest revenue. He also discussed using 250 year-old



coal that has been stockpiled as a source of energy, which he says will dramatically reduce the cost of electricity, and bring 50,000 to Toledo.

Blackwell, who was well received by the crowd of approximately 80 – which included two dozen or so supporters – spoke for approximately 20 minutes before fielding questions from the audience.

When asked if he believes the opinion polls that show him trailing Strickland by double-digits, Blackwell conceded that he lagged behind his opponent.

"I'm about where [George W.] Bush was in September 2004 when he ran against [Senator John] Kerry,"

Despite this admission, Blackwell told the audience that he remains optimistic about his chances of becoming the first African-American governor of the state of Ohio, citing his uncle who was a sprinter and every time he came out of the starting blocks he was behind, "but that made it that much sweeter when he passed them by."

Blackwell faced tough questions from the African-American ministers who questioned him about his role in the Tom Noe scandal, and his views on abortion, gay marriage, and the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

"The secretary of state has nothing to do with the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation. I was the only Repub-

lican not invited to [Noe's] 50<sup>th</sup> birthday party; I fired his wife when she was chairman of the Lucas County Board of Elections, and I sent a letter to the Justice Department," said Blackwell distancing himself from the Coingate principals.

"Since Rowe vs. Wade four million innocent babies have had their lives taken," said Blackwell. And in reference to gay marriage, "I make no apologies for defending marriage as a union between one man and one woman," Blackwell continued.

Blackwell's visit was organized by Jan Scotland and Linda Marie Domini. Scotland is Blackwell's Lucas County campaign co-chairman and Domini is the chairman of his Wood County organization.

"It's important to get the word out because a lot of what people know about him they get from the Democrats or the media," said Scotland. "We have about 25 [religious organizations] represented, including the Muslim [faith]," he added.

Blackwell was introduced by Jeff Johnson, BET host and former NAACP national youth director. Johnson, who serves as the Blackwell's campaign advocate to young and urban voters, told the crowd that he supports Blackwell's candidacy not because he is black, but because Blackwell has a "real agenda that goes beyond rhetoric."



Jeff Johnson

## Donna James Enthralls Polly Fox Academy Benefit Luncheon Audience

Sojourner's Truth Staff

More than 400 people gathered last week for a fundraising luncheon for Polly Fox Academy and to hear a successful business woman, Donna James, reveal her own story of accomplishment in spite of having been a pregnant and parenting teen.

The benefit was organized by the Toledo Chapter of Links, Inc. and the United Way Women's Initiative for the three-year old community school that is sponsored by Toledo Public Schools. The acad-



School Board Vice President Deborah Barnett with Donna James

emy provides comprehensive academic and social service support to seven through 12 graders who are

parenting and pregnant teens. By the end of the last academic year, 140 girls, ages 12 through 19, were enrolled at Polly Fox.

James, who was featured in last week's Sojourner's Truth (September 27), gave birth to her son during her junior year in high school in 1973. She finished high school and then went on to college at North Carolina A & T State University. She came to Ohio as an accoun-

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The Kinks, Inc. with Sara Jane DeHoff and Donna James (3rd and 4th from left, front row)

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## Bob Vasquez: Formal Plan Needed to Squelch Discord and Encourage Council to Focus on Building Better Toledo

By Tamir A. Shaw  
Sojourner's Truth Reporter

At-Large City Council candidate Bob Vasquez believes that Toledo is a great city, but he also believes that it can be better.

Vasquez, a licensed social worker and instructor at The University of Toledo, has pinpointed eight areas in which he feels the city could improve.

"To make Toledo better, I think we need to attract and maintain jobs; through smart business policy, starting with utility cost and carefully crafting tax incentives.

Vasquez said that he is proposing that the city reduce the sales tax by one percent for Toledo-owned businesses.

"This will help promote Toledo's economy and put more money back into the pockets of our citizens," he said.

The most important issue on Vasquez's agenda is ensuring that the basic city services, including fire, police, streets and sewer, are properly funded and that services are provided in a prompt

and efficient manner.

"In the Toledo area we pay a lot of taxes and I think that what people really want to know is that they are going to get the services that they are paying for," Vasquez said.

Furthermore, he also said that enhancing and restoring neighborhoods is essential to making life better for Toledoans.

"Even though we put money into downtown and we like to have a vibrant downtown, which I think is important, we can't neglect the neighborhoods and I think that we have a tendency to do that here in Toledo," he said.

"We need funnel as many resources we can into our neighborhoods. I think a partnership between LISC, the CDC alliance and the city is important for our neighborhoods to be strong."

Vasquez, who earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from UT, explained that quality public schools factors into that equation as well.

"Toledo City Council does not have any authority over schools. But, I think that it's



wrong to think that we don't need to partner the city and the school system. The city and school system need to partner together to make sure that the schools are the quality that they need to be because any business that wants to bring their business here, they're going to want to know that we have good school system," he stressed.

Vasquez believes that the local colleges could also be used to help solve some of the problems Toledo currently faces.

"We should do all of this in a very planned out way, and we should use as many of the resources from the universities as possible, especially the University of Toledo. I think there

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## Dave Schulz: Improve Toledo's Government in Order to Improve Its Economy

By Tamir A. Shaw  
Sojourner's Truth Reporter

Dave Schulz, an At-Large Toledo City Council candidate, recently conducted an online survey of Toledo area businesses in an attempt to learn more about how businesses view our local government.

Out of the 20 answers that he received, 17 respondents replied that their colleagues perceived Toledo city government as "not business friendly."

Schulz, a graduate of The University of Toledo, has ascertained that improvements in government and business relations are needed to make Toledo more appealing to business owners. He has also proposed that the business portion of the city income tax be reduced from 2.25 percent to 1.75 percent to enable Toledo to compete with the suburban areas and retain business.

"If we improve the business climate, a good-paying job will lift a lot of people up," Schulz said. "Especially, the African-American commu-

nity has a much higher unemployment rate, we need to find ways to give people hope and opportunity and new jobs so it's a disincentive to commit crime and I think it restores a sense of pride in people," he continued.

"A job beats any government program any day. It's debilitating to a person's self esteem to be reliant on government and I realize that our job is to create the environment so that we create more jobs for our citizens."

A lifetime Point Place resident, Schulz, has been involved in the Republican Party for eight years and has been actively working with a gay and lesbian organization, the Log Cabin Republicans, to encourage a more inclusive Republican Party.

"I'm very sensitive to the needs of minorities and discrimination is just abhorrent to me no matter who the individual is," Schulz said.

"That's kind of what guides my politics, we need to lift everybody up and discrimi-



nation is a terrible thing," Schulz said.

Schulz currently has the endorsement of the Lucas County Republican Party and also ran for City Council in 2005, but was unsuccessful.

Despite the loss, Schulz has remained active on the political scene and is currently an elected official serving on the Ohio Republicans State Central Committee representing Senate District 11, which is Toledo, Oregon and Jerusalem Township.

Schulz who has worked in the purchasing field for the past 13 years, oversees the Party's budget, votes on the endorsement of other candidates and issues, and helps with the coordination of volunteers.

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## Legend Honorees

**Virgil W. Colbert**

Mr. Colbert is a member of the board for the Miller Housing Corporation. In 1997 he was named a national housing leader of the 100 Black Men of America. During the 1980s and 1990s, Mr. Colbert has been a member of the board of the Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union and the Toledo Urban League. He is also a member of the board of the Toledo Urban League and the Toledo Urban League.

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## Dr. Samantha P. Adams: A Lifetime of Firsts as a Woman And as an African-American

By Alan Abrams  
Sojourner's Truth Reporter

Where does one start in listing all the firsts accomplished by Dr. Samantha P. Adams?

In 1947 she became the first African-American woman to pass the Ohio State Medical Board in her field of chiropractic medicine. Having practiced for 33 years, Adams remains the only black chiropractic physician in Toledo. She had been recognized and honored on many occasions as the City

of Toledo's first African-American woman doctor and amongst the city's top 10 black businesswomen.

In 1977 she expanded her civic activities to include the political arena when she was elected by a large margin to the Toledo Board of Education. She became not only the first African-American woman elected to that body, but the first black female elected official in Lucas County.

Adams served her full term of four years on the Toledo Board of Education and was elected as both the vice president and president of that board, transcending many obstacles along the way.

"People think there are problems today, but when I served on the board, the superintendent of schools resigned right after our first meeting. We had to make a decision to close 10 schools all at once and everyone was lobbying to save a school. But we had to balance the budget," recalls Adams of her political baptism by fire.

She was chairman of the Board's Curriculum Committee which monitored the establishment of the "Official Course of Study" for the Toledo Public Schools.

During her tenure on the Toledo Board of Education, Adams also served as chairman of the Insurance Committee and Board Vacancies

Committee. She was the Legislative Liaison for the Toledo Public Schools.

At the state level, Adams was a member of the Large City Schools Commission of Ohio and nationally she served as the representative to the National Urban Boards of Education and was a director on the Council of Great City Schools. She also belonged to the Black Caucus of School Board Members.

Adams has also been very active in the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. She has served on the local executive committee and as president and vice president of the Toledo Branch of the NAACP, where she dealt with many important issues including housing. She was chairman of many local, state and national committees. Adams served as president of the Toledo Branch of the NAACP from 1970 to 1972.

In 1957, she became the



Dr. Samantha Adams

first fully paid Life Member of the Toledo Branch NAACP and is listed in the national archives as "among the First 1000 in the nation to become a Life Member." In 1978 she became the first individual to purchase a Golden Heritage Membership in the Toledo Branch NAACP. She was renowned for the many NAACP memberships she personally sold.

"I raised more money

through memberships than anybody on that board. If I walked in a room and there were seven people there, I would walk out with seven memberships. If they balked at buying a membership, the first thing I would ask them was, 'Well, aren't you a Negro?' That always worked," recalls Adams with a chuckle.

She was born on July 17, 1926 to Motteller and Deoder Adams in the rural

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Cecelia Adams, Ph.D.

# Vote YES for Ohio's Kids.

## Paid College Tuition for Every Ohio Child.

**Issue 3 will create a fund to provide college tuition for all Ohio school children. Through a constitutional amendment, every student who completes the full K-12 Ohio curriculum will be eligible for in-state college tuition, starting with the class of 2021.**

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**Funds can be used at any Ohio public or private, non-profit college or university.**

Students can attend the in-state institution of their choice.

**These funds are dedicated by law to college tuition grants.**

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### New jobs, too!

In addition, local economic development funding derived from slot machine revenues will be released annually to every county to build business and create jobs in Ohio.



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## The NANBPWC's Toledo Club's Annual Health Fair

By Ashlee Austin  
Sojourner's Truth Reporter

The Toledo Club and Toledo Youth Club of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. (NANBPWC) made a collaborative effort to host the annual Health Fair Saturday, September 16, 2006. This year the event was held in the Stephenson Roberts Hall of the Indiana Avenue Missionary Baptist Church from 9:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

For over 40 years, The Toledo Club of NANBPWC has organized an annual health fair in hopes of raising health awareness as well as to present helpful information about fire safety. The program offered light refreshments, coffee and tea as the guests had the opportunity to take advantage of various health services such as blood pressure checks, cholesterol and diabetic screenings, prostate examinations for the male patients, as well

as fire safety tips and information.

There were a number of booths assigned to representatives from hospitals, other health organizations, as well as fire safety organizations. Representatives were present from organizations such as the Medical University of Ohio and St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center. Each table represented a different health or fire safety concern. The tables offered information about illnesses such as HIV/AIDS, multiple sclerosis, osteoarthritis, lupus and prostate cancer.

Dr. Hosea Payne offered free prostate cancer examinations for any men interested in the exam. Many men are misinformed or completely uneducated about the risks and seriousness of prostate cancer. According to printed material, the illness is especially common in men over the age of 50 and it is strongly advised that every man receive a prostate examination regularly in order to maintain



Cora Jones visits with Nancy Ferner, RN, of St. Vincent's

a healthy life.

According to Wanda Terrell, first vice-president of The Toledo Club of NANBPWC, the organization strives for community involvement. Their focus includes education and scholarships for the youth of Toledo, networking and creating good fellowship with other women and groups and promoting the interest of national women's professional clubs, schools, community organizations, other clubs and community events.

The Toledo Club is consistent in organizing various events and programs, such as cotillions, career and health services, voter registration encouragement, food banks, and providing clothing for less-fortunate women in the work field.

As a new addition to the Toledo Club, the Toledo Youth Club currently has 15 active members and also values community involvement. Under the leadership of Leola Haynes, second vice-president of the NANBPWC's Toledo Club, the youth group assists the adult groups and serves as ushers at the adult events as well.

So far, the group has traveled to Long Beach, California in July 2006 and visited the city college while planting a tree there as well. Last year, the group ended the year with a splash party at The University of Toledo.

Some upcoming events for the youth group include a Christmas Party, a Black History program, and the group also plans to adopt a family this upcoming November for the Thanksgiving, Christmas, Valentine's Day and Easter holidays. They will provide meals and gifts for the families for each holiday.

The Toledo Youth Club of the NANBPWC is continuing to grow and always looking for boys and girls, ages 12-17 to get involved. The group meets the first Thursday of every month at 4:30 p.m. at announced locations. If you or someone you know is interested becoming an active member of the Toledo Youth Club of the NANBPWC, please feel free to contact Leola Haynes at (419) 244-5390.

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## Dr. Samantha P. Adams: A Lifetime of Firsts as a Woman and as an African-American

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area of Humboldt, Tennessee, but came to Ohio when she was only one month old. Adams and her family lived in Woodville until she was nine. She has been a resident of Toledo ever since.

Adams began attending the former Roosevelt School (later Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. School) when she was in the fifth grade. She is a graduate of Scott High School and attended The University of Toledo and City College of New York. Adams received her Doctor of Chiropractic Degree from the Chiropractic Institute of New York.

Adams was only 21 when she passed the Ohio State Medical Board exams. "There was no chiropractic board back then, and I had to take three full days of admission tests," she recalls.

"The first day was comprised of the medical doctor's tests; I had to take the same tests they were giving to doctors. The second day was devoted to chiropractic principles. And on the third day I had to show them I knew how to do chiropractic adjustments," re-

members Adams.

She was married to Paul L. Adams for more than 62 years. Now deceased, he had served in the US Army Air Force during World War II and was stationed at Kelly Field in Texas. She still resides in their home on Lincoln Avenue. She is the mother of six children and the grandmother of six grandchildren. All of them, to her great pleasure, reside in Toledo.

Her children are Karen Adams Ferguson, Ph.D., Cecilia Adams, Ph.D., Paula, Denise Adams Onyia, James and Steven, who is deceased.

Adams was named "Mother of the Year" in 1980 by the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. She was nominated for this award by the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance.

Adams and her five surviving children comprise the multi-talented gospel group known as "The Adams Family Singers." She writes and directs the musical narratives for which they have become well-known throughout the state by their personal appearances, records, and radio and television programs.

Adams has been active in many civic and religious groups. They include the Frederick Douglass Community Association, Indiana Avenue YMCA, YWCA, League of Women Voters of Greater Toledo, Church Women United, and the Parent-Teacher-Association. She is also affiliated with the Area Office of Aging.

She is chairman of the New Hope Porter's Grove Pentecostal Church Building Fund Committee, the church which her mother founded. She has worked actively with the Toledo Council of Churches and with many individual churches.

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## KaLailah Jazz Wright Fights Heart Abnormality

The Wright family would like to thank everyone that has kept them in their prayers, thoughts and meditations. Your genuine attributes have been very much appreciated. Please continue to keep them in your prayers. For everyone who may not be aware of the unexpected tribulations the Wright family is currently facing, the following contains some information regarding their daughter.

The Wright's baby daughter, KaLailah Jazz, born April 21, 2006, was diagnosed on August 11 with a heart condition known as Tetralogy of Fallot (TOF). Tetralogy of Fallot is a heart abnormality that refers to a combination of four related heart defects that commonly occur together – pulmonary stenosis, ventricular septal defect, overriding aorta and right ventricular hypertrophy. Tetralogy of Fallot is usually diagnosed during the first few weeks of a child's life due to either a loud murmur or cyanosis.

KaLailah was experiencing limited blood flow to her lungs. When this happens, oxygen-poor blood ("blue") returns to the right atrium and right ventricle to be pumped out the aorta to the body. This results in a reduction in the arterial oxygen saturation, which causes babies to be cyanotic or blue – their lips and skin appear blue. KaLailah underwent corrective surgery on August 13. Although the surgeons attempted to complete the procedure all at once, KaLailah's body could not handle the reformation, so she will require another operation within three to six months. She is currently at The University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor.



The committee for KaLailah's Little Helping Hands will host several benefits on behalf of KaLailah and her family. More information regarding these benefits will be forthcoming. The Wright family would greatly treasure every donation. Contributions may be forwarded to any KeyBank Center to the attention of "Little Helping Hands for KaLailah." Make checks payable to "Little Helping Hands for KaLailah. You can also send gifts to their home address at 1665 Kalida, Toledo, OH, 43612.

If you need any further information, please feel free to call Regina Mosley at 419-699-5581.

### Jazz Concert for Little KaLailah Jazz

Internationally-known jazz musicians – Claude Black, Marion Haydon, Vincent Chandler, Sean Jones, Marcus Belgray, Donald Walden and Jon Hendricks will perform at the

Maumee Indoor Theatre located at 601 Conant Street, Maumee, on Sunday, October 8 at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$20 each or \$30 per couple. Proceeds from this concert will go to the Little Helping Hands for KaLailah fund.

KaLailah Jazz is the infant daughter of well-known musician Andre Wright. Having award-winning, world-class musicians of this caliber coming together for this cause is an event that shouldn't be missed.

## The Critical Shortage Facing The African-American Community

Special to The Truth

Did you know that more than 89,000 people in the United States are waiting for a life-saving organ transplant and 35 percent of all patients waiting for a kidney transplant are African-American?

The need for organ donors has never been greater, as the shortage continues to grow at a staggering rate of one person being added to the national waiting list every 13 minutes. What's more disturbing is each day 17 men, women and children die waiting for an organ transplant because there are not enough organ donors.

For minorities, the shortage in organ donation is particularly significant. Some diseases of the kidney, heart, lung, pancreas and liver are found more frequently in racial and ethnic minority populations than in the general population. For example, African-Americans and other minorities are three times more likely to suffer from end-stage renal disease than whites. Some of these diseases are best treated through transplantation; others can only be treated by transplantation.

Transplantation success rates increase when organs are matched between members of the same ethnic and racial group. For example, any patient is less likely to reject a kidney if it is donated by an individual who is genetically similar. Generally, people are genetically more similar to people of their own ethnicity or race than to people of other races. Therefore, a lack of organs donated by minorities can contribute to death and

longer waiting periods for transplants for minorities.

One way to ensure that your decision to be a donor is known and carried out is to join the Ohio Donor Registry. A new website, [www.donatelifefohio.org](http://www.donatelifefohio.org) has been created for Ohioans to officially give their consent to be a donor. Or you can sign up when you obtain or renew your Ohio driver license or state I.D. card at an Ohio BMV. Then tell your family about your decision to donate life. By having a family discussion, loved ones will be relieved of making a difficult decision during a very sorrowful time.

You may have some questions or concerns about organ and tissue donation.

*Will my medical treatment suffer if I decide to be a donor?*

No. You are considered a candidate for donation after you have been declared brain dead. Every effort is made to save the life of a patient.

*Does donation restrict regular funeral services, including an open casket?*

No. Removal of donated organs and tissues occur during a surgical procedure and the donor's body is treated with dignity and respect, allowing for an open casket funeral.

*Will my family pay or receive fees if I am a donor?*

No. Donor families do not pay nor receive payment for organ and tissue donation. It is illegal in the United States to buy or sell human organs or tissue.

*Do my religious beliefs conflict with donation?*

No. All major religions support organ and tissue donation. While religious viewpoints may vary slightly, the commonality is that organ and tissue donation is a person's last and final act of charity. Donation is recognized globally as an act of humanitarian kindness and can transform a tragic situation into one of hope and new life for a person in need.

*What is the difference between coma and brain death?*

Coma is a state of profound unconsciousness where a person cannot be aroused. A person may recover from a coma as well as a brain injury. Brain death is the permanent loss of all functions of the brain, including the brain stem. Brain death is death.

*Are their age limits for donation?*

There are no firm age limits to be a donor. Medical staff evaluates each potential donor for suitability. Life Connection of Ohio has had donors in their 70s and 80s.

Believe it or not, many African-Americans have never thought about donating their organs, even though there is a critical shortage. By becoming an organ donor, you can save seven lives and improve the lives of up to 50 others. Decide to be a donor and donate life. Be a hero. Be an organ and tissue donor. Join the Ohio Donor Registry at [www.donatelifefohio.org](http://www.donatelifefohio.org).

For more information about organ and tissue donation, contact Life Connection of Ohio at 419.893.1618 or 800.262.5443 or visit [www.lifeconnectionofohio.org](http://www.lifeconnectionofohio.org)

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## Understanding Cholesterol Crucial Step in Fighting Heart Disease

### Do You Know Your Numbers?

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Understanding the facts about cholesterol will help you take better care of your heart and live a healthier life, reducing your risk for heart attack and stroke.

To control your cholesterol, get a cholesterol screening, eat foods low in saturated fat and cholesterol, maintain a healthy weight, exercise regularly and follow all your healthcare professional's recommendations.

The risk of coronary heart disease and stroke rises as blood cholesterol levels increase. When other risk factors (such as high blood pressure and tobacco smoke) are present, this risk increases even more.

A person's cholesterol level is also affected by age, gender, heredity and diet.

How often should I have my cholesterol checked?

According to the American Heart Association, all adults age 20 or older

should have a fasting lipoprotein profile (total cholesterol, LDL (good) cholesterol, HDL (bad) cholesterol and triglyceride) once every five years.

If the testing opportunity is non-fasting, only the values for total cholesterol and HDL cholesterol will be usable. If total cholesterol is 200 mg/dL or greater - or HDL is less than 40 mg/dL - a lipoprotein profile is needed for appropriate management based on LDL.

Total blood cholesterol is measured in milligrams per deciliter of blood (mg/dL). It's the most common measurement of blood cholesterol. Your doctor must interpret your cholesterol numbers based on other risk factors such as age, family history, smoking and high blood pressure.

Use an experienced laboratory.

Your diet, physical activity, body weight and medicines may cause changes in your results. Have your total cholesterol, HDL cholesterol, LDL cholesterol and triglyceride levels checked by a lab that your doctor chooses.

If you're admitted to the hospital for a major coronary event, your LDL cholesterol should be measured on admission or within 24 hours. However, it may take four to six weeks before your fasting lipid profile

stabilizes and you can get accurate results. In general, people hospitalized for a coronary event or procedure should be discharged on drug therapy if their LDL cholesterol is 130 mg/dL or greater. Clinical judgment should be used to decide whether to start drug treatment at discharge.

Sometimes you can have your cholesterol checked at public screenings. Make sure a reputable company does the screening and that you share the screening results with your healthcare professional.

Take control of your health. Learn about your risk factors and what steps you can take to reduce your risk of heart disease or stroke. Visit the American Heart Association's Web site at [www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org) to enroll in free programs, such as Cholesterol LowDown®, that can get you on track for a healthier lifestyle. You may also call 1-800-AHA-USA1 and request information about cholesterol.

Do not hesitate to discuss your cholesterol or cardiovascular disease risks with your healthcare provider. Provided by the American Heart Association

## American Cancer Society-Funded Research Looks at How Breast Cancer Develops

National Breast Cancer Awareness Month Begins In October

As National Breast Cancer Awareness Month begins Oct. 1, research continues to play an important role in conquering the disease. According to the American Cancer Society, the nation's leading voluntary health organization, an estimated 215,990 new invasive cases of breast cancer are expected to occur among women (1,450 additional cases in men) during 2006 in the United States. In Ohio, about 8,412 new cases of female breast cancer are expected this year, and 1,960 women will die from the disease. However, mortality rates from the disease are on the decline, down 2.3 percent per year from 1990 to 2000 in all women, according to the Society. This decrease is due largely to detection and improved treatment options, discovered through research.

Today there are many promising new breast cancer research areas such as chemoprevention, which may be able to stop breast cancer from developing. In addition, researchers are currently studying how to harness the body's immune system to deprive the tumor of the nutrition it needs to continue growing and how to stimulate the immune system to attack the breast

cancer once it has occurred.

The American Cancer Society is at the forefront of these discoveries through its research grants program. Currently, the Society is funding 179 breast cancer research projects totaling more than \$98.7 million. Since 1972, the Society has awarded approximately \$246 million to breast cancer research. Many of these researchers are at work in laboratories across the state. Nearly \$6 million in Society breast cancer research grants is currently in effect in Ohio alone.

The Society awards breast cancer-related grants in the following areas: basic research in genetics, hormone action, diagnostics (imaging and biomarkers) drug development and pre-clinical, clinical and epidemiological studies in prevention, diagnosis, therapy, rehabilitation and quality of life. Specific areas of breast cancer research grants currently include these examples:

- Identifying biological markers that will increase our understanding of the pathways from benign breast lesions to cancer.

- Looking at two genes (RAD51C and RAD51D) that help maintain chromosome structure to see whether breast cancer will develop if mutations occur in these genes.

- Studying the over-stimulation or over-activation of estrogen receptors ("ERs") that can cause excessive cell growth, leading to cancer in the tissues where estrogens act.

Other Society grantees are investigating ways to improve early detection techniques through the following methods:

- Exploring the psychological factors that influence a woman's ability to adhere to a surveillance program specially tailored to her hereditary cancer risk.

- Implementing a community health advisor, or "Promotora," program to improve breast, cervical and colorectal cancer screening and primary prevention behaviors among a population of underserved, primarily Hispanic/Latino women 18 and over. (This program is being field-tested in Phoenix and Tucson, Arizona.)

- Studying the relationship

between tumor growth and body mass index (BMI), an indicator of obesity that is based on a person's height and weight.

- Identifying the characteristics of women who are not receiving appropriate treatment for breast cancer, which increases their risk of recurrence and death from their disease.

In addition to its research program, the Society helps women dealing with breast cancer through such programs as Reach to Recovery®, a one-to-one peer support program which, for the past 35 years, has trained breast cancer survivors to respond to concerns of people who are going through breast cancer diagnosis or treatment; Look Good...Feel Better®, a free, community-based national service which, for the past 15 years, has taught female cancer patients beauty techniques to help restore their appearance and self-image during chemotherapy and radiation treatments; Cancer Survivors Network™ (CSN), a telephone and Web-based support service created by and for cancer survivors; and "tlc"™, a "magalog" (magazine/catalog) that combines helpful articles and information on products for women undergoing cancer treatments.

The Society also helps women get involved in the early detection of breast cancer through its Tell A Friend® program, in which trained volunteers contact five friends or acquaintances to encourage them to get a mammogram. In addition, the Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer® walks help raise awareness and dollars to fight breast cancer.

The American Cancer Society is dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by saving lives, diminishing suffering and preventing cancer through research, education, advocacy, and service. Founded in 1913 and with national headquarters in Atlanta, the Society has 14 regional Divisions and local offices in 3,400 communities, involving millions of volunteers across the United States.

For more information anytime, call the Society toll free at 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit the organization's Web site at [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org).



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## St. Charles Mercy President Asks Area Business Leaders to Join Him in Support of America's Walk for Diabetes

Special to The Truth

The Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are reporting that in less than 50 years more than 48 million Americans will have diabetes — more than double the current number.

That has to change, according to David Ameen, president and chief executive officer of St. Charles Mercy Hospital in Oregon, Ohio.

Ameen is serving as Corporate Recruitment Chair for the Saturday, Oct. 7, 2006 *America's Walk for Diabetes* at the Toledo Zoo. He hopes that others in the Northwest Ohio business and medical community will join him and the American Diabetes Association in raising funds for research, education and advocacy.

"Once business leaders here recognize just how serious and far-reaching diabetes is and how it impacts their bottom lines," Ameen said, "and that there is an opportunity for them to do something about diabetes, they will get involved."

"We're also seeking Team Captains, walkers and especially volunteers to help us make the *Walk* truly special," Ameen added. "All you have to do is call (888) DIABETES or visit [www.diabetes.org/walk](http://www.diabetes.org/walk)."

Also serving this year as *Walk* Corporate Recruitment Chair is Louis Escobar, interim coordinator of the Multicultural Student Center at the University of Toledo.

*America's Walk* is the nation's premier fund-raising event to benefit the ADA and the 20.8 million children and adults in this country who have type 1 and type 2 diabetes. More than 200,000 people — nationwide — will participate this year in *America's Walk for Diabetes*. Since 1991, the event has raised more than \$60 million *to prevent and cure diabetes and improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes*.

*America's Walk for Diabetes* at the Toledo Zoo features a 5k and 1-mile Fam-

ily Fun Walk. Check in is at 8 a.m. at the zoo's main entrance. The American Diabetes Association still is seeking Team Captains and walkers. To learn more about the American Diabetes Association or register for *America's Walk for Diabetes*, please call (888) DIABETES or visit [www.diabetes.org/walk](http://www.diabetes.org/walk).

Nationally, *America's Walk* is sponsored by Equal, Cary's Sugar Free Syrup, Diet Rite and Kmart Pharmacy. Rite Aid, Bally Total Fitness, Walmart, Sam's Club and Kmart will have national and local teams participating in the *Walk*.

Local sponsors for the Northwest Ohio *America's Walk for Diabetes* include LA-Z-BOY, Schlotsky's Deli and St. Charles Mercy Hospital.

Diabetes is a disease in which the body does not produce or properly use insulin, a hormone needed to convert sugar, starches and other food into energy. The cause of diabetes continues

to be a mystery, although both genetics and environmental factors such as obesity and lack of exercise appear to play roles.

The major forms of diabetes are type 1 and type 2. Type 1 diabetes is usually diagnosed in children and young adults. In type 1 diabetes, the body does not produce insulin. Type 2 diabetes is the most common form of diabetes where the body does not produce enough insulin or the cells ignore the insulin. When glucose builds up in the blood instead of going into cells the cells may be starved for energy and, over time, high blood glucose levels may hurt eyes, kidneys, nerves or heart.

"Few people realize that one out of every 10 health care dollars spent in the United States is spent on diabetes and its complications,"

said Angela Bingham, Associate Director with the ADA in Michigan and Northwest Ohio.

The per capita annual costs of health care for people with diabetes rose from \$10,071 in 1997 to \$13,243 in 2002 — an increase of more than 30 percent. In contrast, health care costs for people without diabetes amounted to \$2,560 in 2002.

In 2002, direct medical expenditures for diabetes related cases totaled \$92 billion — up from \$44 billion just five years earlier. Diabetes also accounted for nearly 88 million disability days in 2002.

"And those figures don't take into account the human factor and how devastating diabetes can be to people with the disease and their loved ones," Bingham said. "Our theme is 'Every 21 seconds someone is diag-

nosed with diabetes. Every 21 seconds there is a new reason to walk. Who's your reason (for walking)?"

Ameen, who has type 2 diabetes, began working with the American Diabetes Association as part of an advisory committee.

"I'm happy to support *America's Walk for Diabetes* and help educate the community about diabetes and what needs to be done," he said. "We've got to get more information out there to people so they can know the amount of damage diabetes can do to them over time. The complications of diabetes are very serious. They can restrict the ability to function in the workplace and at home."

*To register or volunteer for America's Walk for Diabetes in Toledo, please call (888) DIABETES or visit [www.diabetes.org/walk](http://www.diabetes.org/walk).*

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- **WHAT IS LUPUS?**  
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- **LUPUS FACTS**
  - Lupus affects 1 out of 185 Americans and strikes adult women 10-15 times more likely than men.
  - Lupus is MORE prevalent in African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans and Asians.
  - Approximately 2,400 people in Lucas County have been diagnosed with Lupus
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## Bob Vasquez

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has to be a close partnership and the university has to get involved in the community," he emphasized.

Other resources that are of concern to Vasquez are those which help to keep the city operational. He said that the city needs to have an asset and infrastructure management system which funds and schedules the replacement of city assets such as computers and vehicles. He also said that an assessment of the city's infrastructure including buildings, sidewalks and sewers is needed.

"Right now, what we see is that everybody is thinking about the sewer system because of the flooding in different parts of the city. Well, the truth of the matter is, the whole city has a very old sewer system and it has to be replaced," Vasquez explained.

"We should have a plan to replace the sewer system all around the city and that plan should be made public," he said.

Vasquez believes that it is important to implement these plans to move the city from being primarily reactive to being proactive.

"What we do is we react to crises in the city. Because I have a degree in public administration, I look at government a different way and I want to bring that different way to City Council," he said.

In fact, Vasquez says that he wants to bring an entirely new approach to the way things are currently done in council with respect to the agenda and proposals that come down from the mayor.

"If [a proposal] comes down to me and I'm a city council person, and I might agree with some of it, and

some of it I might disagree with or I might think there's a better way to do it.

"What I want to do is have lengthy discussion about it and try to propose back to the mayor that I liked this part, but I had some questions about this part. I'd like to offer an alternative to that part and see what the mayor says and see if we can come up with a way where we not only accept or reject the mayor's proposal, but we help to make it stronger.

"I say that because there are 12 council people, and there are 12 council people who are smart and when you have 12 people together why not use them as your resource?" he asked.

Vasquez believes that this approach will work because the group will then focus on the commonality of getting things done with a single goal in mind, doing what's best for the citizens of Toledo.

"It's not going to be about A team, B team. I'll be able to bring my other council colleagues together and say, what do you think about this idea," he said.

Part of the problem that Vasquez sees with the current system is that there is no defined good business policy or guidelines in place which the council can follow. If elected, he wants to make the development of this plan a priority, with the focal point of the document being what is best for Toledo.

"That's a new way of thinking about how City Council people can become more active in government and what their roles should be. In the strictest sense, what the city says the roles should be and what the city charter says they should be is probably in the more narrow

sense.

"What I say is that any citizens, whether you be a city councilman or not, should come forth with any ideas that they have and if it's something that would enhance the mayor's proposal or enhance city council's proposal then, why not discuss it?" Vasquez asked.

Open government, leadership ethics are the extremely important to Vasquez and his personal philosophies help govern his political life.

"I believe that government should be transparent. By transparent, I mean that we should have these discussions based on these documents and we should have them and release all that information or have that discussion in front of the public because if we can't talk about anything that we want to talk about in front of the public, then we shouldn't be talking about it," he remarked.

Vasquez said that this practice could prevent the development of unnecessary controversies and uncomfortable situations.

"Council people and the mayor have to make tough decisions," he said. "I don't have any problem telling anybody why I made the decision I did and what information I based that decision on and that's not to have people always agree with me.

"But at least, if I feel that it was ok for me to make that decision, to try to get people to understand why I made that decision. And even after I have that discussion with people and they still disagree with me that's alright," he said.

## Dave Schulz

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This time around, Schulz's campaign has focused on improving Toledo's government and economy; two things that he says coincide.

"An open, transparent, ethical government is the foundation to a flourishing economy," he said.

"The Bob McCloskey situation, for example, if a company wants to do business in Toledo and they see what's going on; that you have to pay to play in Toledo, then businesses don't really want to do that. They want to operate ethically and have a fair shot," Schulz said.

Schulz said he began to publicly address the ethical problems with city council during his prior campaign and has since gotten results.

"I'm very proud that now City Council is actually addressing that, ethics reform, they're actually having a hearing today [9-29-06]. They've been wrangling for the last two or three months on an ethics policy. I can take some credit for that, for beating the drum on that last year," he said.

Schulz further explained that a gift ban and the formation of an ethics commission are proposals that the current council may be concentrating on.

Schulz said he has also been successful with pushing forward another issue from his previous bid, term limits.

After the election, as a private citizen, Schulz filed two lawsuits alleging violation of the current term limits policies by Bob McCloskey and Betty Shultz.

"Both were unsuccessful, the courts protected the politicians, but I was able to work with Frank Szollosi, a Democrat, and Rob Ludeman, and we have an amendment that's

going to be on the [Nov. 7] ballot to clarify term limits once and for all," Schulz said.

"Betty is in her fourth term and it [the city charter] actually says three, consecutive four-year terms. She found a loophole because she switched from a district seat to an at-large in her first term and the law director said it doesn't count if you don't serve a full term," Schulz explained.

"So, her term limits clock restarted at her second term, so she was able to serve."

According to Schulz, the proposed amendment calls for the term limit to be 12 consecutive years along with other clarification of the charter language.

"You will not be able to be placed on the ballot if your election would exceed 12 years, so some people could be cut off at nine or 10 years because they were appointed," Schulz explained.

"It may affect the appointment process long-term because it may not be appealing to be appointed," he said.

Shifting gears slightly, Schulz said that he believes that some individuals who work for the city need to be more customer-oriented.

"I think our city, some people in our city, like inspectors and economic development people need to be trained in customer service. I've heard so many complaints about people having to go through red tape and some vindictive employees," Schulz said.

"They work for us, not the other way around. We pay their bills, so we need to instill a whole new mindset in government officials; that the customer comes first, and that's the taxpayer, and

the business owners.

"We have such a negative reputation, that's why businesses are fleeing Toledo and our tax base is collapsing," Schulz stressed.

Schulz also believes that the city government should find ways to make it easier for all businesses, including those that are minority-owned, to work with the city.

"I'm a purchasing agent, so I think we need to review our purchasing policies and procedures to make it more open for everyone to participate in government contracts and bids," he said.

When asked his opinion of Mayor Finkbeiner's suggestion to raise the salaries of some of his top executives by as much as 44 percent, Schulz was not totally opposed.

"My opinion is that there probably needs to be some minor adjustments," he said. "I think it was a media-driven frenzy a little bit.

"The double dipping issue is kind of a false issue. It's their money, their pension, so you can't really set up two systems for people who are retiree-rehires as opposed to regular employees so I think it was a kind of a cheap shot at some of the city employees," Schulz said.

"I think it was exorbitant, the raises, but I think there probably needs to be some adjustment because they have to make a living just like police and firemen and refuse workers, park workers.

"It was designed for teachers initially, but the politicians took advantage of it; like Sandy Isenberg and some of the judges who are on the bench right now. So, I don't find too much of a problem with it because, look, people who are drawing social security go back to work. So are we going to prevent them from doing that?" he asked.

"I just think it's misguided."

Schulz believes that he is the best candidate for the at-large seat because he has private sector, business experience that the other council members are lacking.

"Right now we have too many lawyers, career politicians, career bureaucrats, and not enough people who work in the real world," Schulz quipped.

"My purchasing experience really gives me a lot of experience on how to balance budgets, how to spend money wisely and creatively. Our tough financial times require someone who has that experience," he said.

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## Walter Mosley: An Author Who Has Achieved More Than He Ever Hoped For

By Fletcher Word

*Sojourner's Truth Editor*

"I am a mystery writer," said Walter Mosley last Thursday evening during the opening of his speech to an audience of about 400 at the Stranahan Theater. "My 30<sup>th</sup> book is coming out in January and about one half of them are mysteries," added the author as he kicked off the first installment of this season's Authors! Authors! series in the Great Hall.

The series is presented by the Toledo-Lucas County Library and The Blade.

Mosley noted, with some sense of irony, that he had just recently received an award for mystery writing, even though the book which received the award was not among the half that are actually mysteries.

Indeed Mosley is one of the most significant mystery writers of his generation but, as he demonstrated last week, he is no one-trick pony.

In addition to his mystery novels such as the well-known Easy Rawlins' series (*Devil in a Blue Dress* with Denzel Washington was made into a movie in the early

1990's), Mosley has written science fiction, memoirs, political treatises, screenplays, poetry and a number of novels that run the gamut from romance to sentimental.

But, above all, as Mosley warned his listeners early on, he is "quite outspoken about many things." Thursday night proved to be no exception.

"I'm a very political creature," he said. "America is a political country, we are supposed to be thinking about politics all the time."

With that explanation, Mosley launched into a speech that blended his perceptions of the literary life and his very liberal political leanings.

Mosley's early influences, he explained were his family. The son of a black father and a Jewish mother, Mosley recalled that everyone in his family had stories to tell and those stories "were my introduction to the literary life."

"By the way," he interjected. "I don't consider

myself to be half white at all. People say to me 'you're half white.' I say, 'no, I'm not, I'm half Jewish; read your history of Europe if you think I'm half white.'"

Mosley took his audience through an allegorical account of a writer's travels from the state of hoping to become a writer to that of his eventual success. "A writer is always reaching for something he doesn't quite understand," said Mosley of the motivating force behind his compulsion to write.

But he spoke forthrightly of the fact that the aspiring writer also has to eat and have shelter. And getting published, he conceded, was a most difficult obstacle to overcome, particularly for a black writer. During the late 1980's when Mosley was competing his first novels, black male writers were virtually nonexistent.

"Getting published is very difficult because no one wants to publish your books, no one even wants to read your books," he said describing the tortuous process of

sending out manuscripts and receiving the inevitable rejection notices.

"After a while, you begin to realize that the copyright sign you put on every page probably was unnecessary."

Mosley's first book was *Gone Fishin'*, the initial novel in the Easy Rawlins' series. That story was set not on the streets of Los Angeles, Rawlins' hometown and the scene for the rest of the series and for many of his subsequent books, but in the Deep South. There was but one white character in that novel and most of the characters were men ... adding, said Mosley, to his early trying-to-find-a-publisher woes.

"So, I was told that white people don't read books about black people ... black women don't like black men ... and black men don't read," he recalled.

Nevertheless, *Devil in a Blue Dress* was published in 1990 when Mosley was 38. Then good fortune followed. Early in Bill Clinton's presidency, the chief executive referred to Mosley as his fa-



vorite author, *Devil* was made into a movie, and the rest is literary history.

"The literary life is beyond anything I ever hoped for," said Mosley who described a typical day of getting up, putting on a pot of coffee and writing for the next three hours. "It pays my rent, it soothes my heart."

But there are also the politics, and politics were not to be overlooked during the author's speech.

First and foremost, Mosley urged black people to leave the Democratic Party. The organization has done little for blacks, said Mosley, other than take them

for granted. In turn, Mosley lambasted President Bush, the War in Iraq, corporate America and big political parties. He did so with great humor, however, keeping even those non-believers in the audience at relative ease.

But it was the literature that most in the audience queried him about at the end of his speech - his characters, his future writing plans, his own reading habits. As Mosley had mentioned at the onset of his conversation with his guests, he would answer all questions until he was carried away. He did just that.

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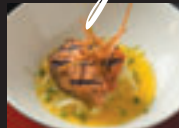
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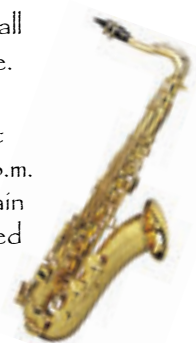
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# Glass City Power Player: Marcus Harrison of WGTE

By Michael Hayes  
Minister of Truth

I've been thinking about this for a while now and I'm gonna do it.

It's time to highlight a few individuals who use their talents to uplift Toledo.

This won't be some stuffy list of stale eager beavers... being a Glass City Power Player means that you've excelled by going outside of the box to make your mark on our city and our reality.

If you wanna be a Glass City Power Player... you've got to stand out!

I'm pleased to introduce you all to a colleague of mine, Marcus Harrison.

As teenagers, Marcus and I (along with Steve (Corey) Cunningham, and Rick Easler) spent our last two years of high school trying to change downtown Toledo.

We all went our ways for a while, but our similar interests have kept us near each other.

Through his capacity as a production assistant at Channel 30 WGTE (PBS) here in Toledo, Marcus has taken that love of the Glass City and made a truly significant offering to our community's access to its past.

For all of us still clinging to our 20's, growing up in Toledo we've always heard our parents reminisce about "Dorr Street."

Marcus has taken the initiative to interview dozens of Toledoans who were around that time and he's produced a series of vignettes to air each Monday in October before and after PBS airs the civil rights documentary *Eyes On The Prize*.

This is major, if you didn't know... now you know.

I took the time to interview Marcus about his amazing contribution to a legacy that will never be forgotten.

Minister: It's October and WGTE is about to do something very special, what is it?

Marcus: We are airing *Eyes On The Prize* which is a documentary that chronicles the

civil rights movement here in The United States. The last time it aired was 1989 or 1988.

It was produced by Blackside Productions. This is the first time it will be aired in nearly 20 years and we received a grant that would allow us to not only air *Eyes On The Prize* but also attach a local spin that touches on the civil rights movement here in Toledo.

It will air every Monday in October.

Minister: How long is *Eyes On The Prize*?

Marcus: It's a few chapters...

Minister: Is it like *Roots*? (both laugh)

Marcus: Yeah, kinda... there's a few different chapters... it's a miniseries.

Minister: What about it is significant that makes them only drop it every 17 years?

Marcus: It starts at the beginning of the Civil Rights Movement all the way to the ending.

We're talking about when people first started getting fed up and talking about ending segregation and basically just fed up.

The images are just raw and vivid... the images are amazing.

Minister: With *Eyes On The Prize* set to air, explain your role in making it happen.

Marcus: I produced a series of five different interviews that are about five minutes a piece that detail

what was going on specifically in Toledo during the late 60's part of the Civil Rights Movement. Toledo is a northern town so our struggle with Civil Rights is sometimes played to the background because of what the rest of the country was going through.

Bigger cities had riots. Watts riots, Detroit and Chicago...

Minister: So we're talking about the 60's and...

Marcus: Don't quote me, but that's when we had our

uprisings... around '67 to '70.

Minister: That's when the whole movement was dying down, right?

Marcus: Right, to quote one of my interviewees... 'the thinking of people in that time period had

changed'. One guy told me that people went from being 'colored' to being 'black'.

Minister: The emergence of the AFRO!

Marcus: Right, people were basically fed up and started to identify with standing up for what's right.

Minister: As far as the series, you chose to focus on one particular part of Toledo's past.

Marcus: The Dorr Street disturbance. A lot of people don't know that Dorr St. is NOT what it used to be.

If you ask someone that's older, they'll tell you that Dorr St. used to be packed.

Minister: The Black Times Square... I've heard it put that way.

Marcus: Exactly. A self-contained community of business owners, entertainment, stores, shops

and a great number of these places were black owned and operated.

It was exciting... like a destination for all the people that lived around here.

And when the Civil Rights Movement started to affect black people across the country, it had sort of a mirror effect on the black people here in Toledo and at that time Dorr Street was the epicenter for our folks. And there were a few episodes of unrest on Dorr Street... people burning up stuff and looting...

Minister: But how did it start? My mom and dad both worked on Dorr Street, I hear everyone talk about the disturbance but how did it start?

Marcus: I'm not sure that it was one certain event, but the feeling was just in the air.

To quote Reverend [Robert] Culp, "the 50's, 60's and 70's were a great time to be

alive," because black people were defining themselves and taking hold of their future.

Minister: So how did you go about producing "Through Toledo's Eyes?"

Marcus: Well, I did a lot of research. Old newspapers like The Bronze Raven and articles from The Blade and just interviewing people who remember. I came up with five people who had stories to tell. I wanted to give them a chance to speak on their memories without coloring it in sadness. I did this to let young people right now know who it is we're dealing with and about the very ground we're standing on.

I'm thankful for everyone that opened up to me about what they remember.

Reverend Culp, Edrene Cole and other prominent members of Toledo's black community.

I'm surprised at how excited people get when talking about this street... young people today have no idea that Dorr Street looked nothing like what it is today.

Minister: So what led to it being how it is now?

Marcus: A lot of different things. People all across the country had had enough and this movement was so intense that it even led us to destroy some of our own community.

One event in early 1970 was a police standoff with the Black Panthers, but 1967 was when the disturbances that occurred that would forever change what was the entire city's African-American hub.

In a lot of cities where there had been disturbances or riots, the government was supposed to step in and rebuild neighborhoods that had been left to nothing ruins and rubble.

But what ultimately happened was something different when they stepped in because they basically just removed those communities altogether.

The people of the time were calling it **Urban Removal**, when the government was supposed to be doing **Urban Renewal**.

Minister: No doubt, I've heard that phrase a lot.

Marcus: Instead of rebuilding they were basically removing the people from the community and also just removing the community. All that green space on Dorr Street, all that used to be houses, shops, theatres and just full of activity.

Minister: So... with "Through Toledo's Eyes" what do you hope that Toledoans can walk away with after seeing it?

Marcus: I want the younger generation to understand that when they ride down Dorr Street it's not what it once was. If people could hear the stories and see the old pictures and



footage I've seen, they would get a whole different appreciation of our city and the history of that area and time period. This is important for the younger generation, but it's also important for the people who were here 40 years ago and actually remember these times. Just imagine 40 years from now what people will be talking about... something like 'I remember when the Mud Hens stadium was built or...'

Minister: Or 'I remember the North Toledo riots...'

Marcus: Yeah.

Minister: Do you think it will be a struggle to get some of our black Toledoans to tune into WGTE Channel 30?

Marcus: I think that our channel is something that younger people may stumble upon while flipping through channels even though our demographic is like 55 and older so I think we can basically hit everyone.

*Eyes On The Prize* is going to have a lot that will catch people's attention. Some people just don't know, because they are so bombarded with MTV and BET and maybe they won't think that the Civil Rights Movement is that important but it is that important.

Minister: So, we've known each other since we were like 16... but go ahead and tell everyone more about Marcus Harrison.

Marcus: You know... Born and raised in Toledo. Graduated St. Johns' class of '96.

Went down to Bowling Green and got my bachelor's degree in telecommunications and marketing. Graduated August 2001 right before 9/11 and couldn't find a job and ended up going back to school to get my masters in technology education.

Minister: Now, you decided to stay. After two degrees, you decided to stay... why?

Marcus: I kinda feel like I owe Toledo. I feel like I need to give something back to the city that raised me. I'm with you, I know this city is what we make it.

Minister: It's about pride.

Marcus: Right, just like it was with us 10-12 years ago. Toledo raised us, let's give back.

Minister: Tell me about your role at WGTE.

Marcus: I'm part of the team that makes sure things get on screen, I'm a production associate.

I'm involved in producing whatever we do. I may run camera or direct or just help it all happen with the team. This project is the first that I've had a major hand in.

Minister: What are your long-term goals as far as video production?

Marcus: I want to start my own company... we'll I've already started it by producing wedding videos and other projects.

Michael: What's it called?

Marcus: MCH Video. Right now I'm the producer, the director, the cameraman and everything... it's just me.

I've done a promotional video for Big Brothers/Big Sisters, I've done a health benefits video for Tol Test out in Maumee. Rome wasn't built in a day, but I see my competition as the major players here in town doing what I want to do.

Minister: That's what's up, we're all proud of you, maaan.

Door Street is easier to ride down—thanks to former Mayor Ford for fixing it up but this is major that you're doing your part to swing that momentum back to our local heritage.

This is gonna be very important to many black people here in Toledo.

Marcus: The series of vignettes or interviews will be airing at the beginning and end of each installment of *Eyes On The Prize* every Monday at 9 p.m. this October.

And I really tried to put a positive spin on a subject that could've easily been viewed as negative.

Minister: Why?

Marcus: Because I've learned that it's important to remember where we've come from so we can see where we're headed.

Minister: No doubt, thanks for your time.

Marcus: No problem.

Okay, ya'll, be sure to tune in to Channel 30 for *Eyes On The Prize* every Monday in October which will feature a small series of local interviews detailing the importance of Dorr Street and Toledo's past as it pertains to the Civil Rights Movement.

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“Girl, you can do this!”

# Donna James Enthralls Polly Fox Academy Benefit Luncheon Audience

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tant and ultimately worked her way up the corporate ladder at Nationwide Insurance in Columbus, where she still resides. She is presently the managing director of her own company, Landon & Associates, LLC, and also sits on the boards of Coca Cola Enterprises and Limited Brands.

Prior to the lunch, James visited the Polly Fox Academy and spoke with the students. She recalled her own struggles with the stigma of being young and pregnant. "They need someone who looks like me," said James of the students. "Not someone who is black and female, but

someone who has felt as they feel. We certainly hope that they were not in this situation, but what's done is done.

"One girl asked me 'if you had to do it all over again, would you?'" said James. "I told her, 'no, I wouldn't go back and change a thing, but I

wouldn't advise someone to do what I did.'"

James also praised those in attendance for their efforts in working with pregnant and parenting teens, noting that the support provided the young girls far exceeded what she had experienced during her own difficult teen years. "If I could

have had the support these young girls have from you, I could have been president of the United States by now," she quipped.

"The important thing is you have the courage to stand beside these young ladies and help them to 'next.' I am the Polly Fox Academy," said the business

woman who was featured on the cover of Black Enterprise in 2005 when she was named as one of the top 75 African-Americans in Corporate America and was also chosen as one of the 50 Most Powerful women.

"It's not the falling down," she said. "It's the getting up that's important."

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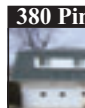
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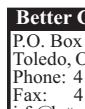
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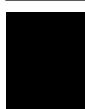
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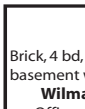
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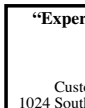
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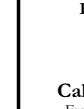
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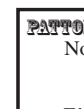
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