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“The Plans Commission was not in need of another planner. They were in need of an administrator ... someone to galvanize the planners and lead them in the right direction. Part of my job is to help them maximize their talents.”

This Strikes Us ...

A Sojourner's Truth Editorial

Make no mistake about it, the immigration bill that President George W. Bush is trying to push through Congress represents just about the sum total of his domestic legacy. And regardless of how one views the accomplishments of this president, it would be a tragedy if the bill doesn't get passed in pretty much the same shape that it is in right now.

Bush, as Toledoans will recall, does not come lately in his hopes for immigration reform. He had spoken of such reform early in his presidency – much to the consternation of his conservative constituency – in terms that brought to mind the word “amnesty.” Such a word, or concept regardless of the word used, is anathema to conservative observers.

And in the week just before the calamity of 9/11, Bush, and then President of Mexico Vicente Fox, came to Toledo talking about subjects such as immigration reform. It seemed as if everything was on track for Bush to successfully collaborate with Congressional democrats and moderate Republicans to push through reform.

Then, of course, all hell broke loose and immigration reform was the very last thing on anyone's mind.

Now, Bush and his unlikely allies, such as Senator Ted Kennedy – the dean of the Senate's liberals – are at it again. And again, they are talking about amnesty, but what a cost for that amnesty.

The estimated 12 million undocumented workers in this country who wish to apply for legal status will have to leave their jobs and their families, return to their native countries, apply for amnesty and ultimately pay a small fortune for that privilege. Liberals have a problem with that scenario.

On the other hand, conservatives have a problem with anything that smacks of amnesty and any plan that does not focus on shoring up borders well before anyone is eligible to be rewarded for breaking the law.

A dose of reality is needed on both sides. And the reality is that nothing will get done on this matter if there are not many concessions made by everyone involved in the decision-making process.

Those who are undocumented workers are here to stay. This is the way things are these days. The economy rolls along because of these workers. And in spite of claims that such workers are a drain on systems such as welfare, social security, health care and so forth, the fact is that workers bolster and increase the economy.

Workers don't just work, they spend. And when they spend the economy expands. McDonald's serves more hamburgers. WalMart sells more pots, pans, clothing and computers. General Motors produces more vehicles because more people have to drive.

These are the realities of an expanded economy.

If we were to run off 12 million – if we even could – certain segments of the economy would be greatly disrupted, which means that all segments of the economy would reverberate with the loss.

Now we could dredge up all kinds of humanitarian reasons for advocating the peaceful legalization of these Americans – yes, we said “Americans.” We could talk about the importance, for example, of not ripping apart families – many illegals have children who are recognized as citizens and if these adults are forced to leave, one could bet that many children would be left behind with friends and families so that they could take advantage of American opportunities.

But those arguments are not bound to sway conservative hard-liners. Reality is, we are not going to throw out 12 million for economic reasons and conservatives have to adjust to that fact.

As for liberals who are complaining about the price to pay for legal status – do you want a deal or don't you? If there is no steep price to achieve legal status, only a handful of legislators in both houses of Congress are ever going to back the ordinance, and the president will shy away from signing it. This is the reality to face for those who despise the stringent measures of the proposal.

One other matter we should address: folks are in this country illegally and if they don't want to go through the process of legalizing their status, they can remain illegal and ignore the measure needed to change that status – at their own risk, of course. They can preserve the status quo.

This bill is what the art of compromise is all about – forging an agreement that everyone dislikes in large part in order to bring progress to the issue at hand.

There can be no perfect solution for an issue that is so controversial, but getting something done can bring about a certain amount of order. If the legislation is terrible flawed, it can be adjusted as time goes by.

In the meantime, there are two things we can and should all agree on. The borders are far too porous and the 12 million in this country are going to stay. Once we acknowledge those facts, we can move on.

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Fish Fry: Amazon Lodge No. 4; 11 am to 5 pm; 419-531-7079

*June 3

Clarence Smith Community Chorus: Close out of 31st season; Musical written by John Scott – “Cuttin’ Up and Pressin’ On;” Park Inn Hotel; Featuring guest performers Vicky Simpson Brooks and Leon Washington; 7 pm; 419-534-3370

St. Paul AME Zion Church: First Year Appreciation for Pastor Cordell Jenkins; 4 pm; Guest Preacher Bishop Duane Tisdale: 419-243-1065

Adopt America Network: Open house to increase awareness for children available for adoption; 1 to 4 pm; 1-866-246-1731

Charity Missionary Baptist Church: Celebrating 26th Anniversary of Pastor Bobby Welborn and First Lady Vickie Wellborn; “Pastor and Teacher: A Gift for the Perfecting of the Saints;” Celebration continues on June 10, 24 and July 1

Mt. Nebo MBC: 14th anniversary celebration for Pastor Cedric Brock and First Lady Debra Brock; 4 pm; Guest speaker Rev. Pat McKinstry of Upton

*June 6

Mt. Nebo MBC: 14th anniversary celebration for Pastor Cedric Brock and First Lady Debra Brock; 4 pm; Guest speaker Bishop Duane Tisdale of Friendship

*June 8

Center of Hope: 10th anniversary celebration for Pastor D.L. Perryman and First Lady Willetta Perryman; Pastoral anniversary Banquet at the Clarion Westgate; 7 pm; Guest speaker Rev. Ivan Douglas Hicks, pastor of First Baptist of Indianapolis: 419-241-4287

*June 9

Home School Information Session: Main Library – McMaster Center; 9:30 am: 419-259-5388

Spring Blessings: Women's fashion show luncheon; Sponsored by Women Blessing Women; Lourdes College Gym; 11 am to 1 pm; 419-241-9789

*June 10

Turning Over a New Leaf Ministries: “Friend & Family Day;” 1:30 pm; Guest speaker Minister Rowena Lee: 419-590-6902

Mt. Nebo MBC: 14th anniversary celebration for Pastor Cedric Brock and First Lady Debra Brock; 4 pm; Guest speaker Pastor Mays of Detroit's 3rd Baptist

*June 15

Fish Fry: Amazon Lodge No. 4; 11 am to 5 pm; 419-531-7079

*June 16

Coalition for Youth Enrichment: 5th Annual Family Fun Day; Noon to 3:30 pm; Toledo/Lucas County Main Branch Library: 419-866-3611

Fashion show on Monroe: 7 to 9 pm; Featuring Ebony's Angels; In front of the Peacock Café

Summer Fun Basketball League: Open Registration/no charge; Smith Park; 8 am to Noon; Ages seven – 13; 419-255-3756

*June 17

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*June 18-August 4

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My View

By Jack Ford
The Truth's Political
Columnist

Robert "Bob" Bell, managing director of the Toledo Symphony, is receiving a lot of praise these days as he marks his 50th anniversary as a performer in the association. Bell has deserved a hearty community thank you for some time, but this seems to be his season. This past weekend, Bell shared the spotlight with Mr. Bugs Bunny and this reminded me of several stories involving Bell and the symphony and my family. One story involved Maxim Shostakovich, the guest Russian conductor and son of the great composer Dmitri, who has visited Toledo at least twice during which he conducts a loud, clashing martial requiem of his father's Seventh Symphony (nicknamed *Leningrad*) honoring the war dead – civilian and army – who helped repel a ferocious advance on Leningrad (now St. Petersburg) by the German army in World War II. After conducting this piece with the Toledo Symphony

Orchestra some years back, Shostakovich, Bob Bell, and my wife and I went to the Beirut Restaurant for an after concert meal. Shostakovich asked my wife at one point how she liked the concert. Cynthia simply said "it sounded like Looney Toons to me." Shostakovich blanched and said little the rest of the evening. I thought it was hilarious. Another story involves Aretha Franklin, the Queen of Soul, and a *ménage a trois* involving sore feet. After Franklin's sterling performance at the SeaGate, Bell and I found ourselves with her on the third floor of the SeaGate Center. I casually asked Franklin "is there anything I can do for you?" Franklin, who had just given a rousing performance while standing on some really spiked stiletto heels, tiredly replied, "yeah, you can rub my feet!" So Bell took one foot and I took the other and we jointly rubbed the Queen of Soul's feet for several minutes. I must not have

been very good because I did not receive an invitation for a command return engagement. Back in 1994, Bobby McFerrin came to Toledo to perform with the symphony. McFerrin is the "Don't Worry, Be Happy" guy. After his performance, a bunch of us, including Bell, took McFerrin to Rusty's Jazz Club on Tedrow. Cynthia was noticeably pregnant with our daughter Jackie. At a certain point, I looked over and McFerrin had placed his head on Cynthia's a proceeded to take a nap. When he awoke, Rusty coaxed him to sit in with some of the musicians, several of whom were University of Toledo students. A night to remember! Shifting gears, let's salute the governor of black Ohio! Who's that, you ask? I think it is our Reverend James Willis, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Prime Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio, Free and Accepted Masons. Rev. Willis, pastor of St. Paul

Baptist Church, has maintained a busy and fruitful first few months of his regime. No one should ever underestimate the power, political and economic, that a Most Worshipful Grand Master wields in a state such as Ohio. And Willis was recently awarded "the purple hat" that only United Supreme Council members are permitted to wear. Willis is a "big man in the Masons" as they used to say when I was a kid in Springfield. So for that matter is the honorable Clarence J. Walker, Jr. I saw first hand the great respect and authority he has in national Masonic circles when I attended a convention a few years back. As part of his authority and duties, Willis has "made Masons on sight." This induction is sparingly used but is an effective recruitment mode to bring distinguished men into the Masonic family. Recently, Willis made several new Masons with whom you are familiar. Eugene Sanders, Ph.D., CEO of Cleveland

Municipal School District, Rev. Robert Bass of United Missionary Baptist, Clarence Terry of Bowling Green State University, Rev. Willie Perryman of Jerusalem Missionary Baptist, to name a few. It never hurts to be favorably mentioned in the New York Times. On May 18, 2007, the Times ran a story on several lawyers who worked for the new governor, but once Attorney General, of New York, Eliot Spitzer. In a side bar, Kathy Donovan highlights Ohio's Attorney General Marc Dann as the heir apparent to Spitzer's "I am the new sheriff in town" style of government. Dann is portrayed as the citizens' representative who is committed to ferreting out wrong doing, be it by a health care conglomerate like United Healthcare, or Ohio's Bureau of Workers' Compensation. You could not pay a consultant to get a better story placed in a more important newspaper. Good for you, AG Dann. We shall see how the Toledo Public Schools'

appointment to the Board of Education comes out. Why take on the headache? Why not? The kids are worth it. Period. Amen.

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For the election of Board Members and Officers for the fiscal year ending 2007

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TIME: 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
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Another Mugging By The Democratic Party Bosses .!!

By Lafe Tolliver
Guest Editorial

Well folks, the "votes" are in and the local Democratic black party honchos and the black voters were dealt a severe butt whipping with a wire hanger when Gov. Ted Strickland picked Atty. Connie Zimmelman to be the next Lucas County Juvenile Court judge. Nothing wrong with Connie. She and her husband are apparently hard wired into the powers that be and with a purported letter from Lieutenant Governor Lee Fisher... it was a done deal. Where were the local Democratic Party bosses on this deal? Out sleeping in fields of clover. Where was Mahaffey of the UAW when it counted as to backing up his PR spin that we need more black office holders in the county? Sleeping with the fishes. Now, you have two white suburban "soccer moms" sitting on an urban juvenile court as judges and I betcha two dollars to a donut that neither one has a clue about creating intervention programs that will benefit the bulk of the "clients" that they will judge. Where were the other

state and house reps from this county as to blowing hard on the horn for Atty. Ian English? Nowhere. Sleeping and snoring under a pecan tree! Again, Lucas County black Democratic voters were bamboozled, tricked and hoodwinked. Again, the most loyal voters any party could dream of were asked to go to the back of the political bus and to sit and be quiet. Again, black voters and the purported black leaders of the county fat-cat political machine were taken for granted and with no concern for any backlash, for, after all, where would these good boys and girls go to? No, the Democratic Party bosses gangsta slapped the local black voters and the local black elected officials by their endorsement of Zimmelman over English. And just think! After all of the tireless years of faithful service and support and dedication that the local black voters and their handlers have done for the party and they are still served mudpies and vinegar! The deal is done. Angst and outrage is

commendable but goes nowhere unless it results in blacks registering to vote and then going to the polls. The only things the party bosses understand are votes and money and since black votership has been tanking for some time and the money donations from the black voters is skinny to none, Gov. Strickland felt no compulsion to do otherwise and thus go with the Zimmelman machine and the counsel and advice of Lee Fisher. What is to be said at the end of the day? As long as black voters keep bleating like trained sheep running after the Democratic shepherd and not registering to vote and learning how to cross over and vote for black Republicans (Ken Blackwell should have won the election for state governor but both white Republicans and black voters shunned him) they will be treated with contempt and treated like a mob doll... anyone can have us and use us and all we do is change the lipstick and keep on kissing up.

Lloyd Mahaffey Speaks Out on Lack of Diversity in Elected Offices

By Fletcher Word
Sojourner's Truth Editor

Region 2-B of the United Auto Workers (UAW) which encompasses all of Ohio's UAW local unions has begun a television campaign to challenge the state's political parties to increase their efforts to develop and recruit minority candidates for elected office.

The 30-second spot features comments from Lloyd Mahaffey, director of Region 2-B. "As a labor leader, it was my obligation to speak out," Mahaffey said last week during an interview in his Maumee offices.

"This is an issue that had to be raised as we approach the next election cycle," he added. "Our diversity is not reflected in our elected leaders."

In the UAW commercial, Mahaffey points out that none of Ohio's six statewide office holders are minorities and in Lucas County, only two of the 26 countywide elected officials are minorities.

"I believe now that a young minority candidate, a person of substance, sees the

possibility of getting elected as not very good," said Mahaffey. "He might be encouraged to run now because we spoke out. Lucas County has not been good county-wide and if I were a minority candidate, I don't think I would take the risk at the moment."

Why does Mahaffey feel that minority elected officials are so important? There is certainly the fact that Ohio, or Lucas County's diversity of population is not reflected in its office holders, he said. Then there are the youth.

"For the kids, seeing someone as a leader who looks like them is invaluable," he said.

For Mahaffey, speaking out on such an issue is a logical extension of his functions as a labor leader. "Politics are politics," he said. "You have to let people know how you feel."

And politics and civil rights, he noted, have been concerns of UAW for years. The legendary Walter Reuther who fashioned the UAW into a powerful labor union was deeply involved

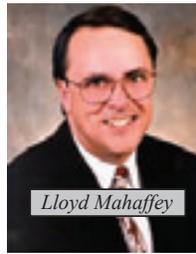
in civil rights and other liberal causes.

Reuther, in fact, was at Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s side when King gave his famous "I Have a Dream Speech" in 1963 during the March on Washington.

As evidence of his concern, Mahaffey reviewed recent statewide election results involving African-American candidates: the 2006 loss of Barbara Sykes for Auditor, the loss of Ben Espy for the Ohio Supreme Court and the landslide loss that gubernatorial candidate Ken Blackwell sustained.

He also touched on the recent decision by Governor Ted Strickland to appoint Connie Zimmelman to a judgeship on the Lucas County Juvenile Court, passing over three black candidates in the process. Mahaffey had not gotten personally involved in that process, a move he expressed regret about during his chat with The Truth.

What is the next logical step in Mahaffey's campaign?



Lloyd Mahaffey

"We're doing it right now," he said referencing this particular interview. "Getting people talking."

People are indeed talking, he said. "People are calling to agree or disagree with our stance."

Mahaffey has no problem with the disagreements, he said. "If you don't have debate, you don't have compromise."

"There is a real possibility of making progress on this issue," said Mahaffey. "This is the type of thing we are going to talk about statewide."

Cynthia J Hickman Establishes Nursing Scholarship for Employees

Special to The Truth

Born and raised in Toledo Ohio, Cynthia J. Hickman, a Toledo native now living in Texas has had a scholarship named in her honor. She is the first in the history of the hospital, and the first African-American woman to receive this honor at St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital.

Cynthia Hickman, BSN, RN, BC CVN, case manager, received the 2006 Johnson & Johnson (J & J) Community Health Care Program Leadership Award in recognition of an outstanding response to Hurricane Katrina.

Hickman volunteered her professional services to Katrina evacuees, taking up the midnight shift at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston Texas.

By virtue of Hickman's volunteer efforts,

St. Luke's received a generous contribution and set up an endowment fund

that will secure scholarships to promote the profession of nursing.

Hickman's ultimate goal is to help grow the profession of nursing, reduce the nursing shortage and provide a helping hand to someone who needs assistance.

She recalls the struggles of juggling nursing school, a family with small children and full-time employment nurse, will offer encouragement and financial assistance to St. Luke's employees who find themselves in similar circumstances. It has been named the Cynthia J. Hickman "Pay It Forward" Nursing Scholarship. "My way of making the world a better place is to assist others complete their education and attain their goal of becoming a registered nurse," said Hickman. "I'm grateful to God for this opportunity, to make a difference in the lives of others. This is my personal ministry."

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Lucas County Commissioners Make Commitment to Minority Contractors

Sojourner's Truth Staff

The Lucas County Board of Commissioners passed a resolution last week to set a goal of awarding 15 percent of county contracts to minority-owned firms. The resolution, however, has little legal standing.

"This is an effort from the Board of County Commissioners on all projects to encourage all people to apply," said Tina Skeldon Wozniak, president of the board.

The timing of the resolution coincides with the impending construction of a multipurpose downtown arena, set to begin during the summer and be completed in 2009.

"People ask why," said Commissioner Pete Gerken as he started his remarks on the need for the resolution. "When there are public works projects, everybody must get a fair share."

Lucas County will be demolishing seven buildings between Madison and Jefferson Avenues in the

downtown area to clear the way for the arena.

Only about seven percent of the contracts for the downtown Fifth Third Field were awarded to minority contractors, according to Roosevelt Gant of Lathrop Gant Barton

construction community - you have to step up."

Requests for proposals will be sent out in fall for construction bids but bid packages for the demolition part of the project must be completed within the next few



Maalow (LGB), the construction managers for the school building project.

"This sends a message to minority contractors," said Gerken. "It's time to get ready. This is a challenge to us as a board and to the minority

weeks.

"It's a simple message," said Commissioner Ben Konop. "The team that builds the arena should be as diverse as the community it represents."

Owens Community College Hosts Express Boys Basketball Camp, June 11-14

PERRYSBURG TOWNSHIP, OH - Owens Community College will offer area basketball players ages 8 through 16 the opportunity to learn about the fundamentals of the sport as the men's basketball program hosts an Express Boys Basketball Camp, June 11-14.

The basketball camp will occur each day from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. in the

College's Student Health and Activities Center on the Toledo-area

Campus. Owens is located on Oregon Road in Perrysburg Township.

Camp instructors will include the Owens Express men's basketball coaching staff and current players. Each camp participant will receive

individual instruction on basketball skills in their designated

positions. In addition, attendees will learn about drills and exercises

for basketball and gain tips on improving their offensive and defensive skills.

The Express men's basketball team finished the 2006-07 campaign with

a 22-12 overall record and an 8-6 mark (third place) in the Ohio

Community College Athletic Conference (OCCAC) regular season standings.

Owens advanced to the finals of the NJCAA Region XII Championships

before losing to Cincinnati State Community College.

The team was ranked as high as No. 4 in the NJCAA Division II men's basketball poll.

Parents and coaches are invited to attend the camp to listen and

observe at no additional

charge.

The camp fee is \$70 per player, which includes a camp basketball and

T-shirt. For more information, or to register, call (567) 661-7973 or

1-800-GO-OWENS, Ext. 7973.

"One Moment With the King"

A Day of Empowerment: restoration, renewal, and revival. For Women Only. Saturday June 2, 2007. Time: 6:00 a.m. Doors open at 4:30 a.m. Presented by: New Psalmist Church 817 East Broadway St., Bishop Brehon L. Hall, Senior Pastor. Breakfast will be provided. Any questions contact Reverend Potter at 419.699.6398

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Edrene was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and a sincere friend of many people.

Elecia Cole Smith and Edwin Lamont Cole

A Woman of Valor: Beloved Longtime Garfield Elementary Teacher Battled Lou Gehrig's Disease as She Earned Her Doctorate

By Alan Abrams
Sojourner's Truth Reporter

Beverly Copper-Butler, Ed.D., who spent 31 years as an educator at Toledo's Garfield Elementary School before taking a medical leave of absence to fight a debilitating disease, says she "feels fortunate to have spent time contributing to curriculum and professional development" in the Toledo Public Schools system.

Thanks to a DynaVox computer which she types by blinking her eyes, she is able to communicate in writing with family, visitors and staff at the rehabilitation center in the Youngstown suburb of Boardman, Ohio where she is a resident.

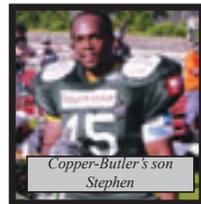
Copper-Butler's family lives in Boardman where they care for her daily. She moved there from Toledo in 2004 after she was diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, the debilitating disease known as ALS or as it is more commonly called, Lou Gehrig's disease.

There is no cure for ALS, which weakens and paralyzes patients by destroying motor neurons that connect the brain with skeletal muscles. There is no cure for the disease, which eventually destroys a person's respiratory function.

According to an August, 2005 report in the Youngstown *Vindicator* newspaper, Copper-Butler first sought medical help when she began to lose movement in her shoulders and upper arms. Doctors were originally baffled by her ailment. After going into respiratory failure, she was hospitalized in the ICU of St. Vincent's Hospital in Toledo. Copper-Butler was then just beginning a dissertation to earn a doctorate in education through Walden

University, which uses online courses to educate students.

Although Copper-Butler was vent-dependent, she was able to dictate every chapter of her dissertation to her mother, Anne Copper, who wrote it down by hand. Copper-Butler's son Stephen, a former stand-out football player at Toledo Central Catholic before his graduation in 2002 and who subsequently played Bundesliga (federal league) football for two German teams, and Copper-Butler's sister Pam Parrish and her daughter Autumn typed the notes and



Copper-Butler's son Stephen

helped conduct the necessary research on the Internet.

After a year of research and reading, Copper-Butler received her doctorate in July 2005. Because Copper-Butler was vent-dependent and paralyzed from the shoulders down, her sister walked in her place at graduation while she and her mother watched live online. Later that month, Walden University faculty met in Pittsburgh and drove to Youngstown to confer her degree. It was the first time the university ever did anything like that," recalls her mother.

Copper-Butler used some of the aides at the Boardman Specialty Care and Rehabilitation Center for her research on African-American parents and their involvement in the

academic lives of their children. Her conclusion was that parents' past experiences with their own parents impact their involvement, whether the experiences were positive or negative.

Copper-Butler had planned to teach for at least five more years before she became ill. She retired from the Toledo Public Schools system after 32 years of active teaching - she spent her first year teaching at Whittier Elementary.

Copper-Butler was born in Plainfield, New Jersey. Asked why she wanted to teach, Copper-Butler replied, "Teaching has been a gift to me. I count myself blessed to have had friendships with parents that continue to this day. They were my inspiration for my dissertation because they taught me that socioeconomic has nothing to do with love."

Copper-Butler came to Ohio to attend the University of Findlay for four years. It was the start of the 27 years she has spent taking college courses. After graduation, she received a telephone call from the principal of Whittier offering her a job teaching the fourth grade. When Copper-Butler told him she didn't have a place to live in Toledo, he said he would help her find a home. She was 22.

"I was equally blessed to be a godmother to three former students and a 'mom' for two other children (just in case something happened to their parents.) I have always appreciated being remembered by former students at graduations, weddings, or with visits to my class. Now, I am so thankful for their nursing home visits, cards and letters, and prayers," says Cop-

per-Butler.

The ALS Association, Northern Ohio Chapter, has been instrumental in keeping Copper-Butler communicating. Her former computer was activated by a sensor placed

Her son Stephen, 23, helps take care of his mother. He returned in Dec. 2006 from his second stint in Germany as a first Bundesliga football player - the highest level league classification where

but it's one that I accept.

"I don't think anybody that knew me would feel sorry for me," she said. "I'm too blessed to be stressed."

Copper-Butler added these comments during an interview last weekend: "I believe that those who share my journey and help carry my cross in so many ways are also learning some lessons God has just for them. My lesson is that in spite of my brokenness there is something here still worth celebrating. The good work that the Lord has begun in me He will see to completion."

Anyone wishing to send cards or letters to Copper-Butler can send them in care of this reporter at The Truth and they will be forwarded.



Beverly Copper-Butler

over her eyebrow. When it was time for her oral examination for her dissertation, the ALS Association provided her with a voice activated phone, which she could answer and dial herself. In addition, the ALS Association also provides continuous patient and family support.

play determines national championships. He was a Linebacker for the Silver Arrows in Stuttgart and later for the Unicorns of Schwabisch Hall. Copper-Butler told reporter Kantele Franko that she looks at ALS "as an expansion of my territories. It's not one I would have chosen,



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A Community Awareness Event Hosted by Toledo Links Inc.

By Alexis Randles
Sojourner's Truth Reporter

ToledoLinks Inc., by joining forces with non-profit organizations, has sought to tackle issues that are affecting not just African American women but women in general.

After nearly two months of planning, Toledo Links, Inc. hosted an afternoon of networking and awareness this past Saturday as a follow up to the group's February community forum.

The event focused specifically on three key issues: HIV/AIDS, domestic violence and teen prostitution.

"The people that came to the first event and said that there was an out cry and a public need for connection with the resources they could come to this event and have one-on-one time with the people that actually work in the different fields," says Vallie Bowman English.

English added that, this time they wanted it to be an informal, intimate setting where people could actually network and get the information by finding out what resources are available to them and their groups, also by finding out the different ways they can volunteer with these organizations to help combat those problems that they are facing."

In attendance for this event were four non-profit organizations: Wake up Youth, Inc., Second Chance Program, YWCA Battered

Women's Shelter and Planned Parenthood. This event was not promoted publicly but was exclusively extended to all individuals who had expressed further interest in February through survey.

"Our organization wants to know how we can help in these particular areas so we invited those organizations back to people who said they were interested," added English.

The members of one invited organization understood first-hand about the



many adversities women face today. President and Founder of Wake Up Youth, Inc. EleSondra DeRomano says, "you have to understand where they come from and I know because I once was in there shoes." She explained how it is not enough to just want to help but they have to understand that you really want to show them a different life.

Wake Up Youth, Inc. works exclusively with teen

and adult women who have been exploited by prostitution, through providing crisis prevention and intervention programs. Their goal is to offer a nurturing, secure environment for the at risk population.

"If they are in need, then they are welcome because there is no age where it is too late to get help," said DeRomano. "We are very non-traditional; we do whatever it takes daily because no day is ever the same."

Despite their short tenure of only a year in the non-

profit field, their success speaks for itself. Besides being the only 24-hour drop-in center in the United States, they have received a multitude of grants and accolades. Currently they are working with 240 women exclusively with their Task Force.

Toledo Ministries Second Chance Program, which also focuses on the rehabilitation of young and adult women who have been engaged in prostitution, was in atten-



dance as well. The organization tends to take a more conventional approach focusing on the case management aspect.

Second Chance receives many of its referrals from the criminal justice system, social service agencies and the health care community, as well as through self-referrals from women affected by prostitution.

"We provide group services, therapeutic treatment and support groups. We are extremely proud of our prostitution anonymous group, which is led by the ladies seeking help," said Jenny Asmar, program director. "We do a lot of community advocacy with them, if they need our attendance with them in court we are able to help serve as representatives. We also go visit them in the jails and in the detention centers. And if there is a service that we do not provide we are able to hook them up with those organizations such as

welfare and social services that can further assist them."

Presently they have two houses that are solely for women victims: one house, which is specifically for teens who are in the process of testifying against drug traffickers, and a second active house that is for women and their children who are working towards getting back on their feet.

"We just need the community to step up and rally around to embrace us, because this is a common problem everywhere, especially in Toledo," says Linda Hanley, Second Chance Therapist.

The common thread amongst all four of the organizations in attendance was the issue of funding, or lack of it. Even though all of the organizations rely on government grants, private donations and fundraising many of them said that lack of resources is still a battle they face daily.

Sherita Evans, HIV Risk

Reduction Specialist (HRHS) of Planned Parenthood said mainly they struggle with getting money for their organization because that is always going to be a non-profit's number one obstacle.

Evans added that they are able to make up much of the difference by aiming for a minimal donation, which literally allows them to reach a larger population than any other organization in the Toledo Lucas County Area.

"We give out alot of free services, such as teen awareness sessions, free education services and free HIV Testing because our organization is aware that some may not have the healthcare insurance or income to get the help they need," said Evans.

To become a volunteer or to give a donation to or all or one of these organizations they are listed in the phone directory under their aforementioned titles.

Carty, Carty, Carty – Will the Mayor of Toledo Ever Learn?

Call it what you may – a disease, a personal weakness or an incurable human flaw, the mayor of Toledo's behavior certainly typifies everything a leader should not do.

For starters, leaders are not divisive. Mr. Finkbeiner waits for the Democratic Party to endorse candidates for the school board and then he comes up with his own slate of candidates.

His reasoning and actions go against logic. For some reason, our beloved mayor Carlton Finkbeiner has an insatiable need to self destruct. He threatens the livelihoods of people who work for him when he fails to convince them, and pulls the plug as in the case of Perlean Griffin and many others, when his subordinates fail to succumb to his pressure. He rants

and frequently disrespects the good citizens of this city, all in the name of love for Toledo.

The problem with the mayor's behavior is we the citizens almost always end up paying a hefty price for his superfluous rants. Take the case of Perlean Griffin where countless number of hours are being devoted to collecting questionable statistical data on the city's hiring practices for federal and state oversight agencies. The cost here alone runs into tens of thousands of dollars.

Then there are the imminent lawsuits which John Madigan, the city's law director, would have to settle using taxpayers' dollars for the mayor's ill-conceived behaviors. Are most of these behaviors necessary to show one is a great leader? Only

the mayor would agree.

And hail to the chief, the Mayor Carlton Finkbeiner, the City's economic development director, the city's interim affirmative action director, and the hotel and sanitation police officer, who thinks he would be able to lure businesses to Toledo by chastising business owners through the use of undercover agents who spy on them.

Where is ECON 101 and Adam Smith's *laissez faire* theory of non-governmental intervention in business for our mayor to read? This theory states that government should not interfere in business affairs; that only the market (people) should decide with its dollars which businesses stay afloat and which ones don't.

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Jean Holden Appears as Queen Sancha 2007

Special to The Truth



at the Old West End Festival main stage.

Toledo songstress and Old West End resident Jean Holden will be named this year's Queen Sancha.

Holden, a voice teacher and winner of three Lake Erie West People's Choice Awards for best female vocalist, began her singing career in her youth in Shreveport, Louisiana and was formally trained as an operatic mezzo-soprano. She relocated to Toledo during her youth.

In 1964, Holden changed her style from opera to accommodate night club singing. These days she is in constant demand from Cleveland to Chicago. She operates her own vocal studio, Jean's Studio of Vocal Expression working with student of all ages.

Jeff Nelson, graphic designer, musician and carpenter will be crown King Wamba.

The King Wamba Carnival Parade has evolved over the years from a celebration

initiated in 1908 as a Civil War veteran's anniversary. It showcases an eclectic mix of traditional parade performers along with performance artists, dance troupes, musicians and other cultural and ethnic performers, Roller Derby athletes, belly dancers, antique cars, "Art Cars, among other acts and sights.



On June 2, "Toledo's Best and Most Eccentric Parade," according to The City Paper – the King Wamba Carnival Parade – sets off at 10 a.m., starting at Winthrop Street at Collingwood Avenue and

heading south on Collingwood to Jefferson Avenue.

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Girls Booked on Beauty Salons

Special to The Truth

A group of Toledo-area girls, ages six to 12, attended a Read-In at the Navaeh Salon and Spa on May 14 organized by the Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. Toledo Chapter, Ruth Court #6. The group and the salon joined in a community partnership to promote the importance of literacy and a love of reading in a creative way.



The original concept was introduced by Lady Peggy LeCompte, the national president of Top Ladies. The Toledo Chapter spearheaded the efforts to bring about this month's program and was able to implement it with the assistance of community partners.

The girls in attendance were allowed to browse the many books available for their selection and choose the

ones they liked. They were encouraged to sit and read with the adults present from Top Ladies. At the end of the afternoon's event, the girls were able to take several books home for their reading enjoyment along with a copy of a parent's guide sheet "Helping Your Child to Read."

In addition to the books donated by Top Ladies and Friends of the Toledo Lucas

County Library, the girls were treated to pizza provided by Navaeh's.

Clara Brank is president of Top Ladies. Barbara Tucker is chairman of the Community Partnerships Committee. Members of the committee are: Charlesena Smith, Edith Gholston, Denise Black-Poon, Gwendolyn Brown, Delores Bates, Muriel E. Webb Williams, Wanda Terrell and Barbie Harrison.

Toledo Cares Makes Its Dramatic Debut

*By Michael Ashford
Special to The Truth*



"Toledo City Councilman Michael Ashford spoke last week in the lobby of One Government Center at a rally announcing the launch of a new campaign called **Toledo Cares**. *Toledo Cares* is a new campaign dedicated to helping to make Lucas County and the city of Toledo a prominent long-term care provider in Ohio.

With the help of community leaders, caregivers, elected officials, consumers, and their families, *Toledo Cares* developed a five-point strategy to help position Lucas County and Toledo as a premier community devoted to quality health care for all.

Ashford, along with County Commissioners Pete Gerken and Tina Wozniak, were on hand to begin the discussion of how to provide Toledo and all of Lucas County with the best long term care for all of its citizens. Ashford, The Service Employees International Union (SEIU), other elected officials, agency & organization leaders, were led in a pep rally response by Gerken as he asked them to "join forces in the struggle for adequate long term care for Toledo and Lucas County residents."

For more information on The Toledo Cares Program go to www.toledocares.org

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TMA Celebrates African American Identity with Third Annual Juneteenth Festival Saturday, June 16, 2007

On Saturday, June 16, the Toledo Museum of Art and its Committee for Cultural Diversity present their third annual Juneteenth Celebration. This free festival features music, dance, film, live demonstrations, food, and hands-on art activities—all highlighting the profound impact that African American culture has on our community.

The TMA Juneteenth Celebration was named a 2006 Northwest Ohio Black Media Association Impact Newsmaker Award winner for making a positive news-worthy difference in the local African American community.

What is Juneteenth?

President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation went into effect on January 1, 1863, freeing all enslaved people in the Confederate States. However, not until two years later, on June 19, 1865, did more than 250,000 enslaved African Americans in Texas hear the news from General Gordon Granger that they could call themselves free. The celebrations that followed the reading of the Proclamation in Texas began a tradition that has lasted more than 130 years and today is celebrated in cities across America.

What is TMA's Committee for Cultural Diversity?

The Museums Committee for Cultural Diversity (CCD) initiated the first TMA Juneteenth Celebration in 2005 and continues to provide guidance and assistance in the planning and production of the event. As an ad hoc committee of the Museum's Board of Directors, the CCD strives to encourage greater awareness and understanding of Toledo's culturally diverse community and to ensure the reflection of this cultural and ethnic heritage in the Museums offerings. Those interested in volunteering to help with Juneteenth activities should contact the volunteer office at 419-254-5771, extension 7390.

SATURDAY, JUNE 16, 2007

Opening Ceremony

11:30 A.M.-NOON, Main Terrace Stage

TMA and our Committee for Cultural Diversity (CCD) welcome you to the Juneteenth festivities with moving songs by Jane and Philip Anosike, the story of Juneteenth by Anthony Lucas, remarks by the African American Legacy Project, local officials, and a spiritual dedication.

Gallery Explorations

11:30 A.M.-7 P.M.
Looking for works of art by African or African Ameri-

can artists? Stop by any Museum entrance for a pamphlet, and embark on this self-guided gallery experience featuring collection favorites and new acquisitions.

Quality of Life

NOON-4 P.M., Monroe Terrace Stage

Gain valuable information about your health and well-being in this special offering, featuring representatives from local quality-of-life organizations and health agencies.

Reenactment of the Ohio 5th Infantry Regiment U.S. Colored Troop

NOON-5 P.M., Glass Pavilion Grounds

The troops of the reactivated Company C share stories of what life was like for African Americans during the Civil War.

Delectable Dishes

NOON-6 P.M.

Local vendors tempt you with mouthwatering barbecue, cornbread, and more, while the Museum Café offers ice cream and beverages outdoors, and soups, sandwiches, salads, pizza, and desserts indoors.

A Community's Story: Celebrating Juneteenth

11:30 A.M.-7 P.M., Community Gallery

This special exhibition pays tribute to African American artists and explores the proud history of integration and tolerance in the Old West End neighborhood.

Speaking Out: The Art of Elizabeth Catlett

11:30 A.M.-7 P.M., Gallery 18

Elizabeth Catlett has been a preeminent voice in commenting on the condition of blacks in the U.S. and the Third World, establishing her as one of the most powerful visual interpreters of Civil Rights. This gift of bold prints from her own collection spans her career.

Film: Through Toledo's Eyes

NOON-7 P.M., Libbey Court

Experience first-hand accounts of 1967 Civil Rights activities in Toledo in this series of short narratives produced by WGTE.

Film: The African Burial Ground: An American Discovery

12:45-1:30 P.M., Little Theater

Narrated by Ruby Dee and Ossie Davis, this film examines the historical revelations and implications posed by graves unearthed during the construction of the Foley Square Courthouse in New York City.

Demo: Hair Expressions

12:45-1:15 & 4-4:30 P.M., Gallery 5

How does hair braiding fit into the African narrative? Local stylist Nicole Brown creates hair art and discusses her techniques and the roots of the tradition. For an early representation of this art form, be sure to view TMA's newly acquired African Mask of the Mende people; for a contemporary view, see Lorna Simpson's Wigs.

Demonstrations: Glassblowing

1, 2, 3, & 4 P.M., Glass Pavilion

Marvel at local artists who transform molten glass into works of art before your eyes.

Storytelling: Anansi the Spider and Other Tales

1:45-2:15 P.M., Glass Pavilion Outdoor Stage

Anthony Lucas spins traditional tales featuring this well-known trickster spider, and other African folklore. After listening to Lucas's engaging stories, create your own versions of several characters and objects he's introduced, including Anansi, an African mask, and a drinking gourd.

Demo: Reenactment of the Ohio 5th Infantry Regiment U.S. Colored Troop

2-2:15 P.M., Main Terrace

The troops of the reactivated Company C bring history to life through Civil War military drill reenactments.

Docent-led Tour: African and African American Art

2:15-2:45 P.M., Meet in Libby Court

Join a TMA Docent on this enlightening gallery tour highlighting works of art by Africans and African Americans.

Bake-off Award Ceremony

2:30-3 P.M., Glass Pavilion Outdoor Stage

The winners of this year's bake-off get their just desserts.

Performance: Swing Low, Sweet Chariot: A Gospel Music Journey

3:15-4:15 P.M., Glass Pavilion Outdoor Stage

Detroit radio host Rev. Robert Jones and Sister Bernice Jones weave song and narrative to share the music that sustained African Americans during slavery and continues to influence contemporary music.

Performance: Stories and Poetry of the Journey of a People from Slavery to the Present

5-5:30 P.M., Glass Pavilion Outdoor Stage

Ophelia J. Thompson—also known as The Poet LaFelle—relates stories of liberation through her original poetry and that of well-known African American poets.

Film: Soul of Justice: Thelton Henderson's

American Journey

5-6 P.M., Little Theater

Follow the career of Thelton Henderson—an African-American Senior Judge of the Federal District Court of Northern California—as it parallels the larger historic arc of the Civil Rights movement and the changing vision of government.

Hands-on Activities for the Family

NOON-6:30 P.M., Main Terrace, Museum Galleries, Libbey Court, and Glass Pavilion Grounds

Visit activity stations both indoors and outdoors around the Museum campus, and discover your own artistic voice.

Make a Drum, Main Terrace

African Drums are not only musical instruments—they also tell stories of generations. Create and decorate a personal drum much like those used in African dances celebrating festivals, ceremonies, and special events.

Paint Mud Cloth, Main Terrace

Using shapes and animal symbols, paint a mud cloth that tells a story. In Africa, mud cloth designs often represent important life moments and provide protection and luck for hunters.

Decorate a Gourd, Glass Pavilion Grounds

Personalize your own drinking gourd, or calabash. These gourds were typically used to hold water, but they also held special meaning for escaped slaves finding their way north to freedom.

Create Anansi, Glass Pavilion Grounds

Make your own Anansi the Spider, the trickster char-

acter from African folktales that are told to explain the natural world.

Make a Mask, Glass Pavilion Grounds

African works of art often include the features of many different animals. Choose your favorite African animal, folktale figure, or guardian spirit, and depict it on a mask.

Hairbraiding, Main Terrace

Using colorful yarn, create sample hairbraids in patterns similar to the African Suku, Kolese, or Koroba styles.

Face Painting, Glass Pavilion Grounds

Tell a story without saying a word. Choose from symbols such as a freedom bell, friendship symbol, U.S. flag, kente cloth, and a variety of animals.

Paper Necklace, Classic Court

Using colored paper, design and make a necklace like those found in some parts of Africa. Each color has a meaning, so you can communicate a story using only color.

Juneteenth Storybook, Classic Court

What do the ideas of Juneteenth and freedom mean to you? Design and illustrate a booklet to commemorate the days activities and what you've learned.

Felt Quilt, Libbey Court

Design a felt quilt square with patterns, signs, and symbols that tell the story of freedom. Throughout the day, the many pieces will come together as a whole.

Mancala Game, Main Terrace

Mancala is possibly the oldest board game in the

world and is played by hundreds of African tribes, most of which have a unique version of and name for the game. Create a Mancala set using egg cartons and hand-made paper beads.

The Rhythm of the Day Celebrate the African American influence in music, both past and present.

Kay Cook Praise Dancers 12:15-12:45 P.M., Main Terrace Stage

Funga Alafia! I welcome you! Join in as the Kay Cook Praise Dancers begin the day with the Funga or Welcome Dance that also celebrates the harvest.

Not Your Basic Blues Band

1-1:45 P.M., Main Terrace Stage

M-Sax (smooth jazz)

2:15-3 P.M., Main Terrace Stage

Joyful Noise (percussion)

3:30-4 P.M., Main Terrace Stage

Too Deep N Harmony (a cappella variety)

4:15-5 P.M., Main Terrace Stage

ALMA Drum and Dance (African and Caribbean rhythms)

5:30-6:30 P.M., Main Terrace Stage

Closing Celebration: Group Dance

6:30 P.M., TMA Terraces

ALMA Drum and Dance expresses the story of the African Diaspora through their rhythmic and kinetic performance and then invites all visitors to join them in a culmination of the days activities—a group dance.

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Toledo Youth Take Stage with Local Theater Troupe 'Raisin in the Sun' Debuts at Woodward High

Northwest Ohio's oldest independent community theater organization will present a new twist on a classic stage drama. Using cast members from Woodward High School and the Collingwood Arts Children's Theatre, New Works Writers Series will perform a multigenerational production of Lorraine Hansberry's *Raisin in the Sun* at 9:30 a.m. May 29, 2007 and June 1, 2007 at 6 p.m.

Adapted from stage to film, the drama has featured stellar actors including Sidney Poitier and Ruby Dee, and was recently updated for Broadway with a cast that included rap music phenomenon P. Diddy in a leading role.

"It's a great opportunity for New Works to teach youth who aren't familiar with Lorraine Hansberry's work by not only performing the play, but using their peers to deliver its important messages," says Imelda Hunt, Ph.D., founder and artistic director of New Works Writers Series.

Depicting a struggling, working-class family whose members clash about how best to secure their future, *Raisin in the Sun* examines the themes of responsibility, sacrifice and the pursuit of dreams. For more information about the performance, contact New Works Writers Series at 419.380.0527.

Carty, Carty, Carty

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(knows what's best for us. He thinks by intimidating business owners, he can convince serious businesses to relocate to Toledo. This mayor who should be spending time strategizing on ways to bring businesses to town and helping them stay, has chosen to bother honest hardworking citizens who are trying to make ends meet under the harshest of conditions mostly created by someone who sees things only in black and white.

The mayor's behavior is a far cry from Stautzenberger College president George Simon, who recently found it so unbearable to do business with the city that he chose to move the one time Southwyck anchor college to Maumee.

Instead of making any negative statements about Carty or the city, President Simon chose to do something

of a rarity in our city leaders and take the high road by explaining the tough situation he found himself, in attempting to secure a stable location for the college and its students.

If the shoe was on the other foot, and our mayor was the president of this college, one wonders if he wouldn't have put up a fist fight with anyone who's associated with the school's lease. Remember the fight that nearly ensued with his former police chief? How about the owner of Pepe's Mexican restaurant who was in a shouting match with the mayor? He ended up in the hospital.

Again, the problem is when Mr. Finkbeiner goes into one his rants we ultimately pay. However, don't we sometime just wish that this man was running his own business? The losses in

Stautzenberger College's case are nearly 100 jobs, and revenue amounting to tens of millions of dollars. But again, who cares? It takes just a few tax levies on the citizens' backs for the mayor to make up the difference.

Recently, as if to say his strong-arm tactics have not gained him a possible ethics infraction, and as if the decision to fill the two school board seats for TPS rests upon him, Mr. Finkbeiner is once again taking the lead to canvass the citizens to fill the two board seats with people he thinks he can manipulate. Mr. Finkbeiner doesn't think much of the leadership of the Democratic Party either. He believes that the Party is incapable of choosing the right candidates for the board. As a result, he has elected to name his own slate of candidates.

In a newspaper report, the

Dear Ryan,

My son wants to work out and he is only nine years old. I think that he's too young but he is insisting that he needs to workout. Is he too young and if not what can I do to get him started?

Kevin

Kevin,

Nine is a little young to start weight training but you're never too young or old to start working out.

I started my daughter when she was about six or seven. I suggest that at this age he begins with a lot of functional training. This is getting him used to his own body mechanics and to improve the relationship between the nervous and muscular system. Functional training will also help him better perform daily activities and will help him develop a better mind/muscle link that will prepare him for weights down the road.

He needs to work on concentric (flexing muscle), eccentric (elongating muscle), isometrics, speed (sprinting) and range of motion (stretching) exercises. These are multi-joint exercises that incorporate several muscles and not isolate just one group. This helps to strengthen any weak areas so that they will be stronger and perform better when the demand for performance is at hand.

Push ups, body squats and pull-ups are great exercises for him to get ready and prepare for more complex, tougher work that's ahead of him. Make him stretch a lot too because this will help him to get more oxygen, blood and nutrients to the muscles. His body will benefit more than I can tell you in this article so just make sure he stretches.

I hope this gives you some insight on how to get him started. Good luck and tell him that with a little dedication he can make leaps and improve his athletic ability more than he thought possible.

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Orthopedic Health Fair to Take Place June 2

The first University of Toledo Orthopedic Health Fair will be held Saturday, June 2, in the courtyard on the Health Science Campus.

The fair, which will run from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m., is free and open to the public. In the event of rain, the fair will take place in the Health Science Campus cafeteria.

Hamburgers and hotdogs will be free for all who attend, along with a raffle for Mud Hens tickets, zoo tickets, gifts from the Ottawa Park Golf Course and various other prizes.

"The goal of the health fair is to promote the Orthopedic Department and highlight the services we offer, and provide a fun opportunity for the public and everybody to enjoy free food and prizes," said Department of Orthopedic Surgery Admin-

istrator Katie Treuhaft.

According to Treuhaft, several orthopedic-related companies and departments throughout the hospital will have a table; participants will include Zimmer, Biomet, Stryker, Smith & Nephew, Synthes Spine, GE, North Coast Medical, Celebrex/Pfizer and EBI.

There also will be a casting demonstration for children.

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Calvin Lawshe: Bringing a New Dynamic to the Toledo Lucas County Plan Commissions

By Fletcher Word

Sojourner's Truth Editor "I didn't know that we had such capable, bright and experienced planners in this office," said Calvin Lawshe recently of his eye-opening first several weeks in the Toledo-Lucas County Plan Commissions of his new colleagues. "Coming from academia, you have an appreciation for intellect and I found it in abundance here."

Lawshe, who was appointed interim director of the Plan Commissions in late April and has hit the ground running, was a long-time University of Toledo professor and administrator and has worked overtime to bring himself up to speed in his new duties.

Lawshe is not a planner but he is clearly not concerned that he lacks that particular expertise. "The Plans Commission was not in need of another planner," he says. "They were in need of an administrator... someone to galvanize the planners and lead them in the right direction. Part of my job is to help them maximize their talents."

"I spend time working out ways to motivate, to lead, to focus... keeping group A working with group B and happy with group C."

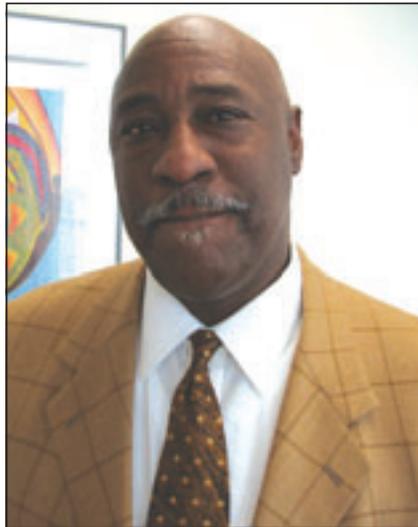
So what do the Plan Commissions do?

First of all, the Plan Commissions are actually a combination of two bodies – the Toledo City Plan Commission and the Lucas County Planning Commission. The two commissions share a staff of planners – Lawshe's group. There are eight planners, one planning technician and three on the support staff.

And, again, what do they do?

According to printed information, the Plan Commissions "seek to create a community with a high quality of life and access to economic opportunity for all of our residents."

However, the answer to what the Plan Commissions do may be more readily found in rephrasing the question. If



a person were to buy a vacant lot, we asked Lawshe, can he do anything on that lot that would not involve a decision by the Plan Commissions?

"No, not really," he answered, "unless you want to build in a way that it is already zoned for?"

So this is what the Plans Commissions do: they keep order in a world that would descend into chaos if everyone were free to build anything in any place.

"A school could go next to a brown field or a factory could be built amid residences," suggested Lawshe of the calamity that could ensue absent a planning body.

"No one has knowledge or value of what you do," I told folks the first day," said Lawshe. "Nor do they know the necessity."

The Plan Commissions review building permits, zoning changes, special use permits and institutional campus master plans. After the City Plan Commission reaches a decision on a pro-

posed rezoning or special use permit, for example, that decision is final unless an appeal is taken to the Toledo City Council where a vote of three-fourths of the full membership is necessary to overturn the recommendation.

When Lawshe walked into the office, he was immediately presented with what the planners had tackled as far as big issues – such as the Marina District. "It's a large project and the team got it together. This office helped coordinate the traffic and oversee the zoning issues as with the [downtown] arena."

And, of course, Lawshe and his staff are concerned not just with planning for the city, they also review planning and zoning permits for the county as well. "If a charter school wants to move from this point to that point, if Monclova has a project, we work on it," said Lawshe explaining his office unique status of reporting to both governmental entities.

However much Lawshe is enjoying his foray into urban planning, the retired UT

administrator has no intention of remaining in the post for more than eight to 10 months, the time frame he anticipates will be needed to find a long-term director. But the "interim" tag is not one that will keep Lawshe from implementing change in the office. He is not a baby sitter by nature. "I'm an aggressive kind of guy," he said of his management style.

Retired from UT in 2006, Lawshe began at the university in 1974 as an instructor of business technology, eventually becoming an assistant professor, then full professor, teaching accounting, finance and management.

He went into administration in 1995 and remained an assistant to the president until his retirement.

Prior to, and during, his university career, Lawshe was a partner – with the late Waymon Usher – in a firm that was involved in construction management and project development. Although not a planner, he is, in fact, quite experienced with the planning function from the point of view of the builder or developer. Among other projects Lawshe and Usher developed years ago was the Franklin Plaza strip mall at the corner of Bancroft and Franklin.

The graduate of Macomber High School earned his undergraduate degree, and a masters degree in business administration, from UT.

Lawshe is married to Vickie and has three children, Kamaria, Kara and Lance.

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TPS board has nothing to do with name recognition. Instead, it is an internal matter that has everything to do with the personalities of board members. Therefore, there is no reason for things to change if any of these persons were elected to the board, especially if they hold inflexible views about the way things ought to be done.

Remember, mayor, every board member's vote is equal in value or strength as the next member's. The big question for the mayor is, is he going to once again try to raise money for any of these people to get elected? And, still, will the mayor try to involve these individuals in questionable ethical behavior by using one of them as a front to raise money? I know these people are smarter than the mayor cares to give them credit. They wouldn't want

to jump into the TPS board saga that doesn't seem to have any way forward.

Finally, the mayor said in the Toledo Blade, "it is important that we have well-qualified board members that are experienced in terms of board policies, board interactions, and who bring specific skills to the table." This sounds like a sound advice worthy of the mayor's consideration. A little introspection might be helpful to him. And if the mayor's own advice fails to cure his malady, then perhaps he should consider reading Professor Bob Sutton's book on building a civilized workplace and surviving one that isn't. I'll leave the title of this book alone, but I am certain that it will be the panacea our mayor needs. If the mayor needs the title, I will be more than glad to give it to him.

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Message To Graduating Seniors - 2007

By Michael Hayes
Minister of Culture



Everyone should know what I do about this time of year. I always try to take some time and show respect to the young adults who will be making that transition from high school to whatever it is they have decided to do next.

First of all, I wanna say congratulations for just making it through.

Maybe some day long ago a high school diploma was nearly a guarantee.

But even when I came out in '96, a large portion of the actual senior class weren't exactly on their way to Stranahan with the rest of us you know what I mean?

More than a few got "caught up" like we say. And I'm sure you know peeps who fit that description.

WHY DO SOME PEOPLE "JUST GET CAUGHT UP" AND MISS ACHIEVING THEIR GOALS?

High school is life's first big test of how you handle distractions.

Drugs. Sex. More Sex. Overall laziness. Crime. Peer Pressure. Alcohol. Partying.

All of those things can become hang-ups that prevent you from reaching your goals.

That's real talk if you're 15, 18 or 35.

When you look at people you know and say

"Damn, why don't they seem to have any goals in life?"

Maybe they did have goals and dreams, but they weren't strong enough to resist the temptations I just mentioned.

Yo, I admit—I was a class clown and I loved to act silly at times and my friends would get me in trouble and all that.

In fact, my senior year was THE ONLY year I never got B.I.C. or suspended, etc. I rode the fence most of my time in school.

I was usually the only person who was in detention

but still on the honor roll. Trouble or not, I still got my work done. And I always kept my goals on my mind.

And that's something you CAN NEVER STOP DOING regardless of your age.

At my 9-5 as a job developer, I run into people all the time who are grown and have kids depending on them and they *still* have not matured to the point of knowing what it takes to accomplish a goal.

I see people who have already given up on their aspirations or just plain don't have any.

I see people ... and this is real talk, I see people every single day who just coasted through high school and now the world is kicking their ass.

Maybe they didn't take it seriously back then, and they cope by doing the same now.

If you're at that high school/college age right now, just think about some of the people at your school.

The ones who are just there taking up space and aren't truly focused.

The other ones who are obsessed with what everyone else thinks ... the so-called "cool" kids who follow this unseen code of what's acceptable in the eyes of their peers ... a vast majority of those people will end up broke, lonely and suffering.

Appearances, kicking it or acting silly was their first priority and they ended up neglecting everything else you're SUPPOSED to be doing at school.

See, it really IS all about priorities.

I know ya parents or teachers tell ya'll that all the time, but it's really true.

I'm NOT saying you have to be stiff, boring and serious all the time.

Hell, me and my peeps still wild out and probably appear to be having "too" much fun in public at times.

Don't rob yourself of fun. But just make sure you cover

all your bases. Put ya nose in a book and do some real studying.

Seriously grind out a plan for your future and how you want things to go.

Everything you want out of life is yours.

But you need to prioritize between kicking it, hooking up with the opposite sex (or the same sex for some of ya'll), and getting education and skills that will serve you for the rest of your life.

I know a few folks my age who go to the club as if every weekend is the last weekend of their lives. But they have decent jobs, an education/or training and a stable life.

Some are ballin', some are still on their way to ballin' — but I do see more than a few of my peoples with their lives in tact because that was a priority to them after high school.

And partying like a rock star was important too...but it came second to getting themselves established.

When you do things the right way, you have more freedom.

Remember — acting grown, does NOT make you grown.

It just puts you in some grown up situations that you may/may not be ready for.

And regardless what TV says... just because you're 16-22 or whatever does NOT mean you can just party those years away without suffering some consequences.

Like I tell my little sister, you actually need to be MORE cautious during that time period than any other. There are rare cases where teens just have that depth and maturity already.

But most folks don't have it that soon.

Many lives are made and broken based on how quickly a person can mature during those crucial years. And being 29... trust me, I personally know people who every day regret things they did at

20... I mean regret it every day.

Don't just act grown.... gain wisdom.

Build with ya elders, listen to some music that talks about something more than buying somebody a drank. If you go to Vamps on the weekend, go to a library or something during the week so you can learn from the knowledge that's out there.

If the only thing on your mind is the opposite sex, going to the mall and watching somebody's rims spin... you are NOT focused on the right things pahntnah!

If you fail at taking life seriously right now, you're gonna end up being a 35-year-old teenager with a bunch of shoul'da, woulda, coulda and no real maturity for all your years.

Bopping with the local thugs, and boosting so you can look cute (for the ladies) gang bangin', spending afternoons on playstation with a blunt hanging out ya mouth (for the guys) it's one thing to do that mess when you're in high school.

Doing that mess when ya damn near 30, - **NOT A GOOD LOOK.**

It means you still haven't learned anything. I can't say it enough... DON'T JUST ACT GROWN.... grow up.

WHAT TO DO, WHAT TO DO

College isn't for everyone. Or so I've heard people say.

I actually think just about everyone could gain something out of attending college classes,

but if you don't see the need in it — don't waste time and money pursuing something that isn't your own plan for yourself.

But if you know like I know, and you are planning on attending college... be prepared for all those pitfalls I spoke of earlier to increase tenfold.

In college there is NO ONE telling you when to go to class.

In college there is NO ONE reminding you to have morals and carry yourself right.

In college there is NO ONE reminding you to stay drug free.

In college there is NO ONE who is guaranteed to care if you fall off track.

If you haven't learned how to depend on yourself and yourself alone... you better learn quick.

I used to see it every year at UT.

Some 18/19 year old girl

who had a sheltered upbringing gets on campus around all these frat guys and athletes... and it's her first taste of unsupervised, non-curfew having fun?!?!?!? Man, it's chopped.

It's a wrap. It's a bad situation just waiting to happen. That initial reaction of having no parents/guardian around can be mind-blowing for people who haven't been prepared properly.

It's very important to at least try to conduct yourselves in a way that says you're mature.

College life is unsheltered and raw.

No one is there to clean up your messes or shield you from the backlash of your actions.

And crazy amounts of money are being spent so you can learn something...

DON'T get on campus and waste an opportunity that others would kill for.

I never understood how black folks could sit in the back of the class when I was in college.

People fought for us to have that right. Hell, just thinking of the loans I would have to *one day* pay back made me sit in the front of EVERY class.

And I'm not saying I passed everything at first try.

I'd be right there in the front, failing like a mug — but I would knock it out the next time around.

See, I'm not saying you have to be "super-student".

I'm just saying, TAKE IT SERIOUSLY.

And be prepared for everything to get harder, just accept that it's going to happen and be prepared for it. This is the time of your life when you learn problem solving and how to be resourceful.

Oh yeah, don't make the mistake of thinking you're automatically gonna get a sweet ass job immediate after you graduate. You still have more grinding to do then as well.

My little sister is picking between three colleges right now.

As a UT alum, I never thought I'd hear myself say it...but I actually encouraged her to try her first two years at Owens if she decides to stay here.

Community college has a stigma around it... and I know tons of folks who didn't make the best of their time at Owens and now having nothing but bills to show for it.

However... if you work it right, that lower tuition means much lower loan debt

in the future. Hell, maybe I should've gone to Owens — L.O.L.

Also, try to remember that college coursework can be fun.

Picking your classes outside of your core curriculum is a chance for you to really be mature by saying "what am I interested in?" "what would I like to learn more about?"

If you take it seriously, college will become a very empowering time in your life.

And that's what it all boils down to, fam.

What do you want to do with your life?

What are you good at? What is something you would spend all day doing even if you weren't getting paid for it?

Adulthood is nothing to play with.

A lot of our parents had to sacrifice by forgetting their passions and just taking a job to put food on the table.

Then they find themselves locked in a world where the only possibility they see, is what they see when they look at us — their children.

For the younger half of my generation preparing to make their mark on the world...

please choose wisely. Take a day and go somewhere quiet and really, truly think about

ALL THAT YOU WANT OUT OF LIFE and what steps it will take to get there.

I have faith that you will succeed.

Congratulations to all graduating classes of 2007. SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS to my little sister Kai'lah who is graduating from

Performing Arts School of Metro Toledo with a 3.5 G.P.A.

We love you and are sooo proud of you.

You know how the song go: "my peoples they want BIG THINGS!!"

A'ight, ya'll.

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Progressive behavioral health care organization is seeking energetic, dependable professionals to provide job coaching services to clients on a contingency, as needed, basis. Two years teaching/training experience required. Bachelor's degree plus teaching/training experience preferred. Duties include analyzing jobs and work environments and training clients to perform their job duties. Duties may also include providing job development and Job Seeking Skills Training services. Must be proficient and accurate in computer use. Valid driver's license, good driving record required. Send resume and salary expectations by 6/6/07 to

Career Connections, Attn: Human Resources (JC), 4334 Secor Rd., Toledo, OH 43623-4234, or fax to 419-479-3230, or e-mail to harborhr@harbor.org.

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Vocational Specialist

Seeking a competent mental health professional to provide psychosocial and vocational assessments, and coordinate linkage between clients and employers. Requires Bachelor's degree in mental health related field plus 1 year vocational rehabilitation experience; or Associate's degree with 3 years vocational rehabilitation experience; or 5 years experience providing vocational rehab services to BVR, ODJFS funding sources. Preference given to licensed candidate (Ohio LSW or PC) and to the candidate who has experience in vocational rehabilitation with the noted client population. Duties include assessing client readiness for employment, identifying client interests/skills, and evaluating worksite/employee job match. Must be proficient and accurate in computer use. Must be proficient and accurate in computer use. Valid driver's license and good driving record required. Send resume with cover letter and salary expectations by 6/6/07 to

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Memphis, TN Trip

Round trip bus fair - \$100.00
Leaving Toledo on Friday, June 15 at 2 a.m. heading for Memphis, TN.
Leaving Memphis on Sunday June 17 at noon. (Hotel not included)

Please call
Albert - 419-729-8576
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Five-room house w/ 2 bedrooms in good condition. Asking \$14,000

One boat - 19-foot Bayliner w/ trailer and motor. Asking \$1,800

One 16-foot aluminum boat with trailer and motor. Asking \$600

Call 419-244-0534



ATTENTION ALL VENDORS

The 3rd Annual African American Festival will be held at Nelson Grace Park on Friday, July 13, Saturday, July 14 and Sunday, July 15.

As space is limited to 50 entries, please contact Terri at the Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union at 419/255-8876 for your application. Reservations will be given on a first come, first serve basis.

VOLUNTEERS ALSO NEEDED

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Braden United Methodist Church



The congregation celebrated its 83rd Women's Day on Sunday, May 20. The guest speaker was Eva Tucker-Lingo, outreach coordinator for the church. The theme for this year's event was "Just One Touched" from Luke 8:43-48. The women of Braden United wore Spring pastel attire and their financial goal is to raise \$10,000. Saturday, May 18, the women of the church were treated to a movie matinee title *One Night with the King*, the biblical story of Esther. Marie L. Bush, Ph.D., served as chairman of the Woman's Day committee and was assisted by Co-Chairman Linda Hester. Braden UMC is the oldest African-American United Methodist Church in Toledo and will celebrate its centennial in 2008. Rev. Wynston Dixon is the church's pastor.

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