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*"Hats off to you my friend, Clyde Hughes. I will miss you and I want to thank you for all of your support and friendship over these nearly 20 years."
- Rhonda Sewell*

This Strikes Us ...

A Sojourner's Truth Editorial

[A]ware that a party must be responsive to be worthy of responsibility, we pledge ourselves to open, honest endeavor and to the conduct of public affairs in a manner worthy of a community of free people.

And, we would hope, responsive to the idea that everyone should be treated with dignity.

The statement above is part of the mission statement of the Lucas County Democratic Party as found on their website.

"Worthy of responsibility," they say.

So when a group of the good ole boys sit around and somehow discern that it would be a splendid idea to bring in a couple of strippers to the party's party and then calculate that such a move would be inoffensive to female voters, not to mention to the two dozen or so female elected officials of Lucas County, we have to ask what exactly in these actions could even remotely be deemed "worthy of responsibility."

But we certainly don't want to paint a picture that these very unseemly sexist actions are those which would offend only women any more than we would expect racist acts to be offensive only to people of color.

In the wake of "stripper-gate," which has proven to be an embarrassment not only to the Lucas County Democratic Party and its members but also to residents of northwest Ohio in general, several "leaders" have stepped forward to downplay the seriousness of the incidents.

We need to be concerned with much bigger problems that plague our society, says our mayor. Critics of the party's leaders, says the mayor, are being "moralistic." A moralist is someone who expresses or teaches moral principles, we discovered after a quick turn through a dictionary. We were actually trying to uncover the pejorative sense of the word – perhaps that was contained in the sarcastic way it was used by the mayor at the time – guess you had to be there.

Hizzoner, by the way, is not the only member of the Democratic Party who is so forgiving of spirit. Several female members of the party have also expressed their disdain for those who have been outraged by the golf course boogies.

Karen Shanahan, City Council candidate who ran and lost without the support of the Lucas County Madison Avenue contingent in her last race for council, is clearly not going to make that mistake again. She echoed the mayor's sentiment that there are bigger fish to fry than worrying about an assault on the dignity of most of the county's residents.

We even have a letter in this issue from a long-time female member of the party who questions the "integrity and maturity" of critics of the party.

The person who placed the strippers on the golf course, says she, "has served us well." Those who assail such 1950's, pre-female-involvement-in-politics, boys-will-be-boys conduct, she writes, heightening our disbelief, lack maturity.

In fact, we find Toledo City Councilman Joe McNamara's outrage over the golf course incident to be genuine. We don't find it unusual that men could find such behavior reprehensible. But even if it were not genuine, even if he were speaking out for political advantage, he still has been saying the right things about a matter that should outrage us all – regardless of gender.

So how many more issues are more important than human dignity, we wonder?

There are indeed a lot of important issues facing us – economic development and educational attainment spring to mind. But we can hardly ignore the need to treat each other with dignity. This was first and foremost what the civil rights struggle was all about.

This overweening willingness to let bygones be bygones would certainly make a lot more sense if this local party had some recent history of either competence or willingness to work on behalf of the minority members of its constituencies.

They can't get their endorsed candidate elected, they can't raise money, they are regularly ignored by the state organization – an important meeting that was to be held here this week has been cancelled by the state organization. Who have they served well?

And if Karen Shanahan believes, as she stated, that "women of Lucas County can speak for themselves" and should speak for themselves, why hasn't she?

We are appalled that someone seeking political office would feel, and state, that only members of the insulted group should speak out for themselves.

"First they came for the Communists, but I was not Communist so I didn't speak out; then they came for the Socialists and the trade unionists, but I was neither, so I did not speak out; then they came for the Jews, but I was not a Jew so I did not speak out; when they came for me, there was no one left to speak out." – German anti-fascist, Martin Niemöller.

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*June 18-July 13
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*June 18-August 4
Summer Reading Pals: Sanger and Oregon branches; Free seven-week summer program for youth who need reading practice: 419-259-5276

*July 11-12
Turning Over a New Leaf Ministries: Convocation; "Churches United by Proximity;" Maumee Indoor Theater

*July 13
Barking Lot Party to Benefit Toledo Area Humane Society: The Town Center at Levis Commons; 7 pm: 614-794-2008

*July 13-15
Third Annual African American Festival: Nelson Grace Park: 419-255-8876
Daughters of Zion of Warren AME Church: 10th Anniversary and Annual Retreat; "Walking Up the King's Highway;" 6:30 pm on Friday, 9 am to 2 pm on Saturday, 8 am on Sunday; Speaker Minister Tiffany Pace of Nashville: 419-535-6435

*July 14
Majestic Praise Ministries: Salad Luncheon; Guest Speaker Cheryl Slack from Grace Temple C.O.G.I.C.; "God's Women on the Front Line;" 419-386-4174 or 419-536-7714
African-American Civil War Soldiers: Portraits by Novarro Gibson; Kent Branch Library; 2 pm; A history lesson you won't forget; The 5th U.S. Colored Troops; Special hip-hop performance by Positive Force Christian School of Dance

*July 15
Book Signing: The Road Tour; Chef G. Garvin at Borders in Westfield from 2 to 5 pm: 419-724-9800

*July 16-20
Vacation Bible School: Friendship Baptist Church; "Game Day Central;" 5:45 to 8:30 pm
Vacation Bible School: Braden United Methodist; "Word Up;" Arts, crafts, music and a field trip; 9:30 am to 1:30 pm; First through 12th grades: 419-241-7257

*July 18-20
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*July 20
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*July 21
Roots & Rhythm: Presented by Toledo Kwanzaa House and Lighthouse Community Theater; Featuring Drums of Thunder, Toledo Poets, Ophelia Thompson, Emancipated Soul; Olive Mae International; 6 pm

*July 22
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My View

By Jack Ford
The Truth's Political Columnist



Jack Ford

Let me thank Fletcher Word for allowing me to write this column. I had no idea that this column would pick up so much readership even as far east as Washington, D.C.

Last Saturday night, while eating at Ruby's on Dorr Street, another patron, an African-American man whom I did not know, said he liked my column because I said exactly what he would say if he had the chance. That was a real compliment.

We have seen several stories on population decline. Again our die was cast in the 1960's when we sold Toledo water too cheaply to points north, west and south of

Toledo. Nor did we engage in a program of aggressive annexation. And, why are there two separate public school systems in Toledo?

Neither Mayor Carty Finkbeiner nor Lucas County Commissioner are coming up with fix-its for "brain drain." The "cool city" strategy won't work in Toledo just as it doesn't work in most places. We might look to Boston where the city fathers have increased part of their population by catering to immigrants from South America.

Columbus is growing because of its aggressive annexation policy - and it caters to Somalians.

Speaking of population decline, one better pay close attention to sly Craig Stough, mayor of Sylvania. If Sylvania and Sylvania Township ever merge, it would result in a city of 44,000 and that would be enough for a new water line from a great lake down through western Michigan to the new city. Then Toledo loses water revenue and more population and sprawl becomes more rampant in western Lucas County.

Toledo and northwest Ohio are going to get hit economically in the near future with the loss of 850 jobs this fall when the Ford stamping plant closes in Maumee.

Many of those workers are Toledoans who drive to Maumee daily.

The sell off of Owens Illinois's plastic division will hurt Lucas County and some Toledo businesses. And, spin as much as you want, Mr. Mayor, but the equity buyers of big companies such as Manor Care will pare costs by selling off, relocation and reduction in work force. No way will things remain the same. We will lose big as we suggested months ago when we heard that Manor Care was on the block. The same holds true whenever The Blade is finally sold.

Recently a report made it appear as if housing in Toledo is on the increase. No, no, no.

Figures lie and liars can figure. The increase in housing inside of Toledo is almost totally in black and low-income neighborhoods. We need more white folks with middle-class paychecks.

Maybe it's time to stop finding only in the inner city and start building upscale housing on the west side of the Maumee by Riverside Park and east of Detwiler Park and north of Alexis. Maybe we should take part of the parks north of Alexis and turn it into middle class housing for both whites and blacks.

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Something Good About Amos And Andy?

By Jan Scotland
Guest Columnist

The Amos and Andy show was a controversial sitcom from the 1950's because it was created by two Caucasian men who built on the popular stereotypes to create a form of comedy not unlike Sanford and Son or Keenan and Kale of more recent fame.

The all-black cast of the TV series were never fully accepted by the community because there was no balance to the comedic portrayal of blacks on the airways to offset the grinning of King Fish or the naive gullibility of Andy.

Although very popular for a decade in reruns the show only lasted two seasons in its original production. Pressure from civil rights groups finally resulted in its removal from the airways entirely. Copies of the program are now relegated to the archives of the public library or internet purchases.

Many foolhardy efforts in the public and private domain are still called Amos and Andy operations, referring to the hair brained schemes that were sure to get wrong by the end of their shows.

One thing that I did like about the Amos and Andy show was the depiction of an all-black community where doctors, lawyers, business owners and blue collar workers all lived in the same neighborhood. Everything for that community was in the same area. All of their entertainment and commerce was available for their convenience. No one had to leave the community to get their necessities. African-American entrepreneurs were prevalent.

Now of course this was a realistic reflection of the result of segregation in the 1950's. Blacks were, generally, not allowed to live, shop or go to clubs outside of their areas. No matter how much money you made you had better find a place in the accepted areas to live or you may risk the health or life of your loved ones.

Blacks provided goods for blacks, blacks repaired other blacks' cars and homes and blacks taught black children in school. When we were sick we went to the neighborhood black doctor. For our teeth we went to the neighborhood black dentist. We were dependent on each other for our daily needs and we were bound together for the battles that lay ahead.

This lack of opportunity resulted in the courageous efforts by our forefathers to break down barriers to equality and basic civil rights. Countless lives were lost to bring about the changes that we now see today. Now, for the most part, your desire and ability to move wherever

the right to make that choice. Now we are dispersed to every area of four cities and states. And business people, doctors and lawyers practice where they want and service whom ever they have the talents to attract.

The black melting pot eras that pulled us together have gone the route of the Amos and Andy program. The all-black communities that existed in Harlem, New York where I was born or on the near downtown Door Street corridor in Toledo have de-

creased. It is hard to find any black professionals who reside there and few if any major black businesses are providing services to the still majority black communities.

Our best teachers don't teach in our neighborhoods, some of our best churches have built elsewhere, and the dollars spent in our neighborhoods circulate one time and out. Opportunities to support and hire people from the neighborhood who need help most have been lost.

Into this environment steps the Dorr Street Corridor Redevelopment Coalition, Inc. With President Pastor Raymond Bishop (Mt Pilgrim Church); Vice President Charles Welch (Owner of The Juice radio station); and Treasurer Suzette Crowell (President/CEO Toledo Urban Credit Union) it is hardly and Amos and Andy operation.

Pastor Bishop's drive and aggressiveness combined with Welch's business acumen and Suzette's financial savvy should provide the pieces needed to make this a formidable organization. The

coalition of groups from the city will provide needed input to make this program viable. Participation from city, county, state and federal government needs to be present to break down barriers to the project and all involved must provide the appropriate roles to assure the success of the effort.

Filling the redevelopment gap between the university of Toledo and downtown around Dorr Street in a way that includes the input and desires of the neighborhoods is essential. Bringing back some of the togetherness that

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In every American city, whites who control the political and economic power, have always had what we called in the 1960's their "go negro" - the one Negro that they could always go to when they wanted to take advantage of the black community. He was their black face in every white place. They used him to satisfy whites and pacify blacks.

For favor or fortune, he was eager to do their bidding. He would sacrifice his integrity on the altar of personal gain. He was their man, and they made sure he was comfortable. His reward? He could boast to his family and friends, I'm the only one... the only Negro on the program ... the only one to be invited to the party ... the only one appointed to the bank board ... the only one allowed in the club ... the only one selected to participate in the contest. And he was the only one who was conspicuously absent when his own people needed him. He was always there to protect the political and economic interests of whites, but never there to speak up for his own people.

He dared not encourage his white benefactors to accept other qualified blacks because he would no longer be the only one. And when from among his people, a courageous black man emerged who could neither be bought nor bossed, he was always trotted out to run interference to stop the forward march of his people.

Their "go negro" was always there, like an obedient slave, to do his master's will. He was repeatedly told that he was "not like the rest of them." His loyalty was rewarded with the crumbs that fell from his master's table. And he was willing to sacrifice his people's whole cake for the meager crumbs that fell into his small hands.

The more things change, the more they remain the same.

For those who have eyes to see, let them see. For those who have ears to hear, let them hear.

Floyd Rose, President
Valdosta-Lowndes County chapter
Southern Christian Leadership Conference



Toledoans For Obama Attend a Reception in Cleveland

Special to The Truth

More than 20 members of Toledoans for Obama attended a reception for the Senator on Tuesday, June 19, 2007 in Cleveland, Ohio.

"Authentic, different, refreshing" are some of the descriptions the contingent applied to Barack Obama who, for some of his supporters, evokes comparisons to another fortyish senator who captivated a nation on his way to being elected President of the United States 47 years ago. Like John F. Kennedy, Obama's appeal has generated interest throughout the nation, up and down the generation age scale, and cross culturally.

The winds of his political platform swept into Ohio recently when one of the youngest front-runners for the Democratic Party nomination since JFK addressed supporters, veterans of Ohio politics, and awestruck students with a grass roots organizational itch to scratch. In a modest ballroom of the Crown Plaza Hotel in downtown Cleveland, Obama seemed relaxed and relatable, as much as any politician of recent memory, as he briefly described his motives for seeking the presidency. Healthcare for all Americans, job creation through commu-



nity reinvestment of big business, and college affordability for anyone able and interested in attending were some of the topics touched upon during his hour-long monologue.

After opening with the Chicagoan offering condolences to the locals about the Cavaliers failed bid for the NBA championship, the audience settled in on Obama's

serious, thoughtful side. He talked about the importance of immigration reform and restoring the writ of habeas corpus through the closing of illegal and un-American prisons, such as the one that exists in Guantanamo Bay.

The one issue Obama was uncompromising and unapologetic about was his refusal to deny the value of hope. "I don't care," he said,

cooly poking fun at some of the pundits who have questioned his "hope-mongering" speeches, on his faith in America and the democratic process.

His response to the cynics drew applause and visible elation from a Midwestern crowd who could understandably be apathetic and weary. Starting with the 2004 Presidential election voting

discrepancies in parts of the state which eventually led to Ohio's electoral votes deciding the election for George Bush, the Bureau of Worker's Compensation (BWC) scandal that followed, running up to the current dysfunctional relationship that exists between the city of Toledo and its mayor, Ohio has been through a lot lately.

Two of the main factions

of local campaign organizers that day were from Lucas and Cuyahoga County. Ohioans in Toledo and Cleveland appear enthusiastic and ready to participate in helping Barack Obama's ascension to the presidency. A renewed optimism, say the organizers, exists in northwest Ohio that with Obama lies the best opportunity that the national creed of equality and compassion can be restored through hard work and hope.

Senator Obama was gracious enough to take a picture with the group from Toledo and they look forward to assuring that he is successful in securing the Democratic Party nomination for president. Keith Mitchell, one of the organizers of Toledoans for Obama said, "We plan to educate people in Lucas County about Senator Obama's plans and programs, and to organize a local effort to support his campaign."

For more information about Toledoans for Obama you can send an e-mail to ToledoansforObama@gmail.com. Its next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 12, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. and Manhattan's Restaurant located at 1516 Adams Street, Toledo, Ohio.

RECALL CARTY!

Mayor Finkbeiner is unfit for office. Since our group launched the effort to remove the mayor from office, Carty has only added to the giant list of reasons he should be removed by firing Patsy Scott, not putting cops on the street, and making Old Orchard, Central City, and the Old South End wait two weeks between trash pickups. (I wonder if the mayor's neighborhood will ever have to skip trash pickups.) There is no question whether or not the mayor should continue in office.

In response to Jack Ford's article last week, I think the majority of citizens are naïve when it comes to politics and the politicians want to keep it that way. If we the people really knew what was going on in government (I have been informed a little), we would be extremely disgusted and would refuse to let certain people remain in office.

Mr. Ford, I have to agree with you that I do not know everything there is to know. This very reason is why I have been in touch with numerous people who do have experience in such things. Is this not a step away from being naïve? The very fact that I met you is testimony to this fact.

I plan on getting the required amount of signatures to remove Mr. Finkbeiner from office. That was my initial "agenda" and still is. I have nothing to gain from this. Since starting this massive undertaking, the target was Finkbeiner and Carty knew it.

IN PURE SPECULATION, this could be the reason my apartment has been broken into once and attempted a second time. I have no idea how Mr. Ford came up with the notion that Carty was not the original target, but Carty Finkbeiner always has been and always will be the focus and target of Recall Carty.

Tom Morrissey, Leader, Recall Carty
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Amos And Andy

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was part of our forced co-existence would be a welcome outcome of the effort.

Having money spent in the community and then circulating in a healthy fashion for the people of the area could mean a renaissance for that community. This also means the community should not only be part of deciding how the area gets developed it also should have the opportunity to invest in the final outcome.

But to do this we must support the group that has taken on the task. Development without good leadership will yield substandard

and disastrous results. The commitment and talents of the leaders of the coalition are encouraging as is the commitment of politicians to the project. Others need to step up to complete the picture as well as create balance to the resources. Those who have stepped up to take on the task must receive our support to give it a chance to work.

My Pastor James H Willis Sr. (St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church) gave a sermon two Sundays ago in which he referred to the symbolic characters **Everybody**, **Anybody**, **Somebody** and **Nobody**. He

said that when there is work to be done "**Everybody** thinks **Anybody** or **Somebody** should do the work. **Anybody** thinks **Somebody** or **Everybody** should do the work. **Somebody** thinks **Everybody** or **Anybody** should do the work and in the end **Nobody** does the work".

Well **Somebody** has stepped up at the right time to make this effort. They insist that **Anybody** can participate if they want to. If this works **Everybody** will benefit from their efforts and **Nobody** should refuse to help if asked.

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Job Well Done, My First Career-Long Friend

By Rhonda Sewell
Special to The Truth

As the city of Detroit, Michigan holds its 2007 National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) national convention this week, I am reminded of a moment in time almost 18 years ago when fellow journalist Clyde Hughes and I first crossed paths.

It was 1989, the last time Detroit hosted the NAACP national convention. I was an eager, green reporter at the tender age of 21 and had worked at The Blade for less than a year.

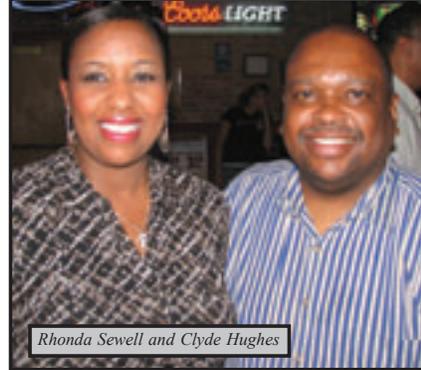
Fresh from a stint in London, where I had taken graduate course work in international journalism, I was eager to cover issues that affected my culture and my community.

John Nichols, The Blade's former national editor and now an associate editor of *The Capital Times* in Madison, Wisconsin and correspondent for *The Nation*, took me under his wings to try my hand at reporting stories from this NAACP conference. I will always remember Nichols for his brilliant mind, his political intelligence and

for his knowledge of and respect for African-American issues.

Nichols and I were standing in a long line waiting to get a seat at the convention's

struck up a conversation with us. He introduced himself as Clyde Hughes and after conversing on a range of subjects from humorous family stories to serious political



Rhonda Sewell and Clyde Hughes

ceremonies for the **Springarn Medal**, a top honor of achievement given by the NAACP to an African-American. That year, the Medal was awarded to political leader and clergyman, the Rev. Jesse Jackson.

While Nichols and I patiently stood in that long line, an eager gentleman with loads of Southern charm and an unapologetic Texas accent

exchange, my friendship with Clyde was sealed.

The three of us exchanged business cards, and shortly after Nichols and I left our new charming friend we looked at one another with knowing glances—this young Texan from Beaumont, met while standing in a long line to see Rev. Jackson, would be a perfect addition to the Blade's writing staff.

After a few interviews with Nichols and other Blade officials, Clyde was hired that same year in 1989. Nichols had no idea of his writing credentials, other than what

fond memories I have of NOBMA and Clyde Hughes, from attending national conventions together, teaching students the art of journalism, or marching into the of-

“What I didn't know then, but quickly discovered, was that Clyde would become my first career-long friend.” Rhonda Sewell

our new friend shared while standing in that long line. But what we both agreed upon was Clyde's passion and his knowledge of African-American issues. Not to mention, Clyde was witty, determined, and self-assured—the perfect combination for a journalist.

What I didn't know then, but quickly discovered, was that Clyde would become my first career-long friend. He started at The Blade as a sports journalist and in later years became the paper's urban affairs reporter. Clyde and I have shared many laughs, shed tears over personal woes, experienced deaths of fellow journalists and friends, edited one another's stories and cheered each other on when no one else in the newsroom would.

He was good at what he did and was respected by community leaders. But what I will forever remember Clyde for was his determination to begin a National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ) chapter in Toledo. In 1990, he gathered a diverse group of area African-American communication professionals and students together, including myself, and formed the Northwest Ohio Black Media Association (NOBMA).

ofices of The Blade's top officials to correct them on what we thought was an insensitive article or matter to its African-American readership—priceless memories I will forever share with Clyde.

Clyde was also the creator of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Basketball Classic, and NOBMA's Impact Newsmaker Awards, which honored so many African-American leaders and figures

got to personally thank my career-long friend Clyde Hughes for a job well done. While on stage, I did not know that my friend would decide to move on from The Blade, a tough decision I also made one year ago to take a job as the media relations coordinator for the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library. This week, Clyde has started a new position at Purdue University with the Purdue News Service.

While I simply took a position a few blocks away, it is my dear buddy who has moved out of state. Knowing Clyde, he will be back in Toledo from time to time—but it just won't be the same without his smiling face, his frantic nerves, his brilliant writing, that infectious chuckle, his big bear hugs, his love for his daughter Ashley, and most of all, his passion and determination for his culture. I hope the young black communicators in the area will take Clyde's torch and con-



Clyde Hughes and daughter Ashley Futrell

doing great work in the Toledo area. Anyone who ever received an Impact Award needs to personally thank Clyde Hughes. It is a well-documented fact that, unfortunately in the Toledo community, many African-Americans who are doing great work

continue NOBMA's goals and mission. He has already paved the way.

Hats off to you my friend, Clyde Hughes. I will miss you and I want to thank you for all of your support and friendship over these nearly 20 years. The Purdue Boiler-makers better watch out—I hope they know that they now have a star in their midst.



Clyde's love for NOBMA, (pronounced NO-B-MA), was infectious.

To this day, I am stopped downtown on street corners by former students, many of them now in their late 20's and early 30's, who were impacted by NOBMA's student communication workshops—another of Clyde's ideas. The

are often overlooked for honors or awards. But a simple pat on the back was not enough for Clyde. He wanted an awards ceremony that boldly honored our area's unsung African-American heroes and leaders.

In receiving my own Media Achievement Award at this year's Impact Awards, I

Ed. Note: Rhonda B. Sewell is media relations coordinator of the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library, and former staff writer of The Blade, where she worked for 18 years.

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Toledo-Lucas County Public Library Places 2-Mill Replacement Levy On November Ballot

Special to The Truth

The Toledo-Lucas County Public Library Board of Trustees will ask voters to approve a 5-year, 2-mill replacement levy on November 6. The levy will help the Library better cope with its current financial situation. Library finances have been impacted substantially by a

role in economic development," said George Tucker, chairman of the Library's Board of Trustees. "It is a major force in the quality of life."

The Library's two existing 1-mill property tax levies (one from 1997 and the other from 2003) expire at the end of



state funding freeze at 2002 levels and steadily increasing costs.

The Board of Trustees approved this action at its special meeting today (July 6, 2007).

"A vibrant library plays a

2007. The Library will combine the two existing levies into a 2-mill replacement levy.

"State funding has been frozen for our public library, so without the additional funds generated by this levy, our system will be dis-

mantled," said Clyde Scoles, Library Director. "Our public library is a true community resource, and the proposed replacement levy will fund existing services at a more realistic level. The reality is certain. For our system to continue as the community's gift to itself, we must compensate for the losses of the past six years, while maintaining growth today and support for the future. Unfortunately, the alternative to the levy will be drastic cuts from which we may never recover," said Scoles.

This replacement levy will provide \$18.3 million annually, costing the owner of a \$100,000 home a total of \$61.25 a year.

David Lutz of the United Auto Workers which represents a portion of the library's employees voiced his union's support for the levy. "It will allow optimum working conditions for our employees," said Lutz.

The levy will take effect in January 2008 and expire in

December 2012.

With passage of the levy, the library plans to:

- Increase the book budget

- Continue staffing levels
- Maintain upkeep of facilities and buildings (i.e. carpet, paint, utilities)

- Replace and increase computer technology

- Maintain Sunday hours at five locations (Main Library, Sanger, Heatherdowns, Sylvania and Oregon).

"We would not come to our loyal patrons for assistance in passing this 2-mill replacement levy, unless it was absolutely necessary to continue the library service the residents of Lucas County have long enjoyed," said Scoles.

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My View

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One last observation on population decline and jobs. We actually have a whole lot of jobs open for Toledoans. We just don't have the people qualified to move into health care, finance, sales and science. We need to push continuing and higher education.

Regarding The University of Toledo. We cannot support two new arenas in Toledo. Not only will we have a state of the art complex in downtown Toledo, but UT is now going to overhaul Savage Hall. Mark my words, we will have to finance the new downtown arena with a continuing levy one day. Study after study shows that Toledo cannot support both arenas.

By the way, do the athletic department folks at UT have to pay an imputed tax on their free cars? And who got and used comp tickets for ad hoc deals?

Finally, the golf stripper scandal that has embroiled the Lucas County Democratic Party ... are we surprised?

What about previous fundraisers? Who was in the golf group that enticed the strippers to strip? Why did the cries of indignation

start only on the hole where the impromptu stripping commenced? Why didn't the hue and cry start at the first hole when it was clear these were not the usual volunteers for a golf outing? And, isn't this really a smokescreen for Keith Wilkowski's second run for mayor?

My nose tells me that most of the offended officeholders smelled blood and hoped they could depose John Irish with whom they got into political bed some years ago.

The Blade has run stories on stripper-gate five days in a row. Remember, as the Dems stay fractured, the power of The Blade goes up in terms of getting candidates elected.

John Irish, in my opinion, should have been kicked off the Charter Review Commission back in 2000 when he supported a whopping \$60,000 raise for the mayor's job even while he worked for Ray Kest, the presumptive next mayor of Toledo in 2001.

Of course, Ray lost and I won - so we greedily thank you, Johnny boy.

Contact Jack Ford at jack@thetruthtoledo.com

National Urban League and Walgreens to Provide Health Screenings to Toledo Residents

Special to The Truth

In an effort to promote early detection and raise awareness of preventable diseases in urban communities, the National Urban League and Walgreens have partnered to launch a nationwide, educational health screening bus tour. Toledo will be a key stop during this year-long campaign.

For years, Walgreens has recognized the need to raise awareness of various health issues and encourage individuals to seek the appropriate resources. The National Urban League and Walgreens Wellness Tour will continue this mission by providing free health screenings in 27 urban communities across the country as part of a 12-month mobile health campaign. The 38-foot customized bus features five free screenings, including blood pressure, bone density, glucose levels, cholesterol levels and body mass index which total more than \$100 in value.

"The National Urban League is pleased to offer

these free screenings and health information to people who otherwise may not have had access to these basic health resources," said Marc H. Morial, NUL President and CEO. "We are excited to be taking this tour to major cities across the country, such as Chicago, New York and Miami." People in urban communities, particularly minorities, experience disproportionately higher rates of preventable disease. The National Urban League's State of Black America 2004 reports that Blacks are impacted by higher rates of obesity, substance abuse and diabetes.

Specifically:
 *Blacks experience diabetes at twice the rate of whites
 *Blacks are likely to be more obese than their white counterparts

*Blacks are less likely to have health insurance and consequently receive lower health care benefits throughout their lifetime

"Walgreens is excited to partner with the National Urban League to provide re-

sources that will empower Americans in urban communities to live healthier lives. We are thrilled to have the opportunity to provide these screenings," said Mark Wagner, executive vice president of store operations for Walgreen Co. "Many diseases can be detected through screenings long before any symptoms are noticed, which is why we are bringing this valuable service to residents of Toledo."

The National Urban League and Walgreens Wellness Tour will encourage consumers to act as their own health advocates by visiting the wellness bus when it visits Toledo July 5- July 9, 2007. Additional tour cities include: San Diego, CA; Sacramento, CA; Pittsburgh, PA; Cleveland, OH; Detroit, MI; Milwaukee, WI; Toledo, MO; Indianapolis, IN; Buffalo, NY; Rochester, NY; Eastern Massachusetts; Newark, NJ; New York, NY; Philadelphia, PA; Baltimore, MD; Washington, DC and Columbia, SC.

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Diversity at The University of Toledo: Creating a New Culture

By Linda M. King
Sojourner's Truth Reporter

Question. How do you take an institution that has been in place for more than a century, steeped in tradition and turn it around to create an atmosphere that is both conducive for learning and welcoming to all?

This is the question that The University of Toledo administration has been attempting to answer since 2003 when then President Dan John, Ph.D. created the President's Commission on Diversity.

The University of Toledo has been in existence since 1872. And with its 2006 merger with the Medical University of Ohio it became the third largest public university in Ohio. According to its web site the university has been recognized for its high rankings and achievements in concentrations of law, engineering, and its occupational therapy programs, and was stated to be among the 100 best colleges for African-Americans in the nation.

And though it is clear that the institution has power, influence and, as Johnson states, the ability to become a "model institution," it continues to struggle with its humanity image inside and outside of the campus.

The university has been plagued by accusations from the surrounding Toledo community and its own campus family for its treatment of non-mainstream students. That is a concern that, according to

Johnson, "came to my attention as issues that needed to be addressed within the university community."

It is these concerns that have affected the university's recruitment and retention of students, faculty, and staff who are not of the mainstream background, and have become catalysts for the creation of the President's Commission on Diversity and the reactivation of the university's already estab-

lished mission statement.



Johnny Early

lished mission statement.

Johnson's first step in his fight to "change the culture of the university," as he states, brought together university members and the surrounding community in order to identify and target some of the issues that had the potential to disrupt campus life. "I instituted a university wide task force of quality influential people in order to obtain a wide range

of input," he says. The diversity commission was originally comprised of 27 members with Alan Goodridge, former provost, and Johnnie Early, Ph.D., dean of the UT College of Pharmacy, serving as co-chairmen of the team. Their assignment, as delineated in the president's charge, was to: define exactly who the university wanted to include in their diversity outreach, compile data, conduct an in-

ventory of what was already in place on campus, assess diversity processes in other universities, develop a reliable system that would track performance and progress and complete what seemed to be the least complicated systematic way to improve diversity.

It was the definition of what was meant by diversity that proved to more complex than Johnson had imagined.

"The pace got stymied" says Johnson. "The very definition of diversity brought conflict among the commission members and took over six months to come to agreement on."

In November 2003, after six months of intense debate, the commission came into agreement and its diversity definition was released. Diversity was defined as variety and otherness as well as the promise to promote sensitivity and inclusion. The creed incorporates the university's mission statement that vows to offer students an environment that embraces and celebrates human diversity and pledges to seek and attract faculty staff and students who fit this definition. The mission statement also promises to challenge stereotypes and to promote sensitivity and inclusion.

Yet three years later, in 2006, the commission, still besieged with the same issues, sought help from an independent diversity consulting firm, The Kaleidoscope Group. That firm found that the atmosphere and practices on the university campus were still a concern for staff, faculty and students. They also concluded that there was a perception of favoritism and that unfair practices towards those who were non-mainstream was still rampant in the UT community.

According to the assessment report, the university desired to improve its image, become more student centered and fulfill its current mission. The consulting firm undertook the role of deter-

mining the current state of diversity at UT.

Utilizing web-based, telephone, and on campus focus group settings to conduct interviews with leadership, faculty, staff and students of various races and sexual preferences, the firm used processes that would retain participant anonymity.

But the university community participation was low, with only 5 percent of students, 29 percent of staff and less than 11 percent of faculty responding. And among those who did respond, the assessment revealed an "overall lack of participation to such a degree that original focus group configurations had to be restructured."

The assessment report suggested that some possible reasons for low response and participation among the campus community could be fear of retaliation, a lack of trust in the process, or not having a clear understanding of the importance of the issue.

Some of the major issues of those who did participate were racism, discrimination, sexism and homophobia. Also sighted were, funding discrepancies, poor on campus living conditions, unfair treatment of black students by campus security, the ineffectiveness of the multi cultural affairs center and its perceived exclusion of races other than blacks and unfair treatment of women on campus. But the report did list some positive points.

The assessment praised the university for the action taken own its own with the development of the diversity

commission. And the report highlighted the fact that more than half of the survey respondents believed that diversity at the university was essential to its success.

The report concluded with some suggestions for the university to accomplish its mission. It proposed that the university concentrate on a greater role of university administration and leadership alignment. The report also recommended that the institution focus on embedding diversity practices into the infrastructure of the university through training, orientation and behavior modeling.

Yet the question remains: how can an institution with over 100 years of established traditions, and practices change in order to embrace the changing world around it?

In the next few months The Truth will attempt to answer this question and others through a detailed analysis of the assessment/audit review and the commission's activities: an examination of the thoughts and opinions of those involved in the implementation of the commission's goals and inquiries of those who will be instrumental in carrying out the mission of the university.

The Truth also plans to explore the role of UT President Dr. Lloyd Jacobs and the measure of his commitment to the continuance of Johnson's vision, which will ultimately determine the success or failure of the program's future.

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Special to The Truth

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This year's camp will cover alternative energy sources, including solar energy and wind energy.

Students will learn in the classroom setting and take field trips to see the wind turbines in Bowling Green, Ohio, and to a solar-powered home, where they also will look at an electric vehicle.

In addition, students will have the opportunity to make their own solar cell and wind turbine.

For more information, contact the Physics and Astronomy Department at 419.530.2241

Battle Zone - Rd. 2

Drill Teams Take Charge Downtown



They came from far and wide – dozens of drill teams from around the area – to compete in last Saturday's exhibition in front of Jackson's Lounge and Grill on Huron Street between Madison and Jefferson Avenues.

In spite of the heat and humidity, hundreds of spectators joined the youngsters for an afternoon of drilling excitement.

Ben E. Williams Academic Scholarships

Special to The Truth

The 2007 Ben E. Williams Academic Scholarship recipients are Amber Hoenig (Anthony Wayne High School), Allen Boyd II (St. John's Jesuit HS), Briana Funches (Libbey HS), Enjoli Henry (Rogers HS), Sara Fouad (Anthony Wayne HS), Bradley Schmidt (Anthony Wayne HS), Stacie Phillips (Anthony Wayne HS), Leyla Bass (Anthony Wayne HS) and Sierra Bostic (Libbey HS).

The finalists were selected from a pool of 57 applicants.

The Ben E. Williams Academic Scholarship Committee has selected the above-listed high school seniors to receive a \$250 stipend. This program is funded by donations to our scholarship fund.

The recipients will receive an award letter congratulating them on their selection. All scholarship monies will be sent directly to the college or university the students are attending in the fall.

Ben E. Williams Youth Services, Inc is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to providing free services for youth that will enhance their character and equip them with the knowledge to succeed in life.



3rd Annual African-American Festival "Celebrating our History" July 12-16, 2007

Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union will celebrate its eleventh year of existence in the community, and we would like to express our gratitude to the community for being supportive over the years. The 3rd Annual Festival will commence with a Prayer Breakfast on Thursday, and activities will include local vendors, a parade, live entertainment and a gospel celebration that will close out the Festival on

Sunday. The four days of celebration is as follows:

Thursday, July 12

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. – Prayer Breakfast
Southern Missionary Baptist Church
Friday, July 13

5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. – Festival Begins @ Nelson Grace Park
Rides, Games & Amusements, Jazz,
Jessie Coleman & Affinity
Saturday, July 14

8:00 a.m. – Line up for parade
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10:00 a.m. – Parade Begins @ Smith Park (Dorr Street)
Ending @ Nelson Grace Park
12:00 noon – 10:00 p.m. Festival
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2nd Annual Greater Toledo Urban League Golf Classic

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The Greater Toledo Urban League operates programs that directly impact the people of our community regardless of age, race, creed or class. The proceeds from this event will go towards summer youth programs like the Summer Mentorship Basketball Program & the S.T.R.I.V.E. program. The League anticipates over 150 participants this summer. Our first event in 2006 generated over \$8,000 and our goal this year is \$10,000. This is an excellent opportunity to show support for our youth *and* pride in our community by giving to such a noteworthy effort.

The Greater Toledo Urban League Guild and Young Professionals are the auxiliary organizations of the Greater Toledo Urban League. The GTUL is a non-profit (501c3) community service organization, whose mission is to promote, encourage, assist and work in various ways to improve the social and economic conditions of African-Americans, other minorities and the disadvantaged in our community.

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.
 Margaret Mead, 1982

WLS' Board Appoints New Superintendent

Special to The Truth

The Washington Local Board of Education named Patrick C. Hickey as the school district's new superintendent at a special meeting on July 5. Michael W. Carnean, who has led the district since 1994, is retiring Aug. 1.

Hickey is a familiar face in Washington Local, having served as assistant superintendent since August, 2002. He began teaching in 1986 as an English teacher in Addison, Michigan. In 1991, he was hired by St. Anthony Villa in Toledo, as an educational coordinator. Over a span of five years, Hickey advanced rapidly, serving as teacher, principal and division manager. He was also appointed by the Boysville of Michigan Board of Directors to serve as their acting executive director for the state of Ohio. In August, 1996, he became the assistant principal at Findlay High School, a position he held until joining Washington Local.

A Toledo native and St. John's Jesuit graduate, Hickey received his bachelor of arts degree in English from Siena Heights University in 1986. He completed his graduate work at the University of Toledo, earning a master's degree in educational administration in 1994 and an education specialist degree in 1997. He holds Ohio Department of Education licensure in English as well as for the positions of secondary principal and superintendent.

The Board of Education

conducted a national search through the Ohio School Boards Association and initially interviewed nine candidates from a pool of 22 applicants.

"I'm proud that two of the top three candidates were found right here in Washing-

time and professionalism during the search process. "Selecting a new superintendent is one of the most important duties board members are charged with," she said, "and my appreciation is extended to each of you."

The new superintendent



Hickey and President Canales

ton Local," Board President Lisa Canales said. "I think that speaks very highly of our district and the leadership that is present here."

The board faced a difficult decision, Canales said, "but after deliberation, we unanimously felt that Hickey would build upon Washington Local's recent success and use his experience to lead the district into the future."

Canales also thanked her fellow board members for their

said he is humbled and excited about the opportunity the Board has entrusted to him – guiding the education of the district's children. "The school families and entire community of Washington Local deserve the very best in academics, athletics, activities, and facilities," Hickey said. "My team and I will work extremely hard to serve this district, and we will have a common goal of excellence in all that we do."

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Local Democratic Women Call for Ouster of Party Leaders

Sojourner's Truth Staff

Several members of the Lucas County Democratic Party demanded the resignation of local party leaders on Monday morning as the repercussions of the presence of strippers at a party golf outing continued well into week two.

Elizabeth Ujvagi and Christine Smith, elected members of the Lucas County Democratic Party Central Committee, have written an open letter to John Irish, party chairman, and Domenic Montalto, executive director, urging the two men to reign and promising to boycott party headquarters at 1817 Madison Avenue. They asked women to join them in a picket line on Thursday, July 12, during a meeting scheduled between Ohio Democratic Party Chairman Chris Redfern and local Democrats.

"Your conduct is inexcusable and reflects a fundamental lack of respect for women," reads the open letter in part. "The only appropriate course of action is for you to resign from your posts immediately. Accountability demands it."

Joining the two Central Committee members at Monday's press conference outside of One Government Center was Allison Dow, president of The University of Toledo College Demo-



Christine Smith, Elizabeth Ujvagi, and Allison Dow

crats, who also called for the leaders' resignation and a boycott of party headquarters.

"We also expect answers from Mr. Redfern. Is the Ohio Democratic Party investigating what happened at the golf outing?" said Dow. "If these men are allowed to continue to lead the party, it will send a terrible signal to not only young women but to all women that the Democratic Party is a good old boys club."

The incident occurred on June 29 during a golf outing organized for Democratic Party members. According to reports, employees of Scarlett's Cabaret in Toledo and Club Diamond in Oregon, two "gentlemen's clubs" owned by J.B. Monroe, Inc, were at Spuyten Duyval, a public course in Sylvania Township, to pro-

vide beverage service. During the event, at least one employee was observed flashing the male golfers.

The Truth has been told by members of the party who were privy to the original planning that the Spuyten Duyval course has 27 holes and the women golfers in the outing were deliberately routed away from the nine-hole portion of the course where the strippers were providing services.

"It's impossible as a woman to be anything but insulted," said Ujvagi.

The boycott organizers promised to continue their efforts to put pressure on the party leaders to resign including increased correspondence with state party and elected officials.

Owens Community College, 92.5 KISS-FM and FM 104.7 WIOT Provide Free College Education

Special to The Truth

Owens Community College, 92.5 KISS-FM and FM 104.7 WIOT are partnering to offer a unique contest, which will award free college education to three area residents. The contest will award a grand-prize winner four semesters of free tuition to Owens, while two runners-up will receive one semester of free tuition.

"Owens Community College is proud to partner with 92.5 KISS-FM and FM 104.7 WIOT and offer this life-changing opportunity for the Northwest Ohio community," said Andy Woodard, Owens marketing manager. "Thanks to the support of 92.5 KISS-FM and FM 104.7 WIOT, three students will be able to experience a quality education at Owens Community College."

Individuals can enter the contest by logging onto www.owens.edu, www.925kissfm.com or www.wiot.com, clicking on "The Tuition is Right" and correctly answering three questions. Applicants also can enter by filling out a paper entry form available at the Enrollment Services Office on the Owens Toledo-area Campus or the Commons Information Desk on the Owens Findlay-area Campus. All entries must be received by 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 1.

The finals will be held at the College's Toledo-area Campus on Thursday, Aug. 9 from 3-5 p.m. in the Student Health and Activities Center. Owens is located on Oregon Road in Perrysburg Township. Winners for the

grand prize and runner-up prizes, as well as various other prizes, will be drawn at random during the event.

Andy Stuart, vice president & market manager of Clear Channel Radio Toledo, looks forward to a successful promotion on air through 92.5 KISS-FM and FM 104.7 WIOT that "will afford three individuals the opportunity to fulfill their educational dreams at Owens Community College. It is gratifying to encourage residents to strive for a higher education and a better life," he said.

The contest is open to residents 16 years of age or older. This marks the fifth consecutive year that Owens has partnered with Northwest Ohio media and offered a tuition contest.

G. Garvin Brings Cooking Excitement to Toledo

Sojourner's Truth Staff

There are really two Garvins, The Truth was told early this week during a telephone conversation with the man who is the star of TV One's original series "Turn Up the Heat" and who is the executive chef and co-owner of an award-winning Los Angeles restaurant.

"There is G. Garvin on TV," the chef said, "and there is Gerry Garvin in the restaurant. And I have a wide demographic among men whom I hope we can provide the ability to be cool ... and provide them with knowledge and not just fun and games."

The G. Garvin of TV One's "Turn Up the Heat," you see, is a bit of a showman, a bit of a crowd pleaser. That's the appeal that draws in the television audience and that's the side of the Garvin personality that enables the African-American chef to reach out to a previously

untapped audience. "This is a good challenge for African-American males," said Garvin.

Then, of course, there is the more serious Garvin. That's Gerry Garvin, who grew up in Atlanta with four sisters and a single mother. It was his family in the South that provided the inspiration that would later move Gerry Garvin into the kitchen.

Garvin's mother and grandmother in the kitchen and his uncles at the fishing pond taught the youngster so much about food and food preparation that by the age of 13 he had acquired a job at Atlanta's Viking Inn washing dishes in the four-star establishment.

Two years later he was at the Ritz-Carlton in Atlanta and, after stints in Europe, he landed a job as sous-chef at the Ritz-Carlton Palm Springs at the age of 23.

What impresses his tele-

vision audience?

"I like him because he talks about the foods we eat as black people and he keeps it simple," one television audience member told us - a young African-American male. "And he has a nice little ghetto flavor as well."

Garvin also is devoted to the idea of doing more than just replicating age-old recipes for traditional dishes - particularly those from the South, the land of his origin.

"I'm trying to get people to broaden their outlook," he responded when we quizzed him about a few recipes. We noted, for example, that in his cook book, also titled "Turn Up the Heat," Garvin likes to toss in lamb with other mixtures of meat - such as in his gumbo and meat lover's stew recipes. Most cookbooks, we said, generally eschew the idea of mixing in lamb with a selection

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"Jazz & Jambalaya" at MarSyl's Raises Money for Troubled Youth

By Geneva J. Chapman,
Sojourner Truth Reporter

Using the cover of "The Incredible Jimmy Smith's" *HomeCookin'* album to illustrate a poster advertising his benefit for Any Kid Can, Melvin Johnson promised "if you like jambalaya and love jazz, you will be as one with the universe."

The poster also promised "all the jambalaya you can eat with one side and great jazz from the jazz collection of dj mel johnson with special appearance from jazz vocalist Brittany Alaburda."

Held Friday, June 29, 2007, at MarSyl's Caribbean and Soul Food Restaurant, the event that promised good food and good music, delivered both in abundant supply. During 'happy hour' from 6-8 pm, MarSyl's regulars and some first-timers enjoyed a buffet meal while watching the evening news on a TV in the back of the restaurant and chatting about plans for the upcoming Fourth of July holiday as June ended and summer began its low, hot journey toward autumn.

Right on the heels of another successful Art Tatum Heritage Jazz festival, "Jazz & Jambalaya" seemed in season with the warm weather, providing hot jazz at the end of a somewhat hot summer day.

A portion of the profits from the event went to Any Kid Can, the youth component of Alternative Directions, started in 1998, by Johnson and a couple of other people who have since developed other interests.

"We do individual, group and family counseling," explains Johnson. "Any Kid Can is a youth intervention program under Alternative Directions that helps youth who've been incarcerated. The basic premise is if you can catch a kid at the right time, regardless of the trauma they've experienced, if you put the right intervention at the right time, you can change that kid's life."

A renowned poet and author, as well as an actor, Johnson uses art to help young people express them-

selves through music, poetry, art and drama.

"We have groups in anger management, domestic violence, self-esteem," he said. "We have rites of passage," Johnson says.

The organization which serves young people, ages seven-18, also offers mentoring for youth. Potential mentors showed up at MarSyl's the day of the benefit as prosperous looking young professionals stopped by for the buffet and joined the couples and families there for a reasonably priced family meal.

As good as the food is, the view is equally appetizing sitting in MarSyl's and looking across Bancroft at the rolling hills of the golf course across the street. The day of the benefit was an excellent day for taking in the view. Sunshine poured through the panoramic window at the front of the restaurant making the colors in a large mural of a dreadlocks-wearing golfer standing confidently on a putting green brighter

and more vivid.

Sounds of jazz filled the air as the last bright rays of sunlight took advantage of precious time and shone as brightly as possible. Hot jazz played as hot sun blazed in bright blue sky. Night sounds seemed to defy daylight and demand darkness to descend.

Jazz, not just the music of the night, is nevertheless more at home there. Covered with the night sky, jazz turns from hot to cool, just as the cool night breeze pushes the last rays of sunshine away with its chilly breath so lovers have to hug each other for warmth and wanderers have to take shelter in places like MarSyl's where they can be warmed by the food and the hospitality.

That was the sound of "Jazz & Jambalaya." Hot in daylight with the spicy taste of MarSyl's signature dish matching the music measure for measure, hot bite for hot riff. Then as bellies filled with the warmth of good food and they sky filled with stars lighting the velvet darkness,

music and mouths cooled. Cool jazz. The kind you only hear at night when the only heat is body heat.

Jazz and jambalaya juxtaposed in a joint that started jumpin' at sundown and just wouldn't stop until the last drop of that Jamaican dish was eaten and the last CD in dj mel's case was played with just enough time to enjoy it all. What a fun way to help out a worthy cause!

Although the money from "Jazz & Jambalaya" was for Any Kid Can, Johnson is currently trying to raise enough money to bring several artists to Toledo for a concert in October that will also raise money for the youth organization. One of the artists he hopes to bring to Toledo is Soulflower, who performed at MarSyl's last year.

"Soulflower is helping put the concert together," said Johnson. "She's developed a real love for Toledo since doing a concert at MarSyl's last fall." Another artist Johnson hopes to feature in

the October concert is Bob Marley's son Ky-Mani Marley.

"Ky-Mani Marley is getting ready to blow up," said Johnson. "He just released an album and is making a movie. After that, it'll be virtually impossible to get him." Johnson also hopes to bring renowned artist Erykah Badu to Toledo for the October concert.

"She's agreed to come for almost nothing," said Johnson, appreciative of Badu's generous support for Any Kid Can. Johnson also hopes to get the support of the Toledo community in this effort to help troubled youth who are often forgotten in our community.

There will be an International Dinner and silent auction at MarSyl's, Friday, July 27, 2007, to raise money for the October concert. One thing's for sure, the food will be delicious, the view will be spectacular and the money will go for a good cause. And maybe, just maybe,

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G. Garvin

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of other meats. "Lamb is a great item that people don't know about," he said. "I love lamb, shalots, veal, for example, so I use them a lot."

Garvin's next cook book, he said, will be seafood oriented. But in the meantime, he has his own line of spices which are available at www.chefgarvin.com.

The chef will be in Toledo this Sunday to celebrate



the launching of TV One Channel on BCS. Buckeye Cable has added TV One so

that African-American viewers would have programming primarily for African-American viewers. BCS added TV One in December 2006.

Garvin will be signing copies of his cook book at Borders in Westfield Franklin Park on Sunday, July 15, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Local State Farm Agents to Participate in African American Festival

Special to The Truth

Toledo area State Farm Agents will be participating in the 3rd annual African American Festival, July 13 – 15 at 1355 Dorr Street in Toledo. Throughout the festival State Farm Agents Romie Brown, Vince Davis, Johnny Horn, Eric Price and Jan Scotland will be on hand to share information about *The 50 Million Pound Challenge* and distribute 7,000 free Challenge Kits. Each kit includes a motivational DVD by Dr. Ian Smith and a pedometer so you can begin tracking your progress right away.

Dr. Smith, physician, journalist and well-known author of the #1 New York Times bestselling *Fat Smash Diet* has teamed with State Farm® on *The 50 Million Pound Challenge*, a historic opportunity to lose weight and take control of our lives and good health.

The Challenge is a remarkable commitment by the African-American community to join hands and turn back the deadly risks of being overweight, a growing health crisis that threatens nearly half of all Americans and takes the lives of too many loved ones from heart disease, stroke, diabetes, cancer, and other illnesses. The African-American community has been hit especially hard and now is fighting back.

To reach its ambitious goal, The Challenge is making it easier for participants to get fit, lose the weight and keep it off—with tools, tips, a personal weight tracker and more. Joining is free, simple and anyone can sign up, by going to 50millionpounds.com, to shed the pounds and enjoy a healthier lifestyle.

Clara Petty Celebrates Turning 50 in Style

By Geneva J. Chapman,
Sojourner's Truth Reporter

You probably heard that July 6, 2007, was the President's sixty-first birthday. But you may not have heard that July 7, 2007, was a very special birthday for a former president who lives right here in Toledo.

Clara Petty celebrated her 50th birthday 7-7-07 (play those numbers at your own risk!). Hit those lucky numbers on a slot machine at Motor City and you just might get lucky! But no one was as lucky as our former president of the Toledo Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, community leader, organizer and volunteer, Clara Petty, this year.

On her special day, over 150 people gathered, almost all dressed in white, to celebrate her joining that most elite of clubs, "50 and over."

A white hot sun and temperatures approaching 50 degrees were the perfect setting for the cool summer attire stipulated on the invitation, Saturday, July 7, when family, friends, sorors and well-wishers, including approximately 20 out of town guests, showed up at The Rec Room at Lucas County Recreation Center bearing cards and gifts looking for some "hot fun in the summertime." Crisp, white summer frocks, capris, slacks, skirts, sleeve-

less and sometimes shoulderless tops looked good on guests trying to stay cool and look cool at the same time.

Even the men wore white.

However, the guest of honor had to wear black to mourn the passing of youth and onslaught of middle-age.

"Look 40? Act 20? Feel like 70? Must be 50! Now that's a bitter pill to swallow!" This message was one of several imprinted on 'pill' bottles full of colorful candies that were passed out to guests as they entered.

Guests were also photographed after writing a birthday message to 'the birthday girl' on white stars. Silver stars hung from the ceiling of the white-walled room, bearing photos of Clara. Her photo also showed up on a huge banner behind the buffet table and on coasters that showed her as a young girl and as a mature woman, proving that our Clara has aged well—she doesn't look a day over 35!

Tables covered in white held buckets of ice and a bottles of sparkling grape juice to refresh guests who may have been just a little parched from the sun beating down on Toledo the weekend after the Fourth, making folks here mindful

of those suffering 120 degree plus temperatures out in the southwest.

Guests mingled and chatted until time for grace and the room hushed until God's blessing of friends, food and fun was acknowledged, then



the mingling and chatter continued as the buffet table opened and folks lined up to fill their plates with some exceptionally good food.

Despite the hot weather, hot food was served because, well, why have cold cuts and salad when you can have fried chicken, greens, fried corn, macaroni and cheese, shish kabobs and shish tawook, cornbread and, oh,

yes; there was salad for those who needed something cool to chew on: potato salad, spaghetti and shrimp salad and garden salad with a variety of toppings and dressings.

Being the class act that she is, our Clara provided

erage list titled "Clara Petty's Juices" that made you thirsty just reading it: "Petty Punch," "Connorita's" (margaritas), "Claratini's" (martinis), "Wine-Etty" (a special vintage grape) and "Rum/Cokeclara" (guess).

years ago.

They probably hated to go home, thinking we do this every time somebody turns 50 around here. Well, there are a lot of birthday parties in Toledo, and many of them are as well attended and as "laid out" as was our Clara's. So, what made hers so special and, well, newsworthy? It's simple.

While 50th birthdays are certainly special and everyone's should be celebrated, only those who have contributed as much as Clara Petty has to our community with her dedication, hard work and single-minded service - as pointed out by those who gave tribute to her July 7 - cause us to take notice and celebrate their milestones with them.

Oh, we don't do it just for them, although we do want to show them how much we appreciate all they do for us. Our real motive is a selfish one: we want them to keep doing the things they do that enrich our community.

So, we lay in on thick when we get the occasion to show them how much we care in hopes that if we say "we love you" enough, they'll just keep on doing what they do, because if they don't, who will?

Happy 50th birthday, Clara! Toledo wouldn't be the same without you. You are one of the movers and shakers that make this city what it is. We wish you many more birthdays and we'll be there when you turn 60, 70, 80, 90, 100 . . .

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Dear Ryan,

I have been training for quite some time and I just can't seem to get my chest to grow. I train it three times per week and I do a lot of benching but my results seem to be minimal. Can you give me a good chest work-out to follow?

Thank-you,

Tony

Dear Tony,

My first thought is that you are training chest too much and not giving your muscles time to rest. Lack of rest prevents you from growing and causes your muscles to stay catabolic (muscle breakdown).

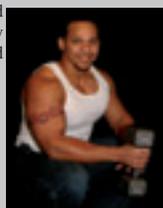
You need to pick two days out of the week and train your chest. I would give at least a 48-hour break between chest work-outs. You can try my chest work-out and see if it works for you.

I start out with the bench press and after a good warm up set I pyramid up. I do a total of five sets (not counting warm up). By my fifth set I do a total of 4-6 hard reps. Then I move to incline dumbbell presses. I choose dumbbells because I can get an incredible stretch at the bottom of the movement.

If I bench heavy I incline light and if I incline heavy I bench light. Now by light, I don't mean easy sets. Your light work should burn and make you struggle also. I then move to flat bench flies and superset them with dips. These two exercises really stretch the heck out of your muscles which in return will help them to grow.

Every chest day I change the order of the exercises that I do. It is also important that you consume good quality protein sources so that your muscles can repair after a vigorous work-out.

Try this work-out for a few weeks and see how it works for you. Are the rest of your body parts responding to your training? If they are, then try this work-out and see what happens with your chest progress. If they are not, then you need to fix your nutrition and that is the key to any progress in any program. I know this will help you if you stay consistent. Good luck.



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her guests with disposable aprons to keep their white garments pristinely clean. Asked who put her party together, she admitted the truth.

"I did," she said, adding that she did have help from her friends; but when asked if they helped with the actual planning of the gala, she again was candid as only Clara Petty can be. "No, I just told them what to do and they did it." Clara thanked in particular friends such as Denise Black-Poon, Joy Balls, Sherry Reid, Sheila Bennett, Jay Bennett and Jackie Sullivan-Buckingham, among many others.

The hot food wasn't the only "hot fun" going on at Clara's party! She had a bev-

The 'heat' didn't stop there, though. A deejay who knew how to jazz things up played some nice cool jazz during dinner, probably to counteract that steaming hot food and all the hot sauce that was being poured on that chicken and those greens!

Later, after dinner and tributes that were probably much better than the one's that other president got the day before, the deejay heated things up with dance music at the party that went on into the wee hours of the night.

Guests from as far away as Pennsylvania, Texas and Wisconsin got to experience a little Toledo flavor and have that "hot fun in the summertime" promised by Sly and the Family Stone over 30

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Reel Review Transformers

By Michael Hayes
Minister of Culture



Before even getting into the film itself, let's just look at what this is all about.

Sure, I have to admit – from the outside looking in, perhaps this may seem dweebish.

Some robots from outer space that change into vehicles and fight against other alien robots who change into other things.

Energon, Cybertron, the “all-spark” (aka matrix?), and all that stuff may sound like a bunch of sci-fi buzz words that could be stapled to just about any cheesy TV series involving another world.

From the outside looking in, maybe – just maybe this all seems, oh... the hell with how those outsiders might think – TRANSFORMERS IS THE BOMB!!!

Not just the movie (more on that later), but just the whole thing, yo.

FOR ALL THE TRUE 80'S BABIES OUT THERE, y'all know what I mean (oh yeah, being born in 88 or 89 doesn't really make you an 80's baby because you weren't even watching cartoons yet so Ha, Ha – LOL).

For all my true peeps that grew up on this like I did, y'all feel me.

It's sometime in the mid 1980's and either you're in kindergarten or first grade and when you get home there is one thing you are looking forward to that will make your day...

AFTERNOON CAR-TOONS!

See, we all hit our teens in the mid 90's and even though we still may have watched

TV after school – it was NOTHING like what we grew up on.

The 90's had Animaniacs, Tazmania and a lot of great stuff but all the cartoons died off only to be replaced by Mighty Morphin bull.

I would be like 15 or 16 and watch this stuff with my little sister and tell her “back in my day, we had real after school cartoons”.

Silverhawks and Thundercats. Mask and even Jem. G.I. Joe was somewhat annoying but it was decent.

He Man/ She Ra – I mean we had real cartoons that we based our lives around.

Memorized episodes, talked about during lunch at school, put all the toys on our Christmas Wish Lists, etc.

The cartoons, the action figures, the whole aura of being entertained as a child... no one entity crystallized an entire generation quite like the Transformers.

No doubt, all those other cartoons were rough as hell (can't forget about Voltron!), but if you are anywhere between the ages of 24 and 34 you might as well keep it all the way 100 and admit that at some point in your young life the world revolved around the ongoing struggles between The Autobots and The Decepticons.

Now, let me also say this. I'm trying to draw a bright line here. A big bold line that separates Transformer fans from those geeks who dress up like Star Wars or Marvel Comic characters.

THIS IS DIFFERENT! It really is. IT IS !!!

Okay, who am I trying to convince? Kinda funny, but if I wasn't nerdy before I may have earned the title since Transformers opening day.

My appetite for nostalgia has known no bounds as of late.

I watched damn near half

of the very first season of the Transformers TV series on youtube.

I found another website (seibertron.com) that has all the information you could ever want and I've been reading about certain characters I had forgot about or looking at pics of Transformers toys I used to have, etc. etc.

Yeah – I've been a super geek, but all for good cause. Transformers is a worldwide phenomena.

It started with a Japanese toyline, a comic book and a television series in 1984.

Over the next few years, the characters, story line and over all fixation on how cool it was that cars could turn into robots – all of that created a vice grip on the imagination of young kids: Optimus Prime, Megatron, Bumblebee (one of my least favorites back in the day), Starscream., Soundwave, The Dinobots – etc. etc. How could you not get hooked?

The people at Hasbro and Marvel Comics had a goldmine on their hands but it wasn't long before they ruined it.

Killing off Optimus and replacing him with Ultra Magnus and then Rodimus Prime was a lot to deal with. Megatron becomes Galvatron, Starscream becomes Cyclonus so on and so on, but loyal fans were still there. Transformers: The Movie hit theatres in 1986.

One of very few full-length cartoon feature films at that time, it was a monumental event for the TV series' young fans. However, it changed over half the cast after just two seasons and complicated the story in such a way that the writers had to undo much of the plot from the film in later seasons of the TV show.

Optimus dies, then comes back.

One day it's 20 years in the future, the next episode is set in present day.

There were so many inconsistencies and the story became so tangled and convoluted that it was just too much work to sort it all out.

So the 1980's ended with the Transformers TV show having only three and a half seasons but it left a lasting impression on us all.

Beast Wars (which was cool for a while), Transformers Universe and many other variations and additions to the story line would come and go throughout the 90's and into the new millennium.

Japanime versions and all that.

But I couldn't even really dig those all that much.

It looked like a bunch of non-sense, the thrill was gone.

That's why this movie is so important.

It restores validity and brings balance back to the origin of the story.

Also, when adapting a TV or comic book series into a feature film, there's always a lot of gray area that gets overlooked.

In the case of Transformers, this movie is so ill it will make you overlook any discrediting parts.

You might remember that most of the Decepticons were fighter planes, well that's not the case anymore – but you really won't mind. Some names have changed and some transformed identities have changed (it would've been foolish to have a super-size, silver screen Megatron transform into a handgun – so he changes into a fighter jet instead.

The movie is mostly land based so you can't have Decepticons flying all around.

Michael Bay must've wanted to even the playing field so most of the Decepticons came in the form of military vehicles which would make for a somewhat more fair fight with the Autobots.

Just like the cartoon, most of the important scenes take place in a power station.

Just like the cartoon, Optimus gets mopped just a little bit while on his way to win.

The human element is far better than it was in the past.

Anthony Anderson is in this, need I say more?

The funny parts are quite hilarious and the truly exciting action sequences will leave you literally on the edge of your seat.

Anyone who bootlegged this joint, I feel sorry for you.

Pay the money and go see Transformers!!!

This is the best all-around film I've seen in more than 10 years, no lie.

I'm not going to reveal anything further, just go to the show and check out Transformers.

This is an epic film that has every possible emotion a film goer can experience.

The stars, the effects, the premise, the plot – it's all perfect.

Go see why I gave Transformers an A+!

Then, we can talk about it some more.



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Merger announced between child-focused and adult services agencies

The Boards of Trustees of Connecting Point and the Zepf Community Mental Health Center (Zepf) approved the merger of these two service organizations effective July 1, 2007. Diana Chatman, Connecting Point Board president and Kevin Carmony, Zepf Center Board president, along with the Secretaries of the respective Boards, Warren Davis and Larry Wanucha, signed the merger agreement at 3 p.m. June 13, 2007.

The merger of these agencies will result in **Connecting Point** being the largest and most comprehensive behavioral healthcare provider in Northwest Ohio.

Currently, Connecting Point provides mental health and substance abuse treatment and prevention services for children, youth and families, annually serving over 15,000 Lucas County children and families.

The Zepf Center provides treatment for severely persistently mentally ill adults and is responsible for management of The Source and Network, the primary vocational rehabilitation services in Lucas County. The Zepf Center serves over 5,000 adult customers on an annual basis.

As a combined entity, the Connecting Point will employ over 350 staff and operate an annual budget of over \$20,000,000.

“This restructuring makes sense for our clients, our employees, our system, and our community,” says Frank Ayers, past interim CEO-Zepf Center. “It represents an opportunity for two successful, mission-driven organizations to solidify their services in a cost-effective manner at a time when service demand is at an all time high and funding sources are increasingly tight. It just makes sense.”

Merger Facts:

Both agencies are committed to incorporating the best features and characteristics from each agency to form a comprehensive set of quality-driven services for children, youth, adults and families.

There are presently 8 service locations between Connecting Point and Zepf Center and all services locations will remain open with little or no disruption in the delivery of current services.

“We are just here to help people,” says Jeff Deckebach, CEO of Connecting Point. “We believe this is a better way to do it, and we know that this merger will only help us better serve kids, adults and families throughout our community.” Deckebach will remain CEO of the merged entity.

“Jazz & Jambalaya”
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before summer's over and the leaves start their autumnal transformation, we can coax dj mel to come back to MarSyl's and play a little more jazz to combine with the pungent tastes of jambalaya for one last hot summer night of fun, food and frolic.
Every good performance has to have an encore, right? So, listen and watch out for a replay of “Jazz & Jambalaya” soon. Don't you dare miss it. You wouldn't want to pass up the opportunity to get all hot and bothered before the weather turns cold and it's - too late. “Jazz & Jambalaya” appearing together again at MarSyl's – soon!

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Stripping Incident an Embarrassment to Democrats

On June 29, 2007 the Lucas County Democratic Party, led by John Irish and Domenic Montalto, hosted the party's annual golf outing where strippers were selling drinks, snacks and exposing themselves. Responsibility for this fiasco rests with Irish and Montalto. This incident, which received international attention, embarrassed all Democrats.

Now a group of local Democratic women are calling for the resignation of Irish and Montalto as well as for a boycott of party headquarters. I strongly support these brave women and will honor the boycott.

The eyes of the nation will be on Northwest Ohio in next year's presidential election. Our party deserves leadership as good as its people.

Sincerely,

Councilman Joe McNamara

Strippers Just Par for The Course

The newest wing of the Lucas County Democratic Party has been very busy since the incident with the strippers on the golf course.

Lucas County Treasurer Wade Kapszukiewicz who allegedly witnessed the "stripping" had a responsibility to immediately notify the chairman of the party, John Irish, or other officials that the incident was unacceptable or even could have escorted the individual off the course. Instead, he and Toledo City Councilman Joe McNamara made a media event of the fiasco.

What can CNN or any other media outlet do for the Lucas County Democratic Party or the residents of the City of Toledo or County of Lucas?

We have far more important issues existing in our city that residents are unhappy with than watching a stripper on the golf course.

The opportunity to attack the party chairman has been irresistible to some individuals on the so-called "A" team camp. A question of integrity and maturity exists for these officials. Are they really interested in the success of the Lucas County Democratic Party and quality leadership or are egos getting in the way of sound judgment?

John Irish does not have to resign, he was duly elected by the Lucas County Democratic Party Central Committee and that is the only body that can remove him and, from what I have heard, there is no intention to seek his removal. He has served us well.

June Boyd

Ed. Note: City Councilman Joe McNamara has never been a member of the "A" team nor has he received that wing's endorsement in his run for political office.

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INTERESTED BIDDERS:
TOLEDO PUBLIC SCHOOLS – GROVE PATTERSON ACADEMY AND OLD ROGERS HIGH SCHOOL DEMOLITION

Sealed bids will be accepted by the Board of Education of the Toledo Public School District until **1:00 p.m. on August 1st, 2007**, at the Toledo Public Schools Treasurers' Office, Room 3, 420 E. Manhattan Blvd., Toledo, Ohio 43608, for all labor, material and supervision necessary for the demolition of Grove Patterson and Old Rogers High School Bid, as more fully described in the drawings and specifications for the project prepared by Design & Management Consultants, LLC and Munger Munger & Associates Architects, Inc., and will be opened publicly and read immediately thereafter.

Bid Documents for the project may be examined at the F.W. Dodge plan rooms in Maumee and Columbus, Builders Exchange in Toledo, University of Toledo – Capacity Building, E.O.P.A. – Hamilton Building, Northwest Ohio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and The Plan Room in Ann Arbor, Construction Association of Michigan, Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce and Ohio Construction News.

Bidders may obtain copies of the documents starting **July 11th, 2007** which can be purchased from **Becker Impressions, 4646 Angola Rd. Toledo, Ohio 43615 Phone: 419-385-5303. Drawings may be obtained on CD-ROM for no cost with the purchase of the specifications.**

A PREBID CONFERENCE is scheduled for **July 24th, 2007 at 2:00 p.m.** at the Old Rogers High School, 5539 Nebraska Ave. Toledo, Ohio 43615. This meeting will be followed by a walk-thru. A walk-thru of Grove Patterson is scheduled for **July 25th, 2007 at 2:00p.m.** at Grove Patterson Academy, 3020 Marvin Ave. Toledo, Ohio 43606.

If you have any questions or a need for additional information, please direct all questions in writing to LeShay.Hadley@lgb-llc.com, by phone at (419) 776-5600, or (fax) (877) 281-0784.

Bid Item No. 1 Grove Patterson Academy Demolition	\$ 126,622.00
Bid Item No. 2 Old Rogers HS Demolition	\$1,070,124.00
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