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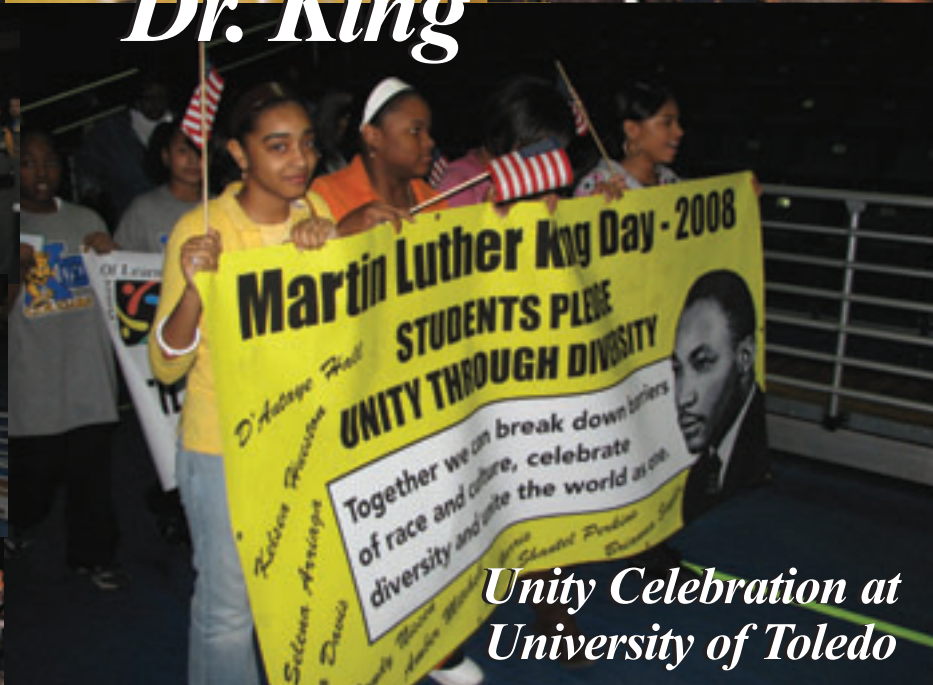
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This Strikes Us ...

A Sojourner's Truth Editorial

If you are a Democrat these days, particularly a black Democrat, it's an embarrassment of riches, isn't it?

The race for president, that is.

If you thought we were talking about the Lucas County Democrats, you were sorely mistaken. That situation, as always, is simply an embarrassment.

The presidential race is fascinating because the three Democratic frontrunners are all eminently satisfying to the party's base unlike the Republican candidates who generate such nervousness among their party's core supporters.

On the GOP side, Senator John McCain is viewed as a risk because of his stance on immigration (wants to create a path to legalize the 12 million undocumented workers in the U.S.) and on campaign finance (helped draft McCain-Feingold which restricts political donations; Mitt Romney has problems because of his rather recent conversion to orthodox social conservatism; Rudy Giuliani has taken positions supporting a woman's right to abortion and restricting the proliferation of firearms; Mike Huckabee, a reliable social conservative, has some fiscal issues to deal with along with a rather shaky approach to immigration as well and Fred Thompson, well ... if you want to see a lively and engaged Fred Thompson, you are better off catching a few back episodes of Law and Order.

Democratic Party Senators Hillary Clinton, John Edwards and Barack Obama spark so much interest because of who they are rather than what they espouse. Frankly, there is not a dime's worth of difference between the three on the issues.

This past Monday, they spent a good bit of time debating the finer points of their various health care plans but, truth be told, if one of the three wins the general election, his or her health care plan will undergo major surgery before, and if, it is ever passed by Congress.

So what Democrats have is not a policy debate but a choice of what they want our leader to look like for the next four to eight years. Do Democrats want to break the mold and put a woman in office, or do they want to see an African-American as the face of our nation – it appears that the white male is out of the running.

In the African-American community there is a sense of loyalty towards the Clintons and the progress that the community made during the 1990's when Bill Clinton ran the country. A lot of blacks, especially black political leaders, feel indebted towards Bill Clinton and his legacy – as represented by Hillary.

But, how difficult a choice is this – feeling an obligation to support Hillary Clinton at a moment when the country has the opportunity to elect the first, black president?

So what are Democrats really talking about? Forget the issues.

Forget also the experience factor. Neither of the three has executive experience. Their real life, non-political experiences – in all three cases – are as lawyers of some stripe.

As to elective office experience, it is remarkably similar. Clinton has seven years in the Senate, Edwards has six and Obama has three plus a number of years – eight – in the state legislature. For all of the concern about Obama's lack of political experience, he has about the same amount that that other Illinois candidate for president had in 1860 when he was elected to the presidency.

So, again, what are Democrats really talking about?

First, there is the issue of breaking with tradition to vote in someone other than a white male. Second, there is the matter of moving on from the baby boomer, Vietnam War-afflicted generation. That's what has to be on the minds of Democratic voters.

To praise a senator who has been in elective, legislative office for seven years for her experience seems a bit absurd, doesn't it? Now, unless Clinton can make the case that she was in the Situation Room, in all of the cabinet meetings or in the Oval Office for the daily national security briefings, one has to take her eight years as First Lady as something less than being a full partner in running the country.

Democrats have to admit some hard truths to themselves about this primary election. It's not about experience and it's not about issues. It is most definitely about race, it is most definitely about gender and it is most definitely about age and the generation gap.

It is about a certain set of opportunities that we will take into the next few decades and some of those values will be reflected in what our next president looks like – to us and to the world.

Democrats can keep making self-serving statements about how it is wrong to vote for someone based upon what they look like, but that is what this election will really boil down to – admit it or not.

Community Calendar

January 24-27

January Consecration: Presented by Grace & Peace Ministries; Thursday and Friday at 7 pm; Sunday at 11:30 am and 5 pm; Guests Pastor Keith Scholl of First Alliance, Pastor Maurice Hopgood of Newer Dimensions of Saginaw, Elder David Felton of Greater Grace Temple of Detroit, Pastor Michael Cooper of Greater Christ Temple of Lima: 419-810-5657 or 419-882-2118

January 25-February 20

Maumee Valley Country Day School: Art Gallery featuring MVDCD dads Wade Harrison and Thanasiu Wolfe

January 26

24th Annual Conference for Aspiring Minority Youth: UT Student Union; 8:30 am to 1 pm; Keynote Speaker Byron Pitts of CBS National News; Breakout sessions for students and parents start at 10:30 am: 419-530-3820

Creations 3rd Annual Black Bridal Expo: Civic Center Promenade – Erie Street Market; Noon to 5 pm; Fashion show, vendors, renewal ceremony: 419-346-5275 or creationsevents@yahoo.com

Annual MLK Celebration: Presented by the Civil and Human Rights and Women's Committees of UAW Local 14; 5 until 9 pm; Dinner served at 6 pm; Keynote Speaker Larry Smith; 5411 Jackman Rd

Toledo School for the Arts: Open House; 10 am; Talk to teachers, students and staff and learn more about northwest Ohio's premier charter school featuring arts-based academic instruction: 419-246-8732

Author Reception: Book sell, signing and discussion; 1 to 4 pm; Lighthouse Community Center; Willie Nell Shahraki-Heard; "Living With Evil:" 419-471-1912

January 27

Third Pastoral Anniversary: Refuge Holy Tabernacle's Pastor Marvin Crittenden and Co-pastor Jori Crittenden; 12:30 pm; Guest Apostle John Mills, pastor of Home of Refuge for All People of Columbus: 419-242-5505

Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance: Installation of Officers for 2008; 5 pm; Mt. Nebo Baptist; Open service; Speaker Pastor Raymond Bishop of Mt. Pilgrim

St. Lucas Art Show: "What Does Heaven Look Like;" Noon to 2 pm; St. Lucas Evangelical Lutheran Church; More than two dozen area artists showing original works; Free and open to public: 419-243-8189

Third Baptist Church: Guest preacher Rev. Pamela Jones of Hartford Memorial Baptist Church of Detroit: 419-248-4623

January 28

Look Good ... Feel Better: Program designed to help women overcome the appearance-related side effects of cancer treatment; UT Medical Center; Open to all women undergoing cancer treatment: 888-227-6446 ext. 5105

February 2

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. 100th Anniversary Celebration: Bowling Green State University; 11:30 am: www.zetaalphaomega.com

Second Annual Shynerra Grant Memorial Cheerleading Competition: Presented by the UT Black Student Union and the Shays for Life Foundation; Health-Education Building at UT; Noon; Kick off of National Dating Violence Prevention Week

February 9

Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Inc. 21st Annual Founders' Day Luncheon; 11 am to 2 pm; Pinnacle; Scholarship fundraiser: 734-699-3579 or 734-218-1645

February 9-10

MI-OH Sportfishing Expo; Monroe County Fairgrounds Expo Center; 9 am to 8 pm on Saturday, 9 am to 5 pm on Sunday; Fishing seminars, free CHIP program (Child Identification Program), brand-name fishing products and boats

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My View



By Jack Ford
The Truth's Political
Columnist

First, a disclaimer. The erstwhile, often funny, Jon Stainbrook is a good friend of mine. He is a friend of my wife. He introduced my sister-in-law Susan to her husband Duff McKagan, the brains behind "Velvet Revolver" the hard rock group that evolved out of Guns 'n Roses.

It was amusing to see "Stain" in the news for leading an insurgency within the Republican Party in Lucas County. And it is just that—an attempted coup to revitalize the Republican Party with young, and a few not-so-young, people.

Given the weakened position of the GOP locally,

you would think that they would welcome the infusion of 170 new candidates for precinct committeeman. But no, predictably the R's are up in arms over these putative precinct leaders. If Robert Reichert, head of the local GOP, and others were real smart, they would embrace Jon and his horde of young people as a godsend to kick start the moribund Republican Party. And if I were Ron Rothenbuhler, head of the Lucas County Democratic Party, I would be hoping that the Stainbrook effort is not successful.

The last thing the local Dems want is a truly competitive GOP in Lucas County. Plus, some of the folks Jon recruited are from Democratic strongholds. Usually Republican Party candidates do not even campaign in many Democratic precincts. But what if suddenly a GOP precinct committeeman starts hosting picnics or coffees on, say, Warsaw or Belmont or Consaul on the east side. Heaven forbid.

Cindi Lauper popularized a song a number of years ago titled "Girls Just Want to Have Fun." Well,

Stain "just wants to have fun" in politics. Go Stain!

We will see how tough the reaction to the council

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presidency coup is in two upcoming events. Will the new president of City Council be front and center at the Perry Burroughs fundraiser featuring Janet Jackson, head of the Franklin County United Way? Will the black community, particularly the churches, allow campaigning for the renewal of the tax that will appear on the ballot on March 4?

Get ready for a group to get tough in allowing politicians to access the vote in the black community on levies. This is the fallout for dumping Michael Ashford from the City Council presidency. Rev. Floyd Rose will be in on this.

More importantly, the

campaign-savvy Weldon Douthitt is now saying he will not assist levy campaigns in the future.

Douthitt is pretty good at getting out the vote in the central city. Just ask Mark Luetke who used Douthitt to increase the black turnout by 20 percent in the recent COSI levy effort.

State Senator Teresa Fedor fell victim to a coup in the state senate two weeks ago. There is always that possibility in state-house politics—just as in city council machinations.

I put down three attempts during the three years I was House caucus leader. Just pick yourself up, Teresa, and regroup. That is all you can do. Look for another battle on another field on another day!

The announcement that the Toledo Community Foundation is giving \$42,500 to the Center for Hope Church Children's Defense Fund School is a real stunner. It shows how

sharp Keith Burwell is on ascertaining the needs of the community. This program is truly a self-help and empowerment program for young folks in the Dor, Oakwood, Norwood and Detroit Street areas. This should be added to the Dor Street revitalization efforts.

And Bill Kitson, at the United Way, gets it big time. Kitson has quietly wrought a change over at the local United Way. He has moved staff, empowered a whole bunch of young folk, lifting, for example, Jason Daniels to a manager's position.

Recently the Toledo Free
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Where Are We as a People?

Where are we as a people? When you think of African-Americans what do you think of?

I ask this because it seems that certain individuals in this community have a problem with black folks. These individuals have historically viewed the positive qualities of black folks especially those in leadership as a threat. As a person matures several qualities should come to fruition. A person should be concerned with the betterment of himself, his family, and his future.

As African-Americans work to improve these aspects of their lives, it is only natural for them to develop the different skills necessary to make their way through this world. This requires earning an honest living and being able to enjoy the fruits of their labors. But an African-American has to do so based on the limits and guidelines that are given to them by the powers that be. Those restrictions usually include the unwritten laws. Stay in your place and be happy with what scraps the massa allows you to have.

Black folks should strive for a position of honor and authority in the community. In addition to ensuring that the voices of their people are heard, this also provides a positive example for young folks to strive for. But for the good ole boys, black folks in any position of authority are a threat.

Here in our community, the events of the past year provide several high-profile examples to back my opinion. The calculated firing of myself, the firing of Perlean Griffin and the underhanded removal of Michael Ashford as council president should be more than adequate proof that there is a need for a Southern Christian Leadership Council in Toledo.

Before we look at these examples and other not so high-profile ones, I want you to think about the question I asked you at the beginning. What do you think of when you think of African-Americans?

I know that this article just touches the surface of the issues African-Americans face. But despite what the leader of local government thinks, we in the black community know how to discuss an issue of importance longer than just 48 hours. African-Americans stand up or sit down.

"You can be up to your boobies in white satin, with gardenias in your hair and no sugar cane for miles, but you can still be working on a plantation."—Billy Holiday

I had the opportunity to talk to one of the great leaders to come out of Toledo Reverend Floyd Rose and I'm reminded of a quote he said to me "black folk bark loud but we don't bark long" and if your fighting with a bear you can't afford to get tired and I'm asking that we not get weary or tired and keep up the fight for change.

What would Dr. King say if he were alive today and visited Toledo? Would he say it was one of the most livable cities in the USA or that his dream has become a nightmare.

During the Jena Six situation down South I watched many minorities in Toledo catch buses, carpool do what ever it took to be apart of the rally in support of these young men, and that's great for I feel the same way that Dr King felt—injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. But imagine if we put that same energy and effort into our own community when problems arise, wouldn't that be a beautiful thing?

Because to me freedom,

depending on the context, can mean different things. Generally speaking, to be "free", means you are without constraints ... in the absence of barriers, without limits, so to speak. To be free means that nothing is holding you back, subduing you, oppressing you, etc you are free! I don't know maybe you feel you can't relate or don't understand the big deal because, perhaps you don't consider yourself ever having been enslaved. But to be free ... truly free, is invaluable.

I don't think that most people even realize that they aren't really free. Most people associate freedom with not being imprisoned, and/or, not being a slave, historically speaking, as in the master/slave situation.

However, the irony is that most people are "living life behind invisible bars," and what I view as "slaves" of mediocrity. This is not freedom. You are not free when you believe you have no choice but to go to a job you despise, or tolerate, because you consider your livelihood dependent on the income from that job.

You are not free when you live paycheck to paycheck, and wait for that two-week vacation they "give" you for all your hard work. You are not free when you think you "have" to work for someone else ... period. Here's the reality check ... IF YOU ARE NOT LIVING YOUR DREAM LIFE OR AT THE VERY LEAST ACTIVELY PURSUING IT ... DOING WHAT YOU LOVE ... HAPPY ... FULFILLED ... EXCITED FOR TOMORROW ... THEN YOU ARE NOT FREE!

Dwayne Morehead
Community Activist/
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Maumee Valley Highlights Local Artists

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Maumee Valley Country Day School will be featuring Wade Harrison and Kim Thanasiu, local painters, Jan. 25 - Feb. 20, 2008. Their work will be displayed in the Wolfe Gallery at the school. There will also be an Artist Reception on Wednesday, Feb. 13 from 5 - 7 p.m., with a Jamaican feast included.

Wade Harrison described his style this way: "I am not a lyricist or a musician or a singer...I am an artist in love with these instances of self expression and choose to dialog through my paintings with others who share this love. My paintings are the visual interpretation of my thoughts and feelings without words or sound. I want to entice people to open their minds to my musical heroes not in the mainstream. I want people to be able to hear and feel what I hear and feel and walk away feeling enlightened."



Kim Thanasiu, a Toledo award winning artist, works with diverse media and surfaces. His work translates personal thoughts and beliefs into vibrant expressions and of color, which have been featured in galleries throughout the Midwest. Kim has won multiple awards for his art work, with the most recent being, "I Will Not Bite My Sister," which won 3rd place at the highly acclaimed Toledo Museum of Art and Parkwood Gallery show - Salon des Refuses.

Open Letter to The Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce, Mark V'Soske, President

Dear Mr. V'Soske

This letter is in regards to a great concern that the Committee of the Whole for the Quality of Life in the Black Community has with the Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce's decision to hold their annual luncheon meeting on the same day as the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday is observed.

The Committee of the Whole questions why an organization as influential to the city's economic development as the Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce would decide to have its annual event on January 21 - the same date for the national observance of the MLK holiday.

This is the same day that honors the accomplishments and struggles of such an influential man and his fight for civil rights and racial equality. We feel that this decision is totally disrespectful and disregards the African-American community in its efforts to honor Dr. King by bringing together the community as a whole to celebrate the life he sacrificed for this country in hopes of unity and equality to be widespread among all.

With an already strained relationship between the African-American community and the Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce, this decision could be viewed as a malicious blow to the existing efforts to work with the Toledo Chamber to find common ground.

The board members of the Toledo Chamber should be held accountable for this decision to disregard such an important day. Although we are uncertain about the feelings of the Chamber's African-American board members, we hope they were not used as pawns in making this decision. The African-American community is not looking for any apology as it will not help us overcome this glaring mistake, however, an explanation might be helpful.

We would like to see the Toledo Chamber schedule meetings with African-American community agencies in order to embrace African-American initiatives in our community. We look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Lloyd Jacobs
Pres., Univ. of Toledo

Bernard Culp
Director of Planning

WilliAnn Moore
Pres. NAACP

Carlton Finkbeiner
Mayor, City of Toledo

Floyd Rose
SCLC

Morris Jenkins
Pres. UT African American Faculty and Staff

Jerusalem and Partners Announce Big Move

Special to The Truth

The Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church was founded in 1950 and moved to its current

location in 1955 where the congregation still worships in a sanctuary that is over 90 years old. Nearly one third of the more than 475 active members have joined during the last 34 months under the leadership of Reverend Dr. W. L. Perryman Jr.

Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church has selected Midwest Church Design and Construction of Perrysburg to redevelop their church facilities on the southeast corner of Dorr and Collingwood in Toledo.

Jerusalem is an active partner with the Dorr Street Coalition to the revitalization of the Dorr Street Corridor. This coalition was organized to redevelop Dorr Street and those areas immediate adjacent to Dorr Street.

Joining the Jerusalem/Midwest partnership is Fifth Third Bank. On Janu-



ary 2, 2008, Fifth Third Bank has agreed to joined this partnership by moving into a loan agreement in the amount of \$900,000. Total cost of Phase I of this project is projected to be approximately \$1.2 to 1.3 million.

The Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church, Midwest Church Design Construction, and Fifth Third Bank partnership is committed to the revitalization of this area in response to the blessing of church growth and the vision for expanding ministries within

the community.

Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church is located at 445 Dorr Street corner of Collingwood Blvd.

Tentative groundbreaking and construction plans will be announced later, in the spring of 2008.

For additional information, contact Reverend Dr. W. L. Perryman, Jr. at (419) 248-2139 - Office or (419) 248-1097 - Fax or email address

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Lucas County, United Way Partner to Put More Money in Residents' Pockets

Special to The Truth

As the 2008 tax season begins, Lucas County Commissioner Ben Konop, Lucas County Treasurer Wade Kapszukiewicz and United Way have partnered to offer a deal to county residents that few could refuse.

Earlier this week, local leaders went door-to-door in an East Toledo neighborhood to raise awareness about free tax preparation available to low-income families. Twelve Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites will be open this year to prepare taxes and allow families to access their potential refunds without the fees typically associated with "refund anticipation loans."

"With these efforts, we hope to help at least 5,000 Lucas County residents get their taxes prepared for free and put millions of dollars back into taxpayers' pockets," said Kapszukiewicz.

Additionally, local leaders want residents to take advantage of an IRS program that could bring millions of

dollars into our local economy.

The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), established in the early 1990's, is a refundable federal income tax credit for low to middle income working individuals and families that brings federal resources back into pockets of hard working Lucas County residents.

"Thousands of folks in Lucas County who are working hard and playing by the rules could receive almost \$5,000 this year in additional income just by taking advantage of this program," said Konop. "With the nation moving toward a recession and our local economy struggling, that's a significant boost for these families," added Konop.

Mike Martinez, a single father in Toledo, took advantage of the tax preparation last year and qualified for the Earned Income Tax Credit.

"Using these services, I was able to buy my children their school supplies and

school uniforms for the year," he said. "The tax preparers were helpful and they showed me exactly how much money I could keep with the tax credit."

In addition to these efforts, county and state officials are encouraging families to sign up and attend one of three free workshops that will help rebuild their credit.

The first workshop, sponsored by KeyBank, was held on Saturday, January 19, 2008 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. A February 9, 2008 workshop, sponsored by Huntington Bank, and a March 8, 2008 workshop, sponsored by Fifth Third Bank, will be held at the same time. All workshops will be held in the McMaster Family Center in the Downtown Library and a free continental breakfast will be offered.

VITA sites throughout Lucas County will be open for free tax preparation on February 1, 2008. For more information about free tax preparation and EITC, residents are encouraged to call



2-1-1 or 1-877-650-4357 to schedule an appointment or visit www.co.lucas.oh.us/eitc

Without efforts like these, county officials worry that families could once again miss out on the chance to put significant dollars in the pock-

ets this year.

"This money is not a gift. Working families have earned this money and they deserve to keep it. No family can afford to miss this opportunity," said Commissioner Konop.

(Photo: Lucas County Commissioner Ben Konop and Lucas County Treasurer Wade Kapszukiewicz (center) are joined by community leaders to encourage residents to get the credit they deserve.)

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Other guests: Ms. Sabrina Williams, soloist

My View *(Continued from Page 3)*

press tried to make a case that the teachers' union orchestrated a money scheme to get funds to me and Lisa Sobacki.

The problem with their article is that it was not only untrue but also extremely misleading. First, the article questions why the Board of Elections has not chastised those politicians who supported me with contributions even though I was not endorsed by the Lucas County Democratic Party. Well, the Board of Elections has no jurisdiction in policing a county party

regarding support or non-support of candidates. So a couple of columns were wasted right there.

Next, the paper makes a claim that money given in April 2007 was then regiven to me on October 2007. The problem is that I was not a candidate for the school board until August 2007. For Fran Lawrence to have done what the paper claims, she would have to have been clairvoyant. She would have had to have known in April that Deborah Barnett would resign a month or two later and that I would get the

nod ... and that I would decide to run some months later. None of those first decisions were made until June 2007.

Finally, the Free Press article implies that a \$200 contribution to Pete Gerken, for example, results in a \$1,250 contribution to Sobacki and Ford. Huh? Or a \$100 contribution to Joe McNamara suddenly blooms into a \$730 contribution to Sobacki.

So, why the hatchet job?

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2008 MLK Unity Celebration Succeeds in "Connecting Our Community"

By Geneva J. Chapman,
Sojourner's Truth Reporter

Her voice as clear and words as enunciated as if she sang in the acoustic perfection that is Carnegie Hall, Lisa Hightower greeted celebrants at the 2008 MLK Unity Celebration, Monday, January 21, as they entered The University of Toledo's Savage Hall. "Connecting Our Community," a procession of clergy, elected officials, civic leaders, educators, community activists, corporate executives, social service administrators and youth and students representing area schools and youth organizations filed into the stadium to pay homage to slain civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

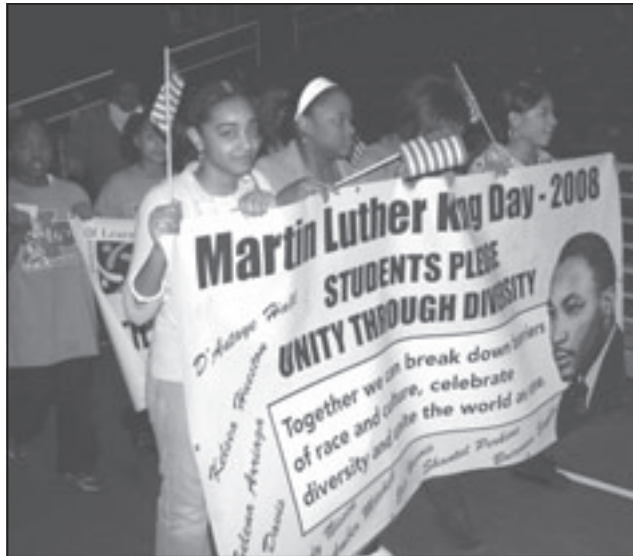
The procession was followed by the parade of nations with representatives of each country carrying its flag. Loud applause accompanied the announcement of each individual and group, but the most thunderous applause and the first of several enthusiastic standing ovations were reserved for representatives of law enforcement and the armed services, who marched in wearing their uniforms, followed by a color guard performing the solemn ritual.



The audience remained standing for a beautiful rendition of the national anthem by Keiara Sallie and the playing of Taps by Ashley Whitman from Woodward High School and Robert Conner from UT, while Master Sergeant Steven Kolinsky paid tribute to fallen service men and women, as well as firefighters and police officers.

Following the solemnity of the opening ceremonies, The Clarence Smith Community Chorus sang "We Shall Walk in the Valley in Peace" *a cappella*, their voices melding together harmoniously and effortlessly as one of Toledo's premier choirs paid tribute to Dr. King with his favorite musical genre, Negro spirituals.

"We wanted to make the program as diverse as pos-



sible to bring the whole community together," said committee member, Cheryl Tyler-Folsom. That diversity was evident as Judy Troutman from the Multifaith Council gave the unity prayer, inclusive of all religions and spirituality.

Greetings were given by UT President Lloyd Jacobs and Toledo Mayor Carlton

of Toledo's Muslim community, John Shousher. Each was given a key to the city.

The rich, resonate voices of CSCC filled Savage Hall as the group sang a choral arrangement of "Soon I Will Be Done" from their repertoire of the Negro spirituals that the group is committed to preserving.

Jamie Bettis from the Toledo Early College High School gave a pledge representing area youth, cheered on by her classmates. Lisa Hightower had the youth cheering again when she sang another of her original songs, "All About You," giving a rousing performance and getting one of the loudest and most enthusiastic standing ovations of the program. Recognition was given to the Toledo Interfaith Mass Choir for their seven years of service singing for the annual observance of MLK Day and the audience showed its appreciation and admiration for the choir and its director, Derrick Roberts.

Tamara Spears dedicated a song, "If I Can Help Somebody," to the choir, wowing the audience with trills and runs executed with such precision and perfection, hands started flying up in praise and shouts of joy could be heard throughout the stadium. Con-



gresswoman Marcy Kaptur paid homage to Dr. King, acknowledging those who marched in the procession, especially the clergy. "To all of those who represent the

faith community, who remind us of what a faith-driven man Dr. King was, along with his wife, Coretta," she said. "We celebrate their lives today." Kaptur reminded the audi-

ence of Dr. King's commitment to non-violence. "Passion without violence," she said. "Violence comes in many forms, but to be pas-

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Big Brothers Big Sisters' "Bowl For Kids' Sake" sponsored by 13ABC is not about the bowling... it's about the kids on the waiting list throughout northwestern Ohio.

Oprah Winfrey made a plea to America in June of 2007 for one million adult mentors to step forward and spend time, on a regular basis, with a young person waiting for a positive role model. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwestern Ohio has over 150 youth from single-parent homes who have been registered through the nation's oldest and most active, organized mentoring program. (Over half of the youth on the waiting list are young black and Latino males, ages seven-17)

"Now is the time to step forward to impact these youth before they fall into the clutches of negative influence on weekends or eve-

nings when school and/or family adult supervision or guidance usually takes place. Mentoring really matters more than ever as so many of 'Toledo's children are left to their own device's even in the middle of a busy school year," says Barbie Harrison, president/CEO Big Brothers Big Sisters NWO.

She adds: "Bowl For Kids' Sake has become a Toledo tradition supporting the mission of Big Brothers Big Sisters. The event brings friends, co-workers and families together for a little bit of friendly competition to show support for the organization which spends \$1,000.00 for one year of match support for each child enrolled at Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwestern Ohio."

Each year Toledo police and fire fighters step up to the plate to bowl with their own friends and family and peers on the force to show leadership by example. They

see firsthand what happens when young people don't have a "go to" adult in their life to validate their feelings or listen to their concerns in a non-judgmental setting.

All citizens (everyone) can play a part in Bowl for Kids' Sake by building a bowling "team" consisting of five members. The goal for each member is to fill their pledge envelope with \$50.00 in cash or checks for Big Brothers Big Sisters. Harrison states that asking five friends for \$10.00 or 10 church members for \$5.00 or asking an employer to sponsor a youth to bowl is the easiest way to fill a pledge envelope.

Harrison has been the president of BBBSNWO for 13 years and has participated in that many annual Bowl For Kids' Sake events at Imperial, Interstate and Southwyck Lanes in Toledo and Al-Mar and Varsity Lanes in Bowling Green, Ohio.



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Senate Democrats Select New Leadership Team

Special to The Truth

On Wednesday, January 9, the Ohio Senate Democratic Caucus met to select a new leadership team. Elected to serve as the new Minority Leader was Senator Ray Miller (D-Columbus). The rest of the new leadership team includes Senator Shirley Smith (D-Cleveland) as Assistant Minority Leader, Senator Lance Mason (D-Cleveland) as Minority Whip and Senator Capri Cafaro (D-Hubbard) as Assistant Minority Whip.

"I am deeply honored to be the new Senate Minority Leader," Miller said.

"I am eager to begin working with our new leadership team and members of both Senate Caucuses to improve health care, education and job growth for all Ohioans."

Previous to his nomination as minority leader, Miller was the Minority Whip of the Ohio Senate. Miller will replace Senator Teresa Fedor (D-Toledo) as the leader of the Senate

Democrats.

"I have genuine respect and appreciation for Senator Fedor's dedication to public service and to the citizens of Ohio," said Miller. "I am confident that she will continue to play a vital role in serving the 11th Senatorial District and all Ohioans."

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Nurses Provide Superior Home Health Care

By Sojourner's Truth Staff

Why is there a such a vital need for home health care?

"Statistics show that when patients stay at home, they live longer," says Diane Parrish, founder and administrator of Parrish HomeCare that had its grand opening in its new offices last week at 3361 Executive Parkway, Ste 301.

And why Parrish HomeCare in particular?

"We're nurses," replies Parrish. "And that sets us apart."

Parrish, in fact, has been a registered nurse for more than 30 years. The Michigan native and resident, who comes from a family of medical pro-

fessionals, received her nursing degree from the University of Michigan.

Her concern about the level of care that hospitals provide has always been an issue for her, particularly the level of care that is provided to the minority community. So when her daughter, Reneesha Parrish-Nnaji, also a registered nurse and the company's clinical director, suggested that they start their own company, Diane Parrish was more than ready to embrace the idea.

"We felt that black people were being preyed on, that people not of our community

try to take advantage of those who were undereducated, that they were receiving inferior service," says Parrish.

So mother and daughter opened their first office in the Detroit metro area in 2000 – Berkley, MI. Then followed a western Michigan office (Battlecreek) and a move into the Toledo area – Eastgate – in 2005.

Parrish Home Healthcare is nurse-owned and operated and provides a wide and diverse range of services such as physical, occupational and speech therapies, counseling, diabetes management, medication and disease management, among others. These services can be requested by doctor, patient, family, friends, the hospital or an extended care facility.

Parrish HomeCare is also a family affair. In addition to mother and daughter, Diane Parrish's son Hasan Parrish, an engineer, has also become fully involved and she has three sisters who have joined the effort to improve home health care.

"Our focus is to keep patients out of the hospital," says Reneesha Parrish-Nnaji. "They heal better and feel better at home," adds Diane Parrish. "You risk so much in a hospital."

Parrish HomeCare currently employs a staff of about 30 – primarily nurses and home healthcare aides – in the Toledo area and care for about



Diane Parrish, Obby Okoro, Reneesha Parrish-Nnaji, Betty Robinson, Reagan Savage

100 patients at any given time. Reneesha Parrish-Nnaji anticipates that the number of patients her company cares for will level out at between 200 and 300 in the near future. "Most people are saying we're doing well for this area," she notes.

And while there are about a half dozen such minority-owned businesses in the Detroit area, Parrish HomeCare is

apparently the only one in Toledo of such a scale. This is of no small concern to the company's leaders. As Diane Parrish says, the African-American community tends to be more susceptible to a variety of illnesses and diseases and tend not to have the care available that the majority community enjoys.

So that's why home health care is so vital in this age of

sky rocketing hospital costs, says Diane Parrish. "It's cost effective, emotionally beneficial, safer and provides longevity."

Parrish HomeCare's new offices at 3361 Executive Parkway, Suite 301, can be reached by telephone at 419-389-1020 or toll free at 1-866-389-1020, by fax at 419-389-1300 or by email at@www.parrishhomecare.net.



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Gallery Opens in Sojourner's Truth Offices

By John Dorsey
Special to the Truth

January is traditionally a time of new beginnings, and this year is no exception. With a new home for The Sojourner's Truth comes a lot of bright opportunities on the horizon such as the newly opened Truth Gallery.

The gallery, which opened its doors just after the holiday season, is beginning to

take shape under the highly skilled direction of local artist/author Warren Woodberry and the Truth's own Fletcher Word. Located in the front section of 1811 Adams Street, the gallery is set offer opportunities to artists of various disciplines including painters, poets, sculptors—you name it.



"Mr. Word has run several articles that I have written for publication after I returned from living in Antigua in the Caribbean for almost 20 years and he has featured me and my wife Yolanda in several other issues of The Truth. In December 2007 he called and told me of the new location of the Truth office and asked if I would be interested in being involved with setting up an art gallery in the front space. Had he not asked me, I probably would have picked his business," said Warren Woodberry.

The gallery currently features visual artwork by Warren & Yolanda Woodberry, Wade Harrison, Terry A. Burton and a host of others. Visual art however is really just the beginning. The location is large enough to also play host to events such as classes, workshops and poetry readings.

"Our focus is not on promoting The Sojourner's Truth but on the artists living and working in our community as well the community itself," Word said.

The Truth Gallery's aim is to include both established artists and those who might otherwise be ignored by larger venues.

"It has been said that no Asian will attempt to glorify

black art or that no Italian will set out to highlight art that has no historical meaning to his culture. The Klan will never show blacks in a favorable light. If any of these premises are true, then whose job is it to create, promote, and support black art? I believe that the Truth Gallery can fulfill this need," said Woodberry.

Woodberry is the author of the book "For We Are Strangers" and the Founder of Holy Toledo Creative Class, a symposium of authors, playwrights, and poets. "For We Are Strangers," which was published in 2002 by Bookmasters and deals with the relationship between men and women in the 1970's and features original artwork by the author. He has exhibited his work at a Memorial Day tribute to veterans of war, a tribute to cancer patients, a black history window at Jackson's Lounge, 20 North Gallery, and the Toledo Museum of Art. He is presently working on a series of paintings of John Lennon.



20 North Gallery.

One of the most refreshing aspects of the Truth Gallery is the wide range of artists that will be represented, not only in terms of style, but age and background as well. One example of this is Wade Harrison. Harrison, who has been painting since high school, found his voice early on as graffiti artist known as "Swade" in the 1980's. The Toledo native then honed his skills at the Art Institute of Pittsburgh, where he received an Associate of Arts degree,

upcoming shows in Detroit, New York City, and Columbus.

"I was honored to get the call to be part of what the Truth Gallery is doing," said Harrison.

In contrast to Harrison, younger artists such as Terry A. Burton bring a more raw untrained style offering a unique look into a variety of wide ranging issues. Burton has recently exhibited his work at the Secor Gallery's holiday show, as well as the Toledo Museum of Art.

While the Truth Gallery is still very much a work in progress, both in terms of the artists exhibiting there and its potential impact on the local arts community and economy, one thing that is certain, it is very much a community space, offering many living working artists in our community something that they've never really had before—some place they and their creative output can call home.

The Truth Gallery also intends to offer local authors the opportunity to make their work available for sale on consignment. While the gallery is currently open to the public, Woodberry expects to have much of the first wave of art on display by February 7 and a grand-opening reception is being planned for sometime in March.

For more information call (419) 243-0007 or visit www.thetruthtoledo.com



Yolanda Woodberry became very well known for her artwork while living in the Caribbean and has been featured in magazines in Germany, France, and Switzerland. Her paintings hang in the home of Robin Leach of "Life Styles of the Rich and Famous." Both Warren & Yolanda Woodberry will be featured in this year's Black History Month exhibit at the

later going on to work for an ad agency.

As a fine artist Harrison has shown his work not only throughout Toledo at events such as Art-O-Matic 419, but also at a number of venues around the country. Beginning January 25, his work will be on exhibit as part of a 2-man show in the Maumee Valley Country Day School's Wolfe Gallery. He also has

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23rd Annual TLOD Prayer Breakfast Celebrates "Women Standing on the Power of Prayer"

By Geneva J. Chapman,
Sojourner's Truth Reporter

Any event that begins with a musical prelude by the inimitable Calvin Hughes, pianist extraordinaire, is one of distinction, grace, class and blessedness.

Such an event took place early Saturday morning, January 19, 2008, at Gladioux Meadows. "Count your blessings!" exclaimed Mary F. Dawson, president of Top Ladies of Distinction Toledo Chapter, as she welcomed a SRO crowd to TLOD's 23rd Annual Prayer Breakfast.

"Women Standing on the Power of Prayer" filled the room with their families, friends and guests. A welcome was also extended by Top Teen Charlisha Hutchen. The TLOD Choir and Friends gave "thanks unto the Lord" in song, accompanied by Hughes prior to the invocation by Top Teen John Hickman, blessing the meal shared by the distinctive la-



adies and their many guests.

Serving themselves from a buffet featuring scrambled eggs, grits, hash brown potatoes, sausage, bacon, sliced fresh fruit, rolls, yogurt and juice, the "ladies" and their entourage of supporters exchanged greetings and bits of news, complimenting each other on their attire and talking about the frigid temperatures as they went

quickly through the long lines on both sides of the two stations at one end of the expansive hall.

They had plenty to talk about because the members of TLOD truly are Toledo's 'top ladies,' representing the areas most prestigious groups and organizations, various fields of endeavor and the crème de la crème of Toledo's African-American

2008 to date.

The TLOD Choir and Friends rendered two more selections during the meal, quieting everyone to listen to their spirited singing.

Top Ladies of Distinction is a national organization composed of six areas throughout the U.S. Its primary purpose is to enhance the quality of life in each chapter's area. This is accomplished through the following committees/thrusts:

tionally and internationally.

The Toledo Chapter was chartered in November 1983. Ann C. Battles was the organizer and first chapter president. Other charter members included Elinor Allen, Margaret Fields, Gwendolyn Hopkins, Phyllis Stephens, Mary Hodge, Constance Robinson, Bertha Peyton, Ruth Ross and Zephyr Taylor.

The Toledo Chapter of Top Teens of America was organized in April 1984 at Robinson Junior High School and Peyton and Hopkins were advisors. The TTOA Toledo Chapter has 13 members and Patsy Bolden is the current advisor.

"How many of you know if we didn't have prayer we wouldn't be standing here today?" asked Dana Blalark as she prepared to introduce the speaker for this year's prayer breakfast, Evangelist Celeste Mitchell.

The Welch, West Virginia, native is the associate minister and first lady of Crusaders for Christ Church, as well as author of a book titled, *The Man Hunt: A Manual for Women*. The audience let out a collective gasp when Blalark revealed that the



Lords And Ladies

community.

The chatter and conversation continued back at tables, reserved in the names of members. Elegantly dressed ladies negotiated eating bacon with knives and forks, displaying the utmost in etiquette and ladylike demeanor with table manners elegant enough to grace the White House.

TLOD members, dressed in silver gray, looked distinctive and divine, many accenting their ensembles with matching hats and shoes. Their guests were equally sophisticated in fur, leather, suede, silk and satin, their haute couture fashions, stiletto heels and seasonal haberdashery giving no indication of the sub-zero wind chill factors outside on the coldest weekend of winter

1) to improve the Status of Women; 2) to sponsor a youth organization known as Top Teens of America; 3) to provide service to Senior Citizens; 4) to aid in Community Beautification projects; 4) to provide Com-



Top Teens

munity Partnership activities and 5) to be involved in Legislative Action that impacts lives locally, statewide, na-

youthful woman on the po-

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Lera Doneghy Joins Metroparks Board

Special to The Truth



Lera Doneghy, who was sworn in Thursday as the newest member of the Metroparks Board, has experienced the parks as a resident, environmental advocate and teacher for many years.

For example, as a science teacher at DeVeaux Middle School for 18 years, now retired, she and her students participated in A Week At Blue Creek, a program by Metroparks, Lucas Soil & Water Conservation District and Nature's Nursery at the Blue Creek Conservation Area in Whitehouse.

Doneghy, of Ottawa Hills, replaces Larry Sykes on the three-member, volunteer board, which also includes president Jack Gallon and vice-president Scott J. Savage. She has served on boards and committees for numerous community organizations, such as United Way and the YWCA. She is also active in committees at her church.

Doneghy was sworn in by Lucas County Probate Court Judge Jack Puffenberger, who appoints members to the board.

Sykes, the first African-American to serve on the board, was appointed in 1994. A retired bank vice-president and former member of the Toledo Board of Education, Sykes has been a champion of services to underserved communities and educational opportunities for children. On Wednesday, the day he retired from the Metroparks board, he was appointed by the county commissioners to the Lucas County Children's Services Board.

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2008 MLK Unity Celebration

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sionate without violence, and then to love love before power."

Others giving remarks included the CEO of Chrysler, Tom LaSorda, who encouraged students attending the event to remain in Toledo when they graduate stating, "We're hiring again or we will be."

Soloist Joyce Rush admitted she had been requested to sing a specific song about change. "We are looking for a change in our community and that change is going to come when we all come together in unity," she said. Sending chills down everyone's spine as she sang the first line of a song everyone knew, "A Change is Going to Come,"

Rush's powerful voice served as the background for a video depicting Dr. King's life, struggles and achievements.

Keyboardist Calvin Hughes provided accompaniment and again the audi-

ence was brought to its collective feet in adulation. The Student African American Brotherhood paid tribute to



Dr. King with a choral reading of parts of his speech, "Where Do We Go from Here?" Applause erupted throughout as King's immortal words reached back from the past and resounded in the hearts of those present at Toledo's 2008 Unity Celebration. Speaking with passion and power, the assembly of young African-American men riveted the audi-

ence as they spoke words all too familiar, but which we can never hear too often and which garnered one last

standing ovation in the stellar program of tribute and unity. The program ended with the singing of "Lift Every Voice and Sing" by the choir and audience.

"I thank you for coming today," Board of Community Relations Director Green had said earlier. "It's a very special day. It's not a day off. It's a day on."

musical presentation by a variety of area choirs and musicians. This year's commemoration, Friday evening January 18, brought together the Temple's adult and children's choirs along with the Grace Temple Choir, the David Carter Symphonic Choir and the Toledo School for the Arts Choir.

The late Dr. King was not the only individual honored last Friday, however. David Carter, who has assisted the Temple for decades, including as the cantoral soloist from 1962 to 1975, was also given a tribute for his decades of service to the Temple and the community.

The musical portion of the evening started after the service was completed with two selections from Grace Temple – "Send Up Judah" and "Be Still and Know that God Is God."

Then the Temple's Adult Volunteer Choir sang "Song of the Sea" and "Mi Chamocha" in which they were joined by the Children's Choir.

Rev. Will Spencer, on the baritone saxophone, joined pianist Elaine Johnson – both Spencer and Johnson are regular musical guests at this event – on a rendition of "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" and Johnson then sang "My Times Are in Thy Hand."

After the special tribute to Carter, his choir, under the direction of daughter Deborah Carlisle, performed "I Never Felt Such Love in My Soul Before" and "Dry Bones."

The Toledo School for the Arts Choir sang "Take Me to the River" and "Hinei Ma Tov."

The final part of the program featured, as always, the combined choirs on stage, under the direction of Cantor Jennifer Roher, lead-



Rev. Will Spencer, Deborah Carlisle, David Carter



Cantor Jennifer Roher, Jaonna Treuhaft, Carole Martin



Rabbi Samuel Weinstein, Calvin Lawshe



The combined choirs

ing the audience in the civil rights classic "We Shall Overcome."

The annual celebration is a result of the efforts of the Afro-Semitic Connection whose members include Marilyn Jacobs, Shelley Kahn, Calvin Lawshe, Marilyn Levine, Carole

Martin, Kevin McQueen, Becky McQueen, Lynn Nusbaum, Sheila Odesky, Janet Rogolsky, Cantor Jennifer Roher, Marjorie Romanoff, Connie Stanford, the Reverend Chet Trail, Donna Trail, Bill Treuhaft and Joanne Treuhaft.

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An Act of Moral Obligation: Community Reaction to the Shooting of Tarika Wilson

By Vickie Shurelds
Sojourner's Truth Reporter

It was a typical fall day. Nothing could have prepared us for the devastating attack that would permanently change the nation. By the end of the day, the date, the event, the shock, the everlasting damage had been done and all of America was ready to strike back.

There was nothing special about that Friday. It was a day like every other. But, by the end of the day, January 4, 2008 – the date, the death of a young mother, the shock of result of gun fire through the body of a 13-month old baby, had caused undeviating damage to the trust of a people already holding inside such despair and anguish that they are ready to strike back – not with physical force but by demonstrating their relentless pursuit of truth and justice.

Tarika Wilson was buried on January 11. Her son, Sincere, remained in the hospital in Columbus. On January 12, the yellow police “do not cross” tape was removed from her home. The physical investigation was completed, and there was the possibility the report would be released on Wednesday, January 16.

A group of ministers were given an invitation to participate in a “Community Healing” Service on Sunday evening, to allow for prayerful reflection, cathartic singing, and fellowship across racial, socio-economic, and local geographical lines. Philipian Missionary Baptist Church, with every pew at its peak capacity, offered a measure of hope for those in attendance.

On Wednesday Attorney General Marc Dann met first with city officials, then male community leaders and members of the Black Ministerial Alliance. He then faced the people of Lima.

The Attorney General, who is the chief law officer in the state, first introduced everyone on the stage. Deputy Superintendent Kurt Shearer will lead the investigation. Dann introduced members of the crime scene follow up headed by Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Superintendent Bob Fiala and the special investigation force – Scott Wilson of the Cleveland, FBI and Dave Dustin of the FBI in Toledo. Dann explained

this unit has handled over 890 cases; 200 of those cases involved law enforcement. The community had every reason to believe the investigation was in capable hands.

They brought in a special prosecutor to review the case – Jeff Strausbaugh of Defiance who had been the special prosecutor in 60 cases in nine counties across the state. The role of each agency was defined: the FBI is on a fact finding mission. They do not release their report until BCI have already filed theirs. The Department of Justice makes the determination of whether a crime has been committed and how the state will proceed. The investigation will take as long as it takes. If it takes three months, the community can feel free to start calling his office. If six months later there are still no answers, he should come under serious question about his role as chief law officer. Reporters were given the first round of questions. He then opened the floor up to anyone who had questions.

There would be no report released today.

First to the microphone was a woman who identified herself as having 15 grandchildren. She said the community was looking for justice and peace – but “no one on the stage today has caught my attention – just looks like business as usual.”

Willie Manley stepped in front of the microphone and asked about the 890 cases the AG office had handled. “How many of your cases



have been solved?” No real statistics on that, members of the panel searched each others faces for answers. The Attorney General then explained that some of the cases were on-going, and were solved on a rotating basis.

They questioned about the use of the deadly force

clause in the manual used for training SWAT team members – written by Joe Chavalita the officer who shot Tarika Wilson and her son.

“Why wasn’t a stun gun used?”

“You may do a ‘thorough investigation’ but the results will be turned back over to local authorities, so we’ll never know what really happened, all your work will have been done in vain.”

Tarika Wilson’s aunt asked about the two hours she waited to have the children released to her, when she was told by an officer they were “interrogating the children.” “Why were the children talked to by officers without an adult or lawyer present?”

“Where is Joe Chavalita now? Why isn’t he in jail? I understand you’re still investigating why he shot the mother, but he shot a child that didn’t have a warrant, couldn’t have had a gun or couldn’t have made a move that would make the officer feel he was in danger. Shouldn’t he be in jail for having shot a baby? Lock him up! He needs to be locked up. There were brothers that shot a baby on Eureka Street, they’re on death row. He should be locked up!”

The attorney general replied: “You’re right. You got it!”

For the next two hours Marc Dann was faced with a barrage from the citizens of Lima who perceive themselves to be under the rock solid hand of officers who distribute their own brand of law enforcement in whatever way they see fit. In the end he made a promise that following the investigation of the death of Tarika Wilson, he would turn his attention to law enforcement in Ohio.

He continued to say he believed that the concerns he had heard today were not unique, these same examples are given all over the state, and maybe, Lima is a small enough community that programs for change could be tried here, then implemented across the state if they prove to be successful.

The district coordinator for Region III of the NAACP, WilliAnn Moore, then introduced herself and explained that she came with



a message from Sybil Edwards-McNabb, president of the Ohio Conference: the NAACP would be conducting an investigation as well. The national NAACP has been made aware of some of the things the people had been saying, and they would be notified about the information given in the meeting today.

On Saturday, the NAACP meeting in Lima was the largest in months, and included information of vital importance to all who have ever been, may be or could ever be stopped by a police officer. The steps, protocol, and paper trail are easy to access once you know of their existence, and these

steps will be laid out in great detail in next week’s Sojourner’s Truth.

It was also determined a Community Meeting would be held on Thursday, January 31 at 6 p.m. at Bradfield Community Center, 550 North Shore Drive in Lima, Ohio. A panel of will be assembled: State President Sybil Edwards-McNabb and representatives from the state executive board as well as officials from the Civil Rights Commission and the Justice Department and, of course, WilliAnn Moore. The meeting is open to anyone who has a story they want to tell and they have the information regarding any possible violations they

believe may have been committed against them.

There are those who have said, “Let’s just wait. Let them conduct the investigation, and then see where it leads, then if we feel it’s unfair – we can do something. Let’s just wait. Stop marching. Stop meeting. Just wait.”

To that suggestion, Moore has this response: “No. We’re not going to stop. We’re not going to stop until the atrocities committed against the residents of Lima have stopped.”

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In Memory of Mr. Norman H. Jamison Sr.

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In 1988 I was in elementary school and like any kid I couldn't wait for summertime.

This particular summer I would become acquainted with someone I'd never forget.

At this point, my mother had been the dance instructor at a summer camp called

National Youth Sports Program for a few years and I'd always wanted to be in the program but was too young.

Since my dad was still at work, my mom and I always needed rides home from N.Y.S.P. and most of the time that kind service was provided by a man named Mr. Jamison.

At that point, I mostly knew him as the track coach at N.Y.S.P. but throughout that summer and over the years he proved to be somewhat of an adopted older brother to my mom and a literal role model for myself.

I remember always wanting Mr. Jamison to like me, partly because his daughter Meghan and I were mad with puppy love that summer – LOL.

I used to notice how strict he was and I'd think "daaang, ya dad is strict".

Little did I know at that point, he had every right to be.

Any man with seven kids and six of those being girls, of course he has right to be as strict as he pleases!

The type of child I was, I never really sought much approval from adults but like I said I did notice myself wanting to be in Mr. Jamison's good graces.

He was fast becoming a friend of the family, Meghan and I liked each other, I knew his son Rocky and all that—but also, it was because of what I learned from him at N.Y.S.P.

The ONLY sport I have EVER been the least bit good at is track & field.

I met Mr. Jamison at the perfect time in my life because I had already been winning the 100 and 200-meter dash in another summer program and he instantly took me on as somewhat of a personal project.

Mr. Jamison had so much to show me about running he would keep me after class sometimes. Which made me feel like using all my newfound knowledge to just run off back to my group. What can I say? I was in the fifth grade and girl crazy – LOL.

But Mr. J just wanted me to know that if I ever wanted to work harder and get better, he'd always be there. That was how well he treated me just in that first summer.

Over the years, I attended N.Y.S.P. summer after summer and even though there were many adults there I claimed I couldn't stand, I would never act up or be the least bit of a problem when it was time to go to see Mr. Jamison at track.

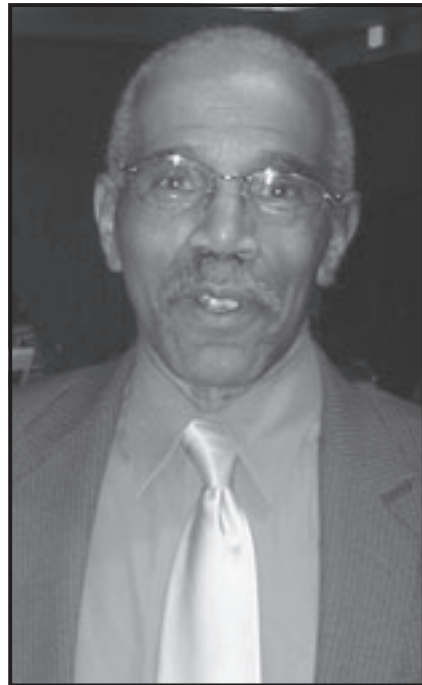
Heck, I couldn't cause too much trouble because my mom and dad would know almost instantly!

But also, I tried to be on

my best behavior because I genuinely respected this man.

I even would try to get other kids in my group to try and act right when we were with him.

I remember when I had to stop going to N.Y.S.P. because I was in Young Scholars in the summertime and



when I lost that scholarship I remember being at home my 10th grade year and Mr. Jamison calling the house specifically to speak with me about what had happened. He was the ONLY adult I remember being understanding and supportive.

He didn't come at me with "you've really messed up, what we're you thinking?"

His approach was very

simple, kind and uplifting and it made me feel like I still had plenty of opportunity.

And I can tell you this now as a man knowing Mr. Jamison since I was in the fifth grade, that was his biggest impact on me.

Showing me the silver lining no matter how gray I thought the cloud was.

throughout knowing him he was one of the strongest and most fit people I've ever known. I mean, the picture of health!

It was like watching a living "fountain of youth" or one of those infomercials that sells some silly juice drink that prevents aging.

So when I heard of his passing, never mind the fact that he was 70 years old... I was shocked because he was just one of those people you fool yourself into believing will live forever.

And I really mean that.

Mr. Jamison's spirit never spoke of his age. The man just seemed timeless.

As an adult, I've worked alongside Mr. J a few summers that I returned to N.Y.S.P. as a group leader and I would always be in awe of how young he was, regardless of his years on this earth.

Serving as Activities Director of the program, he could teach any sport.

You name it. Didn't matter, he would teach you the fundamentals with such knowledge you would think it was a sport he invented.

Basketball, Track, Tennis, Volleyball, Football – etc.

My last year working at N.Y.S.P. was 2006 and I had 44 12-year olds in my care every day. I would watch Mr. Jamison deal with these kids and I would be amazed.

Twice the attitude we had as 80's babies, twice the defiance... I mean these kids could get downright evil at times.

But not once did Mr. Jamison resort to fighting fire with fire, he was always gracious enough to give even the most troubling kids a chance to redeem themselves.

Now, I've seen him put more than a few in their place before and I was taking notes!

And you know that's another of the biggest affects he's had on me.

As a father of seven, he was an exemplary family man.

And I would tell him that I wanted to be a family man too and he'd tell me how it's the most rewarding thing a man can do with his life is to be devoted to his family.

I feel like I'm rambling.

I feel like I will never finish this article because this is one of those moments where words just don't capture the essence of what I'm feeling.

This past weekend at Mr. Jamison's wake and funeral services I saw so many people.

So many lives he touched. It was truly an awesome sight

to behold.

And one common thing among his immediate relatives, old friends and simple acquaintances — NO ONE could think of anything even slightly less than flattering to say about Mr. Norman H. Jamison Sr.

No one.

Can you imagine such an accomplishment that on your home going there could be hundreds of people mourning you and NOT ONE of them can think of even the tiniest moment where you have been less than a complete and total blessing in their life?

What an honor to be that much of a hero to so many.

What a life so well lived.

My mother has been taking this especially hard because Mr. Jamison's friendship

was invaluable in her many times of need.

Coming from a big family, my mom and her own siblings sometimes have their issues at times so I've had adopted aunts and uncles because they become just as close as my mom's birth brothers and sisters. Mr. Jamison's non-judgmental and tirelessly encouraging ways helped my mom to see the light at the end of many tunnels.

In remembrance of all this man has been to me and my family, keeping things in true perspective I still have to note that we were only around each other on a daily basis for a few weeks a year.

We weren't family, we didn't attend the same church and I was never one of his students at Robinson or Scott.

But those times we did interact, those conversations that came at just the right time, those lessons he could give you in just a 15 – 45 minute conversation... trust and believe they helped to ease out many of life's troubling spots.

It's quite an understatement to say that Mr. Jamison will be missed.

This is a man who had a huge family, a huge extended family and still was able to impact every arena he stepped in from household to the entire community of Toledo just by his presence.

So instead of mourning, I have been asking myself how can I keep the memory of Mr. Norman Jamison alive?

Meghan said it best this past weekend, that his legacy lives on through his children and the lives he touched.

So from having someone like that pass out of this physical world, the most he

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In Memory of Mr. Norman H. Jamison Sr.

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rest of us can do is strive to follow the blueprint he left behind.

Men... if you are reading this, please understand the overwhelming importance of FAMILY. Being there, having a positive impact, guiding and giving love.

So many of us want to be

husbands and fathers and we get hurt by a girl and then we swear never to trust again or we close ourselves off emotionally.

To do that robs every man of the type of legacy and life left behind by people like Mr. Jamison.

So why not strive for ex-

cellence in all you aspire to do?

Why not become educated and if not religious then certainly spiritually centered?

Why not find ways to enrich the lives of those around you?

Even as I think of that

strong handshake and warm smile Mr. J. always greeted me with and the respect he showed people from every conceivable walk of life... why not just be at peace?

Don't wait until you leave this Earth, have that peace and your own little slice of heaven and find ways to share

it.

Not because you'll be a hero.

But because it proves to every teacher, father, mentor like Mr. Jamison...

that we were paying attention to the examples they set for us.

Rest In Peace Mr. J. - we

love you.

My condolences to the Jamison family, Bibleway Temple family and, of course,

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23rd Annual TLOD Prayer Breakfast Celebrates "Women Standing on the Power of Prayer"

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dium dressed with simple elegance was 60 years old.

"This subject is something we're all familiar with," Mitchell began. "Especially those of us who are from down South." Affirmation was shouted from the audience. "We think that prayer is something we do when things get hard."

Applause and amen's were heard throughout the hall. "One thing we do know is how to pray – don't let nothing happen to our children!" More amen's followed this declaration. "Let me see the hands of somebody up in here that God's done something for!" A sea of hands waved across Gladieux Meadows like reeds swaying in the shallow waters of a river enveloped by a gentle breeze.

"You know we are a blessed nation," continued Mitchell. "You ought to

have been in West Virginia. I don't think we had welfare. If we did, I didn't get any."

Soft, spontaneous laughter rippled around the room, making tinkling sounds as if the crystal goblets that graced each beautifully dressed table were clinked together in tribute to all the assembled "women standing on the power of prayer."

Reading from the Book of Ruth, Mitchell supported her premise of women living prayerfully with scripture. Her youthful appearance making her look more like a talk show host than a preacher, Mitchell imparted the kind of wisdom that only comes from age.

"Some things we deal with, we never could have made it unless the good Lord helped us!" she exclaimed, her words punctuated by applause from her enthralled listeners. "All you have to do is think back and you don't have to think

long." Applause and testimonial

somebody," said the dynamic speaker, ending her brief hom-



praise rose up from nearly every table like a mighty wind. "How many know God keeps on giving us chances? Chances! Chances!" The wind gusting into a whirlwind. "Sometimes all you have to say is, 'God, you know.'" The whirlwind started to gather into a storm. "Next time you get an opportunity, pray for

itly just when she had her audience at a fever pitch, caught up in the spirit.

"If you can't think of nobody, my name is Celeste Mitchell."

The storm broke as laughter rained down in a joyful torrent, quickly flooding into applause and a standing ovation for a well-received, timely

message. "We want to thank Evangelist Mitchell for the encouraging words she brought us this morning," said Clara Petty, TLOD Toledo Chapter Vice-President and Prayer Breakfast Committee Co-Chair. Other members of the committee included: Denise Black-Poon, Blalark, Bolden, Anna Marie Bolden, Gwendolyn Brown, Marelen Cook, Dawson, Drucilla Griffin, Joan Harris, Equilla Roach, Ollie Mae Smith, Jon Marie Strode-Morris, Wanda Terrell and Muriel Webb-Williams.

Petty presented Mitchell with a token of appreciation. Also recognized were TLOD Choir director and Allen, who originated the annual prayer breakfast in Toledo. "Had you not gone to Dayton and brought the idea back, this might not be one of our biggest fund raisers," said Petty.

Dawson recognized TLOD member Temora Harris, who

has been ill and whose family and friends bought a table for the event in her honor. Anna Marie Bolden offered the benediction as another successful TLOD prayer breakfast closed and the distinctive ladies, their families, friends and guests hurried to other events, other commitments and their many other pursuits.

Upcoming events planned by TLOD include "Boys Hooked on Books," at Blendz's Dorr Street Barbershop. Boys ages six through 12 are welcome to come and read along with a Top Lady from 4:30 to 6:30 pm, eat pizza and select and take home a book of their choice. This is part of TLOD's Community Partnership Thrust and a similar program will be held for girls at Nevaeh Beauty Salon, also on Dorr Street, April 24.



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