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This Strikes Us ...

A Sojourner's Truth Editorial

Now it's the Republicans' turn. The Obama campaign mantra of bringing change to Washington worked so well, the Republicans are determined to appropriate the slogan for their own use as November's general elections approach.

Above all, they want to rid the nation of that dreaded scourge that President Obama is forcing down our throats – socialism.

"There is hope. There is change. There is real change coming to the country in November," exclaimed U.S. Rep. Michele Bachmann, a conservative Republican who represents a Minnesota district.

What they want to change, of course, are some of the things that Obama has accomplished – first and foremost would be to fix the health care bill he pushed through Congress – but also the stimulus package that President Bush signed into law.

What one has to love in all the impassioned rhetoric – Bachmann, for example, has called Obama un-American, has called his administration a "gangster government" and has stated that the Census will lead to a modern day equivalent of Japanese-America internment camps in WWII, among other similarly goofy utterances – is the rallying cry for those who will now bring change. That cry is for a return to small government and an end to such socialistic practices as the bailout of private industries and the government "takeover" of health care.

Of course, the estimable Bachmann is not the only one calling for fiscal conservatism and a return to a free market economy.

Another such conservative is Indiana State Senator Marlin Stutzman who is running for the open U.S. Senate seat in his state that is being vacated by Democrat Evan Bayh. In his application for the Tea Party endorsement, Stutzman condemned "government takeovers of private industry, or government bailouts of business, regardless of size."

Said Stutzman, a true believer in letting businesses succeed or fail on their own merits, "we should let the free markets work."

And he's not alone in that view, thank goodness. Other such stand-up Americans would include Tennessee congressional candidate Stephen Fincher, a farmer and businessman who, according to the Family Research Council "has first hand experience of meeting a payroll."

One can't help but be cheered by what these dedicated advocates of the free market system and others of their ilk proclaim.

But, oh by the way, unfortunately hypocrisy thrives in politics. Yes, we know you're shocked ... shocked to hear that bit of news, especially on hearing it here first.

And, yes, there is one other thing the aforementioned champions of the small government and free-market economies have in common.

They just love 'em some farm subsidies – welfare for farmers, as it's been called.

Back in the 1930's when farm subsidies began in the U.S., the idea was to help those who made their living on small farms weather the Great Depression. At that time, 25 percent of Americans lived on the more than six million small farms dotting the map.

The idea behind subsidies is to pay farmers not to plant certain crops so that the supply will be tamped down, the demand will stay steady and prices will hold – that is, paying farmers to simulate a free market economy.

Today, 157,000 large farms account for 72 percent of agricultural sales and only two percent of the population resides on farms. But the huge subsidies continue – to the tune of \$20 billion a year. And a lot of that money goes directly into the pockets of people who just hate the idea of the welfare state, people such as the anti-socialist Bachmann whose family farm received more than a quarter million in subsidies between 1995 and 2006. Or the wannabe Tea Partier Stutzman, who co-owns a farm and a farm trucking company, and received more than \$150,000 in subsidies during the same period.

But the subsidy champ has to be Stephen Fincher who has such experience in meeting a payroll. Gotta be a lot easier to meet a payroll when you're receiving \$200,000 a year – that's right, \$200,000 a year – from the government – our way too big government.

Farm subsidies tend to be the third rail in conservative Republican politics. Bush, to his credit, wanted to end subsidies but when it came time to sell such an idea, it was election time. When isn't it election time? And his fellow Republicans just wouldn't buy it, especially those Republicans whose districts contain those farms on welfare. So in 2002 he ended up signing into law a bill that would raise subsidies by \$83 billion over the next 10 years.

The 3rd district of Nebraska, the 1st district of Kansas, the 4th district of Iowa, the 9th district of Texas – all represented by conservative Republicans, all receiving well more than a billion dollars in farm subsidies.

Ain't socialism grand?

Community Calendar

April 14-16

Full Gospel Baptist Church Fellowship Toledo District Intercessory Prayer Conference: City of Zion, Mt. Zion Church campus; nightly at 6:30 pm: 419-246-1850

April 15

Brighten Up Community Organizing: Community meeting; The Padua Center; 6 pm; Free food served: 419-241-6465

April 16-18

Calvary Baptist Church 13th Spring Retreat: \$19-531-9443

April 17

"Getting to Know You Entrepreneur's Fair:" Introduction of businesses: 11 am to 2 pm: 419-944-0984

First Annual Walk for Youth Day: Young Man & Women for Change; 9 am: 419-270-0056 or 567-277-5352

United MBC Nurses' Guild Wellness Workshop: 11 am to 1 pm; "Obesity and Overweight;" Healthy lunch for free

Community Health Fair: Sponsored by ProMedica; Kent Branch Library; 2 to 4 pm; Screenings, ballroom dancing lessons: 877-291-1441

"Old School Jammin' Cabaret: Sponsored by TLOD; Margaret Hunt Senior Center; 8 pm to midnight; Prizes for best 50's, 60's and 70's attire; 50-50 raffle: 419-376-4731 or email template1227@yahoo.com

Mercy MARC "Walk a Mile for Health:" 9:30 to 11:30 am; Wildwood Preserve Metropark: 419-251-4931

Third Baptist Church of Holland: Spring musical; Newsom Family Singers; 6 pm

April 18

New Prospect Church State Rally: 4 pm; Guests are Refuge Holy Tabernacle Independent Advocates Present Pizza & Beer for Advocacy: Home Slice Pizza; 6 to 11 pm; Promoting social change by focusing on violence against women

April 20

Back-In-The-Day Picnic Meeting: Kent Branch Library; 6 to 8 pm: 419-242-8170

April 21

Installation Service: Installation of Min Derrick Roberts as Chairman of the Board for the National Convention of Gospel Choirs and Choruses; 7 pm; Indiana Avenue MBC; Music by Darius Coleman, Toledo Interfaith Mass Choir, Indiana Avenue MBC Mass Choir

April 23

St. Paul MBC: Monthly Faith Friday; 7 pm; Speakers Min Clyde Kynard from worship Center and Min. Sherry Galloway from Rhema Word

April 24

Warren AME Church Health Fair: Sponsored by Faith in Motion Fitness; 10 am to 2 pm; Free screenings – blood pressure, cholesterol, glucose and vision; Comp massages; Free healthy lunch: 419-266-1065

Social Dance (Community Health Fair): Reynolds Recreation Center; 7 to 11 pm; Screenings, dance and stepping lessons by Mind, body and Soul: 877-291-1441

Phillips Temple CME "Taste of the Rainbow Tea:" 4 pm; Fellowship, food and entertainment; Pre-Women's Day event

Citywide Christian Trustee Association Meeting: United MBC; 10 am
YMCA/JCC and UT Present Healthy Kids Day: Free day of activities, nutrition information and giveaways; South YMCA at the Morse Center, UT Health Science Campus; Noon to 3 pm: www.ymcatoledo.org

April 25

Union Grove MBC 35th Pastoral Anniversary: Pastor J.L. Spears and First Lady Laura Spears; 4 pm; Guests Rev. William Holmes and First Baptist Church of Fremont: 419-243-4908

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A Long, Hot Summer

By Rev. Donald L. Perryman, D.Min.



One of your duties is to create the people to replace us.—Revolutionary leader Che Guevara in speech to comrades.

It may have been the occasional spring zephyrs that gently waltzed in and out of our city recently. The grainy dated video footage – repeatedly aired by local media – of a parking lot filled with dozens of idled patrol vehicles during the 1979 strike by the Toledo Police Department, is also a possible motive.

And when combined with thoughts of the approaching conclusion to the current school year and inner visions of thousands of unoccupied young people on summer hiatus, you have the necessary stimulus to urge (as did local legislators and leaders this week) Mayor Bell and the Toledo Police Patrolman's Association to resolve their economic differences.

Yet missing from national or local discussion has been the effects of the recession upon young people. Youth account for just over 10 percent of the total labor force but represent one in four of all unemployed persons in America.

The economic reality for young African-Americans is even starker. Black unemployment increased nearly a point in March 2010 to 16.5 percent (19 percent for black men) but holds steady at 9.7 percent for the general population and is

at an exigent 43 percent for black teens and trending upward.

What are the implications for black youth and the community?

"People find ways to fill their time," says Dean Baker, co-director of the Center for Economic and Policy Research. "And, if they can't work, probably most of the ways they're going to end up filling their time are not good ways."

Despite the call by many for a focus on family values and to reduce the prevalence of single female-headed households, the marriage rate is greatly affected by the ability of young men to find jobs. With so many young African-American men unemployed, the "economics of marriage" work against family formation for many young, low-income black couples.

Also closely tied to the black youth unemployment problem is the prison industrial complex and consequent policies of mass incarceration that, according to some, such as Henry Giroux, PhD, utilizes schools, mainstream media and the criminal justice system "not only to demonize and punish youth but also to serve as disciplinary apparatuses for young people for whom race and class have rendered disposable."

The Congressional Black Caucus believes that the most effective and immediate way to address this dire issue is through public policy which makes a social investment in the lives of youth, providing a future of hope and opportunity. One such policy is H.R.4899, The Disaster Relief and Summer Jobs Act, a \$600 million bill approved by the House of Representatives last week that will create 300,000 new jobs for youth.

Steve Fought, spokesman for Representative Marcy Kaptur, indicates that the bill

has met partisan resistance from Republicans who have come up with "spurious reasons to reject jobs when in reality they are insensitive to the economic realities of anyone who is not in their district."

Past research also indicates that rather than adding to the deficit, public sector job creation programs for youth create more net jobs than for any other age group, can be created more cost effectively, and that the value of the goods and services created by young adults often is large enough to offset the costs (Sum, 2008).

Fought adds, "More than just keeping kids busy, jobs also introduces them to the world of work and impresses upon them the values and importance of work, teaching them how to be productive members of the work force and society. Imagine a contemporary public works project such as the old WPA which created our beautiful Toledo Zoo, but now being used to weatherize and retrofit homes. No senior citizen would freeze to death. The unemployed would be provided with jobs, dignity, purpose and meaning. A market for products like those from Owens-Corning would be created. Skills for workers would be developed. It would bring savings for not just this winter but the next and the next. Less money would be paid out to public utilities and more would go to food, medicine and other necessities while the dollar circulates in the community building local wealth."

Research also shows that those who benefit from human capital investment, such as job training, continue on to further work whereas youth who do not are more likely to be completely disconnected from the labor market. (Edwards, Fernandez 2010).

Yet it is a little discussed

issue that may loom largest in the vulnerability of younger workers to the effects of the recession and to their disproportionate exposure to joblessness.

The current recession and collapse in the real estate market, the overall job losses from the shrinking economy, and evaporating 401(k) retirements resulted in a \$5 trillion loss in wealth, which affected those aged 55 to 64 in particular, according to the Economic Policy Institute.

Therefore many older

workers chose to delay retirement or were forced to continue working or go back to work because they could not afford to retire.

Young people, competing with those with more experience, found fewer available positions while the labor force expanded for those 55 and older, leading to an "Out With the Young and In With the Old" labor market structure essentially freezing youth out.

What can be done?

We must stress to legislators the importance of the

summer jobs program to help address the unemployment crisis among young people. But also, on many levels, we must work with youth rather than competing with and constantly criticizing them. We must also continue to nurture and develop the next generation, recognizing that the progress we have made is diminished if we cannot build upon it.

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Rep. Edna Brown Endorsed for Senate Seat by Fellow Democratic Women

Sojourner's Truth Staff

Representative Edna Brown received the endorsement of five Democratic women last week—all former or current elected officials—for the Ohio State Senate seat she is seeking. Those gathering to show support for Brown's quest for the Senate included the current officeholder, Senator Teresa Fedor.

During a press conference at the Lucas County Democratic headquarters last week Fedor, Toledo City Council President Wilma Brown, Lucas County Recorder Jeannine Perry, Toledo Clerk of Court Vallie Bowman-English and former Lucas County Commissioner Sandy Isenberg all voiced their support for Brown in her upcoming May 4 primary battle against fellow Democrat, Toledo City Councilman Joe McNamara.

"Edna has put the needs of children and the neighborhood first," said Fedor in her opening statement. Fedor spoke of Brown's signature legislative accomplishments—Shynerra's Law, which provides protection for teenag-



ers caught in abusive relationships, and election reform which has extended the access to early voting to all Ohio voters.

"She knew how to reach down to the core," said Fedor of Brown's legislative achievements. "I'm proud to stand with her in support."

"Edna has worked hard

and has worked smart with a broad range of people," said Perry who served on Toledo City Council with Brown in the 1990's. "She has earned respect and this community could not have a better friend."

Also effusive in her praise was Isenberg. "She is the person we need in Columbus

to look at the bigger picture," said the former commissioner. "She knows the big issues facing Ohioans each and every day. She goes out on a limb for her constituents and she will make a wonderful state senator."

Brown, the current District 48 representative in the General Assembly is term-limited from running for the House

again—hence her desire to capture the senate seat being vacated by Fedor who is similarly term-limited from seeking re-election. Fedor is running for the House seat in District 47 previously held by Rep. Peter Ujvagi, who was also term-limited. Ujvagi was recently named to the post of Lucas County administrator.

Seeking to replace Brown in House District 48 is City Councilman Michael Ashford who is running unopposed in the primary and will face Republican Carolyn Eyre in November—unopposed in her primary.

Long-time Democrat Joe Walter, who served as the city's safety director in the Jack Ford administration, has been appointed to hold down the Ujvagi seat through the November general election.

Fedor is running unopposed in the May 4 primary and will face the Republican primary winner—either Phillip Barbosa or Rick Bush.

Should Brown prevail in her primary race against McNamara, she will face Republican City Councilman

Tom Waniewski in the November general election.

"Having these women stand with me is more than I ever dreamed would happen in this campaign," said Edna Brown during her remarks. "I feel stronger, I'm energized with these women behind me. I particularly want to thank Teresa Fedor. She did not put consideration of what might happen to her when the state and county [Democratic] parties said they would not endorse anyone.

"I'm proud of the record I have and I stand on that record," continued Brown. "I don't give up. When there is an issue that needs to be addressed, I go for it. I'm proud of that record and of being able to work with those across the aisle."

Brown also took issue with a report in The Blade that described her as representing a "low-income district." She noted the various middle class neighborhoods in her house district. "I took exception to that—this is a very diverse district," said Brown. "I represent all of them."

Judge Keila Cosme: Different Perspectives Shaping Goal of Equal Justice

*By Fletcher Word
Sojourner's Truth Editor*



Judge Keila D. Cosme was appointed to the Ohio Sixth District Court of Appeals last October by Gov. Ted Strickland and became the first Hispanic American to serve on any of Ohio's 12 district courts of appeals. That appointment came as a surprise to many in the Toledo community, not the least of whom would have been Cosme herself who is now faced with, and welcoming, a change in lifestyles she had

not anticipated.

"I never had aspirations of becoming a judge," she admits. Nevertheless, having achieved much in the course of her legal career and having been blessed with numerous opportunities, Cosme views the judgeship as her chance to give back to others.

"It's not power," she said recently to an acquaintance who had expressed a certain amount of admiration for the position of appellate judge,

"It's responsibility. Fairness and equity are all principles that should be part of the process."

And part of that responsibility is getting elected in November to a six-year term in her own right in order to remain on the bench, in order to remain one of only two female Hispanic Americans on an appellate court in the entire nation.

Cosme was born and reared in Guaynabo, Puerto Rico and moved to Massachusetts at the age of 17 in order to attend Boston University. Among the challenges she faced as a stranger in a strange land was that of learning English even as she attended college. Apparently that worked out pretty well. She earned a double bachelor's degree in political science and sociology in four years while working part-time in the Office of Career Services in the College of Communications and also working for the U.S. Department of Defense.

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Ben Krompak: Vowing to Deliver Better Value for the Taxpayer

By Fletcher Word
Sojourner's Truth Editor



"This is a real critical time for our community," replies Ben Krompak, one of six Democratic candidates for the Board of Lucas County Commissioners when asked why he is making his first attempt at elective office.

"We've seen a near collapse of city government," he says. "We can deliver better value for the taxpayer around the county but the urban core is critical."

Although this is the first time his name has been on

the yard signs, Krompak has been involved for some time now behind the scenes in political campaigns. Through his company, Krompak Communications, LLC, he has served as an advisor on such recent campaigns as Keith Wilkowski's mayoral race and Adam Martinez's run for Toledo City Council. And, even though he is running his own full-time campaign for commissioner, he is also serving as a communications advisor

on Toledo City Councilman Joe McNamara's race for the Ohio Senate.

Krompak's decision to run for commissioner can be attributed, at least in part, to the manner in which the office came open. Current Commissioner Ben Konop made an 11th hour decision not to run for re-election which ultimately led to a mad scramble on the Democratic side to find a replacement.

"We are losing an independent voice," says Krompak of Konop's impact as commissioner during his single term in office. "I don't agree with Ben on everything but I don't want to lose that voice for progressive change."

Indeed Krompak acknowledges that he understands that the voice Konop raised for such change was often too strident to build effective working relationships with his colleagues.

"Ben Konop had his difficulty in building coalitions and I think I can learn from that and build broader coalitions when I'm in office," says Krompak.

What are the three most important issues facing the Lucas County Commissioners, we asked the candidate?

The first issue he mentions is transforming the economy so that the area can attract clean energy busi-

nesses and can revive the manufacturing base.

Secondly, "we have to start moving toward metropolitan governance," he says. Regionalism, Krompak says, would be "less duplicative, more accountable and more transparent." Noting the variety of governments in the greater metropolitan area, he argues that a regional approach can make government more efficient.

Thirdly, Krompak says that local government needs to increase focus on public safety. And, again, a regional approach is one way to help make the area safer, he says. The city police departments working together with the county sheriff department can "save money and improve response times." Krompak mentions several metro areas—Las Vegas, Indianapolis and Louisville—where regionalism is responsible for doing just that: "delivering higher levels of service."

Ironically, the current

budget crises that so many entities are experiencing, says Krompak, should serve as an impetus for bold, innovative approaches to governance. "If this is going to happen at any time, now would be the time," he says. "This crisis ought to be an opportunity for us to start looking at regionalism seriously. Can we achieve some cost savings, if we can create a model that's working?"

While this is Krompak's first race as the candidate and probably is occurring a little earlier than many political observers would have anticipated, it comes as no surprise that the candidate has always been in a hurry.

Krompak attended Central Catholic and left at the age of 16 after he had completed his GED. He then attended The University of Toledo studying political science while also working with the College Democrats and serving on the Student Senate.

Then, as now, a man in a

hurry, he decided to enter the political world in earnest before earning his degree.

In addition to his work in political campaigns, Krompak has been involved in a number of community projects over the past several years including helping to develop strategies for TMACOG, serving on the board of trustees for the Greater Toledo Housing Coalition, serving as a research associate for Toledo Area Ministries and as a community development specialist for the Heritage South CDC. He has also promoted green collar job training at The Source and has worked on the development of the solar field at Collins Park—securing seed funding for a city scale energy program, he says.

What distinguishes him as a candidate?

"I believe I best represent change and am best able to deliver that change," he replies.

Ohio Democratic Party Revs up Lucas County Grassroots Volunteers

Sojourner's Truth Staff



John Stephan (l.) addresses volunteers as Karundi Williams and Nathaniel Angel look on

dance noting that "it's important for the State of Ohio that we get [Gov.] Ted Strickland and the Democratic ticket re-elected."

Also on hand for the Q and A session were John Stephan, the Strickland deputy campaign manager, and Karundi Williams, political director.

Williams emphasized how important it was to the Democratic Party to win in 2010—important particularly for the presidential race of 2012 and for the re-districting tasks that will follow this year's election.

"We have to keep the apportionment board," said Williams. "We want to get out early and we need everyone to know—we have to keep the governor's office."

In addition to the governor's race, many state-wide cabinet posts are at stake this year along with a U.S. Senate seat.

Signaling that the statewide election campaign has begun in earnest, several members of the Ohio Democratic Party spoke to an audience of grassroots volunteers last week at the Mott Branch Library in an effort to claim the high ground in building coalitions and voicing support for local party branches.

Nathaniel Angel, director of the Party's African-American Caucus, organized the event and introduced two of his colleagues to the three dozen Democrats in attendance.

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L.Z. Granderson's Distinctive Voice in Sports Journalism

By Brittany Jones
Sojourner Truth's Reporter

Even through the blinding rainstorm of April 7, students gathered in the Savage Arena to hear L.Z. Granderson, a senior writer and columnist for "ESPN The Magazine" and ESPN.com and regular contributor to ESPN's Sportscenter flagship show. He also hosts the web-based ESPN360 talk show *Game Night*.

This event highlighted The University of Toledo's Diversity week, which began April 5. What made him a primary pick to be this week's keynote speaker was his distinction in the sports world—Granderson is one of the few openly gay sportswriters.

He is a member of the National Association of Black Journalists, a Columbia University Hechinger Institute Fellow, a 2009 GLAAD Award winner for online journalism and won first place in the opinion-writing category for the 2008 Excellence in Journalism awards given by the National Lesbian Gay Jour-



nalist Association. These are just several of the many honors Granderson has garnered during his career.

His distinctive voice in the LGBT movement as well as in journalism in general has engendered many controversies and debates regarding some of the subject matter of his articles.

That evening he shared some of those stories that focused on the hot topics of race, gender and politics.

The first subject discussed was on the figure

skater, Johnny Wier, and his flamboyant style that has caused the public to question his sexuality. The conversation also bought to light the stereotypes the public may have of sexuality in certain sports such as male ice-skating and even the WNBA.

In an article titled, "Ice Cracks beneath Weir's Critics: Is an Olympic Figure Skater any Less of a Man? Of Course Not," Granderson challenges the public to understand how society's definition of "male and female" can hinder one's thinking of

what it means to be man or woman.

"And if some of us would take off our black-and-white blinders long enough — and perhaps stop acting the way we think we're supposed to act — we might actually begin to see and appreciate the diversity within the lexicon of manhood," he said.

Granderson pointed out that just because one has a certain vision or ideal of what it means to be gay or straight does not mean that that vision or ideal is true. To him masculinity

and femininity both mean strength but masculinity pertains to the physical aspect and femininity is the intellectual and emotional — he does not get hung up on gender, but he looks into the energy of the person that is being emitted.

He also bought up another article about basketball star Maya Moore, three-time All-American University of Connecticut Huskie, and his opinion that she should skip her fourth year and start playing pro overseas. This has generated much

controversy, but the issue was deeper—he spoke of the sexism of the requirements for female basketball players to achieve before they are eligible to play professionally.

Those rules are: players must be at least 22, or four years out of high school, or a college graduate, or have completed their college eligibility before they can be drafted into the WNBA.

In other words, he is saying that the "men can stay one year but the

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Community Gathering Calls for Action to End Violence Against Women

Special to The Truth

On Saturday, April 17, 2010 hundreds of people will gather at Wayman Palmer YMCA for the 16th annual Toledo area Take Back the Night to call for an end to violence against women. This year's community rally will have the theme "Generations," recognizing how violence affects women and girls across their lifespan and also celebrating the activism that is working to end it.

TBTN includes a Community Rally, a Women's March, a Women's Survivor SpeakOut, and a Men's Program. The Clothesline Project, more than 200 shirts created by local survivors of violence against women, will be displayed at the event along with the Silent Witness Project, a group of silhouettes remembering Northwest Ohio women murdered by intimate partners.

TBTN events are held around the world. In Toledo, Take Back the Night takes

place in a different neighborhood each year to engage different communities and to stress that violence against women happens everywhere. The goals of TBTN are to raise awareness about violence against women — including sexual and intimate partner violence, stalking, sexual harassment, and child sexual abuse — to support survivors, remember victims, and to encourage people to act to create a community free of violence.

The event opens at 6 pm with the Clothesline Project and Silent Witness displays and a Resource Fair with local agencies and organizations. The hour-long Community Rally begins at 7pm and features the musicians, poets, and speakers addressing violence against women. The rally is followed by a 1.5-mile Women's March through neighborhood streets. The Women's March returns to the YMCA for a

Survivor SpeakOut in which survivors of violence against women share their stories. During the Women's March and SpeakOut, men participate in the Men's Program, an interactive educational session on men's efforts to end violence against women.

The event is sponsored by more than a dozen community groups, social service agencies, and university departments including Bethany House, People Called Women, YWCA, Adelante, Cocoon, National Organization for Women-Toledo Chapter, University of Toledo: Sexual Assault Education & Prevention Program, Women's & Gender Studies, Social Work, Eberly Center for Women, Student Social Work Organization. Funding provided by the Ohio Attorney General's Office. More information at 419.530.3432 and

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Ohio Council of Community Schools Offering Generous Scholarship Opportunity to College-bound Charter School Students

With deadline approaching, students are urged to apply immediately

Special to The Truth

The Ohio Council of Community Schools is again offering a tremendous scholarship opportunity for those students who have graduated from an OCCS-sponsored school or who have attended an OCCS-sponsored school sometime in the last three years.

It is the third year OCCS has offered such a scholarship opportunity. Up to \$20,000 in scholarship money is available again this year.

The scholarship is for students who plan to at-



(grade, middle, or high school) in the past three years, not just for those who are graduating from an OCCS-sponsored high school.

The applications for this scholarship must either be post-marked by or arrive at the OCCS offices by May 1, 2010. The application is not complicated or intimidating, Perz said. It numbers just three pages, including instructions. In addition to the application, the student must provide a transcript that indicates the student's cumulative grade point average, standardized test results, and evidence that the student has completed the 2010-2011 FAFSA, which can be done in about an hour online.

Those who are interested in applying or who know someone who might qualify should visit the OCCS website for more information at:

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"This is a wonderful opportunity for students to help them further their education,"

tend The University of Toledo, which is offering the award in partnership with OCCS.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for students to help them further their education," said Allison Perz, executive director of OCCS. "We work hard

every day to make sure the students in our schools can be the very best they can be, and this scholarship helps us make sure that the opportunity is there for students to continue pursuing excellence in education after the leave the hallways of our

schools."

There are hundreds of students across the state of Ohio who would qualify for this scholarship, Perz said. It is important to note that a student is eligible for the award if they attended an OCCS-sponsored school

LZ Granderson

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women must stay four."

Granderson shared his favorite article about Anthony Michael Castro, the 19-year-old openly gay high school athlete. His early life ended in a car crash.

He came out his sophomore year and was a three-sport star at Branning High School.

The second selection titled, "The Brilliant Life of Anthony Castro," goes on to honor Castro for his courage of being gay even though his small town had qualms about homosexuality. After admitting that he was gay, his town was more accepting to that type of sexuality – he changed their thinking.

"He came out and stayed out. It's a conscious decision. You chose to come out," Granderson said. "There are consequences for coming out, but you personally take ownership for those."

He recently ignited an intense national community debate with his piece, "Gay Is not the New Black" on CNN.com.

Granderson spoke of how the gay movement should not be compared to the struggles of the civil rights movement. He also highlighted the separation within the gay community based on race as in white and black gay pride celebrations.

There was also the discussion of Proposition 8 and the racial issues that arose during the time that standard was implemented by the NCAA. One example that he bought up was that with all the money spent on fighting Prop 8, no literature was printed in Spanish because the NCAA leadership did not see the importance.

"You can build a bridge if you don't know where the other side is," Granderson said. "If you aren't speaking in a language where the person next to you can understand, then it's like speaking to a brick wall."

That goes for all aspects of life.

Granderson was born and raised in Detroit, Michigan

He was a keynote speaker at MBLGTACC '09 (Midwest Bisexual Lesbian Gay Transgender Ally College Conference) @ Indiana University in Bloomington on February 14. It is the largest LGBTQIA (Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Queer Questioning Intersex and Allies) youth conference in the nation.

April is Minority Health Month!

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Carl Weber: Creating Drama to Take You out of Your World

By Brittany Jones
Sojourner's Truth Reporter

When a reader can compare a person in her life to a character in a story – that is a good novel.

When a book can make one reflect on his own relationships or personal issues—that is an intriguing novel.

Those are the ways in which critics generally describe Carl Weber's books.

The number one Essence Magazine and New York Times bestselling novelist of black fiction will pay a visit to the Stranahan Theater on April 21 at 7 p.m.

Weber is scheduled to appear for The Blade and Toledo-Lucas County Public Library's 16th Annual "Authors! Authors! Series" for spring 2010.

This series features different authors specializing in various writing genres. Each program in-

cludes a speech followed by a question and answer section directed by the featured author.

Graduating from Virginia State University and earning an MBA in marketing from the University of Virginia, Weber fell into writing by accident, he said during a telephone interview with *The Truth*.

"I wanted to be a businessman, but I came across writing more so than I had planned as a novelist of black fiction," he said. "Being around books and reading all the time put me in the position to challenge myself."

What drew him to writing was the managing of his own bookstore, Urban Knowledge, which is now the largest chain of African-American bookstores in the country. In addition, he is the founder and publisher of Urban



Books.

The doors opened for Weber in 2000 when he published his first novel, *Looking For Luv*, a relationship story written

from the rarely heard male perspective.

"I wanted to write something because for the most part people weren't writing about men so that women can understand why we're so crazy," he said. "It explained why we think and do some things especially from an African-American male perspective."

The huge, positive feedback from readers prompted Weber to produce realistic plotlines in future novels. His ability to stay "well-grounded" and the fact that he still is close with his four friends that he has known since high school is what makes him unique in the writing world.

"I try to make sure that I stay close to the same person I was before so that when I write my sto-

ries, people that I originally wrote the stories for can relate to them," he said.

Weber's works, including *The Preacher's Son*, *So You Call Yourself A Man* and *Married Men*, are popular with fans for their identifiable characters.

His inspirations for his characters stem from real-life situations and the fact that he sets goals to top his previous books. He does this so he does not "become old."

His pending books for 2010 feature female characters who are all plus size. The recent debut of *Big Girls Do Cry* is one of those publications. In the book, married couple, Egypt and Rashad, are trying desperately to have a baby, but are unsuccessful. To solve the problem, Egypt asks her sister Isis to be a surrogate mother—from there the drama begins.

As a review states: "Sexy, snarky, and sinfully delicious, *Big Girls Do Cry* is one of those novels that makes you scream out loud because the story is so good and the plotline so twisty. Author Carl Weber gives his characters traits you'll love to hate, and it's easy to get caught up in their scheming, steaming lives."

"If I am going to write about what's realistic then this is it because these types of women are what my friends and I consider sexy," Weber said. "So I wrote it the

way it is."

His drive to keep writing books that people cannot put down results from wanting them to be insightful and relatable. Such dedication to his craft comes at a price of hard work and long hours, sometimes years.

"Writing is the hardest form of entertainment because of the thought process it takes," he said. "The toughest thing about writing is finishing your first book. You are writing something that you have no idea whether somebody is going to like."

His list of honors include the Blackboard's Bookseller of the Year award and in 2005, he was named Blackboard's Publisher of the Year.

The series, "Authors! Authors!" welcomes bestselling authors to Toledo as they discuss their books and careers, answer questions and sign books. Books provided by Barnes & Noble will be available for purchase at each program. Past presenters have included Walter Mosley, Edward Jones, Mary Higgins Clark, Robert Kennedy, Jr., Terry McMillan, Christopher Buckley, Sue Monk Kidd, Isabella Allende, David Gergen and John Updike.

"My books weren't meant to change the world, but they are supposed to be wholesome entertainment," he said. "They take you out of your world and into the drama-filled one of Carl Weber."

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Book Review**Big Girls Do Cry by Carl Weber**

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By Terri Schlichenmeyer
The Truth Contributor

You should never have eaten that last slice of cake.

Once you got the shirt home, the color looked awful on you. Yes, those pants make you look fat. Oh, *if only* you had chosen the cruise instead of the dude ranch! Dating that geeky guy from the office seemed like a good idea at the time. You wish you had listened to your instincts.

Throughout your life, you've had a thousand regrets. But, as you'll see in the new novel *Big Girls Do Cry* by Carl Weber, things could be worse. You've never asked your sister to carry your baby.

Ever since Egypt married Rashad, all she wanted was to be a mommy. They had talked about a family for months and they tried and tried,

but it wasn't until the miscarriage that Egypt found out she couldn't carry a baby. Rashad made sure she had everything – a magnificent Virginia mansion, clothes, romantic trips – and Egypt couldn't give him the one thing he asked her for.

But the solution to her problem was down the hall from their bedroom. Isis, Egypt's sister, had moved to Richmond to get away from the married man she was in love with, back in Queens. Tony wouldn't leave his wife, so when Egypt asked Isis to be a surrogate for her and Rashad, Isis knew it was the answer to her dreams.

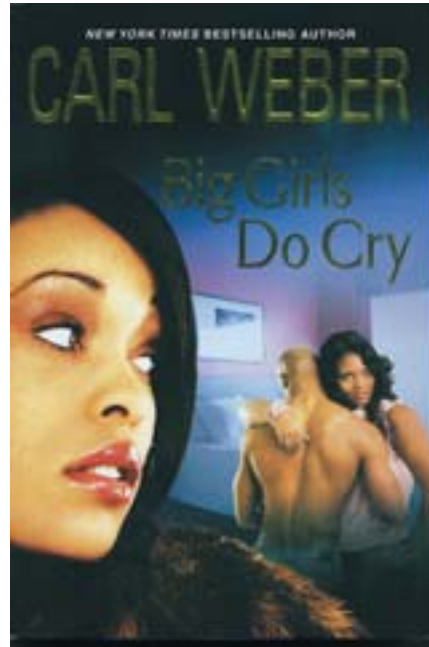
Years before, Rashad had been Isis' man but then Tony came into the picture. Isis gave Rashad up to be with Tony, and Rashad let Egypt heal his

broken heart. As Isis saw it, she would get Rashad back if she gave him a son, or she would end up with Tony because of his jealousy.

It was a win-win situation for her, no matter how you cut it.

On the other side of town, Lorraine, Egypt's boss, was heartsick. As if it wasn't bad enough that her husband, Leon, was lousy in bed, he was lousy in bed with another woman. Leon denied stepping out on her, but there was no other explanation for the plus-size panties Lorraine discovered all over the house.

Thank goodness for Jerome. Long ago – before he came out of the closet and admitted he was gay – he and Lorraine had been lovers. Now they were best



friends and Lorraine knew she could rely on him. Jerome knew exactly what to do with a cheating snake like Leon...

Sexy, snarky, and sinfully delicious, *Big Girls Do Cry* is one of those novels that makes you scream out loud because the story's so good and the plotline, so twisty. Author Carl Weber gives his characters traits you'll love to hate, and it's easy to get caught up in their scheming, steaming lives. Once I started this book, I was in trouble: it was hard to do anything else but read.

Perfect for vacation – whether away or in your mind – *Big Girls Do Cry* is trashy, flashy fun. Pick it up and save it for the beach. Reading it will be something you won't regret.

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Owens Community College Announces New Academic Achievement Scholarship Program

Special to The Truth

Area graduating high school students achieving academic excellence at the highest level will now have the opportunity to pursue a free college education at Owens Community College as the academic institution announces the establishment of a new Academic Achievement Scholarship Program.

The 2010 high school graduating class will serve as the first individuals to qualify for this unique program. Eligible students for the new Academic Achievement Scholarship Program include those who are ranked within the top 10 percent of their graduating classes or who have achieved at least a 3.5 grade point average at their career center school, among other criteria.

"Every student graduating from high school should have the opportunity to pursue a college education,"

said Ann Savage, Owens Executive Director of College Development. "Owens Community College's new Academic Achievement Scholarship Program was created with the goal that financial barriers should not deter students from their educational pursuits and career aspirations. This academic initiative is an investment in the future of higher education within the northwest Ohio region."

The new Academic Achievement Scholarship Program will be offered to qualifying students graduating from public and private high schools as well as career centers within the College's legal district, which encompasses Lucas, Wood and Hancock counties and parts of Ottawa and Sandusky counties.

Public and private high school graduates who are ranked within the top five percent of their graduating

class will have the opportunity to receive an Academic Achievement Scholarship for 100 percent of their tuition. Eligibility requirements will also include that students must achieve a composite score of at least 27 on their ACT and/or COMPASS scores meeting or exceeding 94 on writing skills and 69 on college algebra. In addition, students who are ranked within the top six to 10 percent of their graduating class will be eligible to receive an

Academic Achievement Scholarship for 50 percent of their tuition. In order to be eligible, students must obtain an ACT and/or COMPASS score, which would ensure their place into college level courses prior to enrolling at Owens.

The new Academic Achievement Scholarship Program will also be awarded to graduating high school students attending

career centers within the College's legal district. Graduating students achieving a 3.7 grade point average from their career center and at least a 27 on their ACT and/or COMPASS scores meeting or exceeding 94 on writing skills and 69 on college algebra will be eligible to receive an Academic Achievement Scholarship for 100 percent of their tuition. Individuals achieving a 3.5 grade point average and an ACT and/or COMPASS score placing them into college level courses prior to enrolling at Owens will be eligible for an Academic Achievement Scholarship for 50 percent of their tuition.

Academic Achievement Scholarship Program recipients will be required to enroll fulltime at Owens for the Fall Semester following their high school graduation and maintain a 3.0 grade point average. Additionally,

scholarship students must submit a graduation plan and will be required to meet with an Owens advisor each semester to demonstrate progress toward their plan. Eligibility requirements will also include involvement in either the College's Honors Program or a leadership symposium each semester as part of their graduation plan.

In addition, students must complete their Free Application for Federal Stu-

dent Aid (FAFSA) to receive the scholarship. If the student receives aid, the Academic Achievement Scholarship Program will bridge the gap between any federal or state grant aid a student receives and the cost of an Owens education. Students who are not eligible for federal and state grant aid and meet the academic requirements will still be eligible for the Academic Achievement Scholarship Program.



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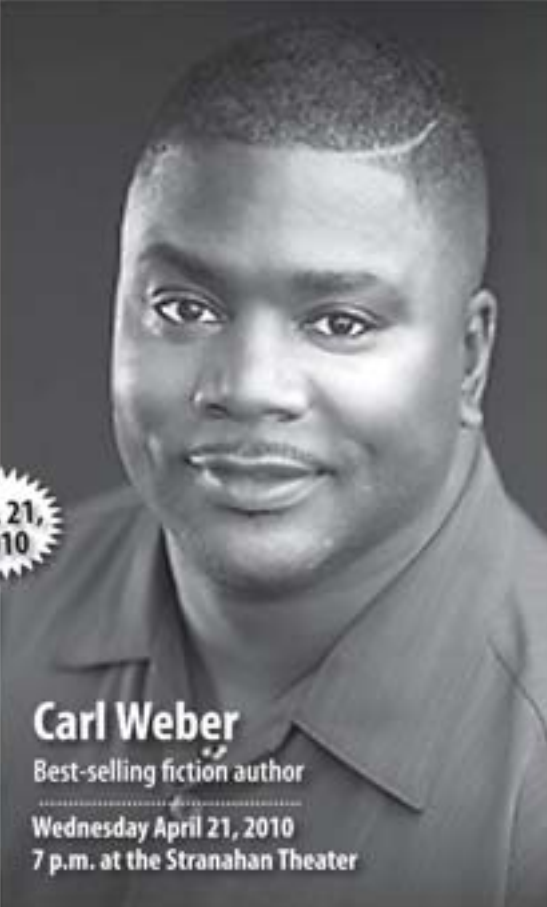
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Hosted at the **Stranahan Theater at 7 p.m.**, each Authors! Authors! program features an hour-long speech and a question-and-answer session presented by the featured author. The program, now in its 16th year, welcomes bestselling authors to Toledo as they discuss their writing and careers, answer questions, and sign books. **Tickets are \$10/\$8 students** and can be purchased at any Library location or at the event. Books provided by Barnes & Noble will be available for purchase at each program. **419.259.5266.**





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The Toledo-Lucas County Public Library Celebrates National Library Week, April 11-17, 2010

By Rhonda B. Sewell, Library Media Relations Coordinator
Special to The Truth

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance presented by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April. It is a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians and to promote library use and support.

The Toledo-Lucas County Public Library is proud to celebrate National Library Week with festivities and programs for all ages. Most library locations will offer family-oriented programs to celebrate the week. *Please log on to toledolibrary.org and search for fun National Library Week activities and programs throughout the system.

Fun highlights:

- "I Love My Library" Bike Giveaway – Visit your library during National Library Week for a chance to

win a children's bicycle. Fill out an entry form and you could be a winner! You may enter once each day during the Week. Bicycles provided by our generous National Library Week sponsor, Meijer.

- Treasure Hunt @ Your Library (April 12-30) – Geocaching is a worldwide game of hiding and seeking treasure. Find a geocache hidden in one of our libraries before April 30 and be entered in a contest to win a handheld GPS (Global Positioning System) unit. A Letterboxing option is also available. Read below or visit your library for more details.

In celebration of both National Library Week and the 10th anniversary of Geocaching, the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library is excited to announce a unique opportunity for Geocachers to seek treasure throughout their local public library system.

Never before has an American or international public library placed multiple Geocaches on the shelves as cataloged items, and in as many as 18 branch locations, according to in-

to catalog Geocaches in multiple locations.

According to Geocaching.com, the official global GPS (Global Positioning System) cache hunt site, Geocaching is a

share your experiences online. Geocaching is enjoyed by people from all age groups, with a strong sense of community and support for the environment. The group Groundspeak coordinates Geocaching membership.

Geocaching began 10 years ago in 2000 when a man named Dave Ulmer placed the very first Geocache (then referred to as Geostash). Most Geocaches contain swag, or items placed inside Geocaches for finders to take and replace with items of equal value for the next finder. There are more than 1 million Geocaches hidden worldwide today.

The idea of placing multiple Geocaches in the library as cataloged items was fostered from Library committee members studying unique ways to observe National Library Week, April 11-17. First sponsored in 1958, National Li-

brary Week is a national observance presented by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April. It is a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians and to promote library use and support.

"This is a great family activity and we hope patrons will enjoy discovering these unique treasures on our shelves," said Library Youth Services Coordinator Nancy Eames.

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DVD Review**Michael Moore's *Capitalism: A Love Story***

By Michael Hayes
Minister of Culture

"There's gotta be some type of rebellion between the people that have nothing, and the people that's got it all. I don't understand. There's no in between no more."

There's the people that got it all, and the people that have nothing."

A quote from a formerly middle-class white male featured in Michael Moore's latest film. The cameras kept trolling even as this same man got a visit from the sheriff's department to inform him that the 30 days he had been told he had to leave his home had now been changed to zero days. He needs to vacate immediately because the bank already re-sold the home with him and his wife still in it.

Capitalism: A Love Story should be shown in every classroom, church, community center and any other place where people gather.

Michael Moore's work is always brilliant in its common sense approach and appeal.

Michael Moore's work is always criticized by those who prefer the savagery of government/corporate corruption over the calls for action towards human decency that his platform is built on.

But let's put aside political affiliation and personal agenda and just look at basic fact.

FACT:

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The quality of life in the United States is dropping due



to a vanishing middle class.

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Selling sick people endless amounts of drugs instead of curing illnesses means more profits for the people who make the drugs.

In every war we fight, profit is made. Companies build tanks, build missiles, make

uniforms, etc and when Congress gives billions for a war effort, greedy businessmen stand in line to get contracts to build and sell all the necessary parts of combat and cleanup.

In every sector of our lives, the rich have an opportunity to make a profit at our expense. Abject poverty exists when there is no ladder from the lowest class to the upper class.

Well, folks, the ladder is being dismantled. Intentionally.

It's not that making money is bad, but when you will destroy the well being of a multitude of people to make money... well, that's a savage. That's evil.

This DVD allows a person to see what our nation has become due to over-capitalism.

Michael Moore is indeed one of my heroes, but even I'll admit that this documentary isn't the masterpiece that *Fahrenheit 9/11* or *Bowling for Columbine* was.

It doesn't give the awesome real world examples of how other countries around the world operate in the same way *Sicko* did.

In my opinion, this is not Michael Moore's finest work.

But it may be the most vitally essential documentary ever made.

WAKE UP!

We are walking idiots.

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While we fuss about football and American Idol, the fabric of life in our country is eroding.

They call it "the American dream" for a reason, a dream is just that... a dream.

We are told we have a democracy, but... you need to

see this DVD.

There is a reason it costs us thousands of dollars to get an education but struggle to find work.

There is a reason that predatory lenders allowed people to buy homes and that when the banks fail they get bailed out but when you can't pay your mortgage, they take your home.

This DVD is not comprised of Michael Moore's words.

It's Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur's words (another hero of mine). It's the word of 15-year Wall Street veterans, other high-ranking government officials and educated professionals.

I admit, if you are not interested in what is happening to the money floating around this country, perhaps this documentary will be hard for you to stay glued to.

But if you have ever earned a paycheck, paid a bill and thought about at least getting your head above water... I don't care if it's difficult to do, you need to commit yourself to watching this.

Remember the huge bank bailout that Bush gave Wall Street?

Billions of dollars given to companies and executives already worth millions and more.

Does anyone remember that?

At one point during the film, Moore is sitting across from a government official with a supremely high ranking title. This person is the chairman for the Congressional Oversight Panel on the Bailout. Her name is Elizabeth Warren.

All the billions of tax payers money that went to bail out Wall Street's banks/executives right at the end of Bush's term... her job is to track down the money and make sure it's being spent in the best interests of the American people.

Even though the bailout should've never happened anyway, at least there's someone to watch out for any wrong doing or oversights as billions are get billions from us to cover up their mistakes.

So at one point in this DVD, Michael Moore just asks her point blank:

"WHERE'S OUR MONEY?"

Her answer: "I don't know."

What you see around this city, the job loss, the vacancies, the foreclosures... this was no coincidence. This was planned and executed and covered up.

People always have to be responsible for their own actions ultimately.

But the environment in which our personal choices take place and the choices we have before us and corruption pressing down on us from all angles, all of that stemming from capitalism. The top one percent stand to gain greater wealth for every crisis we suffer.

This system, at the very least... needs to be questioned.

This DVD exposes calculated fraud and wrong doing but, even more importantly, it provides an accurate glimpse into what is going on around us.

Your daily routine of work, family, friends, goals, education, grind and leisure... all of that may be forever changed one day soon.

Please, pay attention. Find a way to get your hands on Michael Moore's *Capitalism: A Love Story*.

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Judge Keila Cosme

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Cosme worked for a year on the Boston Stock Exchange and at a law firm before coming Cleveland to attend the Marshall College of Law. After earning her law degree, she worked as a staff attorney with Calfee, Halter & Griswold, LLP handling complex commercial litigation.

Cosme arrived in Toledo in 1998 when her husband was recruited by Gallon, Takacs, Boissoneault & Shaffer Co LPA and opened

her own office representing individuals and start-up companies. She was then one of the founders of the law firm of Cosme, D'Angelo & Szollosi, LPA, and remained the managing partner until her appointment to the bench.

Unopposed in the May 4 primary on the Democratic side of the ballot, Cosme will be facing the Republican who emerges from a trio of hopefuls – Judge Robert Christiansen, Fritz Hany or Steve A. Yarbrough.

And what is the plan to succeed in that match up?

"By November, the voters will have the time to get to know the candidates and to look at the character of the candidates," she says of her desire to get out on the campaign trail and meet as many voters as possible. "People are capable of getting through the smokescreens. I want to educate people as to what the Court of Appeals does and why it is so important."

The Court of Appeals, Cosme adds, is the court of last resort for litigants since the Ohio Supreme Court exercises its own discretion as to what cases it will hear.

One of the issues that is so important as voters look at punching the ballot for the Court of Appeals, says Cosme, is for them to gain an appreciation for having diversity on the bench. She believes that her background, particularly given the current homogenous makeup of the

appellate bench, will make an important difference in the judicial process.

"We need an exposure to other cultures and ideas," she says. "The contribution that [each judge] brings to the caucus is critical and my experiences will bring something to that caucus"

Those experiences include being part of a minority group as well as her childhood in Puerto Rico, to be sure, but they also include legal stints as a large corporate litigator,

an advocate on behalf of impoverished children and a representative for the rights of organized labor and its members.

Those experiences also include a family that includes two young sons – Roberto and Diegonisio.

Those combined experiences, she believes, make her eminently qualified to serve on the Court of Appeals. Recently, President Obama appointed another woman of

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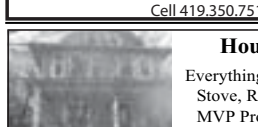
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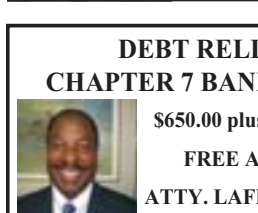
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COMMUNITY PSYCHIATRIC SUPPORTIVE TREATMENT CLINICIAN

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Public Notice

Lucas County Children Services (LCCS) is issuing a Request for Proposal (RFP) for interpretation/Translation and Sign Language Services.

The goal of the RFP is to provide families and children who have an open referral or case with LCCS with services that will:

- Eliminate communication barriers;
- Provide equal access and opportunity to benefit from our agency's services.

LCCS is seeking proposals from governments units, private for-profit entities/agencies and non-profit entities/agencies. Agencies should have unique information, education, knowledge and experience related to the RFP. RFP materials will be available from April 12, 2010, to April 20, 2010, at LCCS, 705 Adams St., Toledo, OH 43604. To make arrangements to pick up a RFP packet, call 419-213-3658. An applicant information session regarding the interpretation/Translation and Sign Language RFP will be held at LCCS on April 20, 2010, at 9:00 a.m., in Room #913.

The deadline for completed proposals (NO FAX) is 4:00 p.m. on May 6, 2010. No proposal will be accepted after the deadline.

By Dean Sparks, Executive Director
Lucas County Children Services

INTERESTED BIDDERS: TOLEDO PUBLIC SCHOOLS NEW BEVERLY K- 8 SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY RE-BID

Sealed bids will be accepted by the Board of Education of the Toledo Public School District until 1:00 p.m. on April 22nd, 2010, at the Toledo Public Schools Treasurers' Room 3, 420 E. Manhattan Blvd., Toledo, Ohio 43608, for all labor, material and supervision necessary for the New Beverly K-8 School Technology Re-Bid, as more fully described in the drawings and specifications for the project prepared by The Collaborative, 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 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 April, 8th, 2010 which can be purchased from Becker Impressions, 4646 Angola Road, Toledo, Ohio 43615, phone: (419) 385-5303. Drawings may be obtained on CD-ROM for no cost with the purchase of the specifications.

A MANDATORY PREBID CONFERENCE is scheduled for April 15th, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at Toledo Public Schools, 420 E. Manhattan Blvd., Toledo, Ohio 43608

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Cardio exercises and body strengthening, along with teachings on good nutrition, has caused the enrollment at the center to grow from eight to 25 members. Because of this growth, another day will be added in the near future.

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Judge Keila Cosme

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Puerto Rican background to the Supreme Court – Justice Sonia Sotomayor. What was Cosme's reaction when she heard the news?

"My parents were ecstatic and the island was celebrating," recalls the judge. "But my first reaction was she must have been quali-

fied – then I looked at the excitement."

And how excited is she to be in her particular position – an appointment with an opportunity as an incumbent to prevail in November?

Very excited indeed. "There is much work to be done to serve the community," she says of

the prospect of being on the bench and serving the eight-county area that lies within the 6th District's purview. "I can serve two full terms and still be in a position to serve elsewhere – if needed some place else."