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My View

By Jack Ford
The Truth's Political Columnist



All is fair in love and war. Of course, you can add politics to this dictum.

In other words, you can lie during the political season and it's perfectly all right. One of the big lies floating around right now is that mayoral candidate Mike Bell is a closet Republican running as an unendorsed Democrat. That is pure baloney.

I have known Mike Bell for 30 years. I knew his father Norman Bell before I knew Mike. Mike Bell and his family have always carried themselves as Democrats.

Do you remember Angelo Tokles, long time city administrator? Norman Bell worked under him for years and Tokles personified what a Democrat was in city government. John McHugh, a Democratic mayor, picked Mike Bell to be fire chief. Carty Finkbeiner, a Democrat, kept him on. I kept Mike Bell on during my term. And Ted Strickland, the Democratic governor of Ohio, picked Mike Bell to be his state fire marshal.

All of these "D's" did not get fooled. The false argument that Mike Bell is a Republican is just a trick to make it easier for people to vote against him even though he is popular and very likeable.

A more serious distortion being made during this campaign season is the claim by Steve Steel, Democratic candidate for Toledo City Council and former president of the Toledo Board of Education, that he led the effort on the board to unbundle contracts in order to ensure that minority business enterprises (MBE) would get a larger share of the school building contracts.

I do not remember Steel fighting for diversity in the contract process. The "unbundling argument" was just raised months ago around the time that Steel left the board. The truth is that Steel was largely silent on this issue and so his promise to now teach Toledo City Council how to diversify is laughable.

The one voice that has been consistent in the past four years at Toledo Public Schools on diversification is Darlene Fisher. Not Steel. Not former Superintendent Eugene Sanders. Not Larry Sykes. But Fisher.

And the unbundling of contracts issue was raised by me and it took a near censure of Superintendent John Foley to get the administration to pay attention to this issue.

"Don't ever get a preacher told" is an old folk saying from my past. So, I will say nothing about the ad.

Democrats should get ready to rumble next year during the statewide elections. There will be challenges across the board.

Tom Noe is no longer around to be the bogeyman. We will need to toe the line to support Ted Strickland, a country boy trained to be a minister. Strickland worked for some years on death row in Lucasville so he knows first-hand the carnage which serious crime wreaks in the black community.

Strickland hails from Duck Run in southern Ohio so he knows the Appalachian folk and their needs. He is naturally sensitive to poor folk and the challenges they face.

I hope he speaks the language of the poor in the next election so we remember who Ted Strickland is and whose side he looks out for – poor and working folk.

In this same vein, Strickland is considering appointing a minority to the Court of Appeals. No, not a black male but a Latina being pushed by labor interests. Diversity is always good in politics!

Community Calendar

October 21, 23, 25

Worship Center Celebrates Rev. Pat McKinstry: 50 Years of Ministry, 40 Years of Marriage; 20 Years of Pastorate; Nightly at 7 pm – Family Night, Bishop/Pastor's Night/Vickie Winans, Sunday at 11 am: 419-244-2100

October 21

Mt. Zion Church 86th Church Anniversary & Mortgage Burning Celebration: Guest speaker Bishop Duane Tisdale; 6 pm

2009 Annual Fall Parent Conference: Mercy St. Charles Hospital; 5 to 7 pm; "Peaceful Parenting – The Application of choice Therapy Psychology to Parenting: 419-213-3603

October 23

More Answers Than Questions Public Forum: Genesis Dreamplex Conference Center; 6 to 8:30 pm: 419-255-0097

EOPA Employer Fair: SeaGate Convention Centre; 11 am to 4 pm: 419-242-7304 ext 2925

October 23-25

Scott High School 30th Class Reunion: 419-283-2775 or 419-514-0215

October 24

Demystifying Digital: Women Making Sense of Today's Technology; 8:30 am to 2 pm

Pilgrim Church 2nd Annual Chili Cook-Off: 2 to 5 pm: 419-478-6012

Citywide Christian Trustee Association: AIDS Seminar; 10 am to noon; Speaker Jerry Kerr AIDS coordinator with TLC Health Department

College Days 2009 – Financial Aid Basics: FAFSA and Beyond; McMaster Center of the Toledo Lucas County Main Library; 1 to 3 pm; Tps on the resources available to families of college students: 419-259-5207

Holiday Craft/Vendor Show: St. Marks MBC; 10 am to 4 pm

October 24-25

Calvary Baptist Church 80th Anniversary: "Don't Forget to Remember; Saturday at 6 pm; Sunday at 10:45 am; Special guests St. John Baptist Church of Savannah, GA and Rev. George Lee: 419-242-9173

New Prospect Baptist Church Missions and Mothers' Day Program: 4 pm; Guests Rev. Robert Curtis and Mt. Olive of Lima: 419-241-2624

Center of Hope Community Baptist Church Women's Day Celebration: 11:30 am; Min April Hearn, guest preacher

October 25

Mt. Zion Church 86th Church Anniversary & Mortgage Burning Celebration: Guest speaker Pastor Michael Harrison; 10:30 am

October 26

Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund and Central City Ministry's 5th Annual Celebrity Wait: Tip or Treat; 6:30 pm; Real Seafood: 419-244-6711 ext 220

"Teaching About Race in a Politically Correct World:" Lecture at Lourdes College by Samuel Richards, Ph.D., of Penn State Univ; 4:30 pm; Setting aside identity politics in order to discuss race without anger or fear: 419-824-3952

October 30

Braden United Methodist Church All Saints Day Celebration: Party for children; 6 to 8 pm; Games, prizes, food and fun for children of all ages

November 1

Mt. Nebo MBC 79th Anniversary: 1:30 pm chicken dinner; 4:00 service with Rhema Word congregation as guests

November 6-8

Sisters Touching and Raising the Standard (S.T.A.R.S.) Conference 2009: Conference Leader Evang. Cheryl Foster of Youngstown: 419-255-0097

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The Color Green \$\$\$

By Rev. Donald L. Perryman, D.Min.
The Truth Contributor



Sofia: (Uncontrollable laughter).

Old Mister: *My God, The Dead has arisen!*

Sofia: (more laughter) *I've had enough bad luck to keep me laughing the rest of my life! Oh, Sofia home now, Sofia home. Things gon' be changing around here too!*

The Color Purple, the 1985 dramatic story of human struggle and eventual triumph directed by Steven Spielberg and based on the novel by Alice Walker is timeless. Although presented from a feminist perspective, the film highlights the problems of oppression, racism

and discrimination. During a family dinner near the end of the movie, Oprah Winfrey's character Sofia – her spirited and resolute resistance now transformed into resignation, depression, premature aging and permanent disfigurement from past beatings – resurrects when Celie, the main character, finally asserts herself and exorcises her abuser-husband (Albert) and his father (Old Mister).

When Celie stands up and finally challenges her husband despite his verbal abuse, it snaps Sofia out of her deep emotional funk and she laughs hysterically at a shamed and dumbfounded Albert, and is back to normal.

In Toledo, the slumbering African-American community also appears to have risen from its own dead-to-the-world slumber. The black church and other segments have begun once again to rise in opposition to challenge local structural and institutional powers with a variety of political strategies after decades of comfort and sat
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IMA Urges a No Vote on Issue 3

The Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance is going on record as opposed to Issue 3 in this coming November election. We believe that casinos in Ohio and particularly in Toledo would be far more detrimental to our community than the advertisements show.

Studies show that gambling addiction rates increase the closer casino gambling is to where you live. Gambling addiction rates double within a 50-mile radius of a casino. The chances of becoming addicted increases by 90 percent if gambling is within 10 miles of where you live. The chances of becoming addicted increases by another 67 percent if the community is poor.

Ohio is the only state in the union to have three of the poorest cities in the country – Cleveland, Toledo and Cincinnati. The US News & World Report found that crime rates are 84 percent higher in communities with casinos when compared with the national average.

They also found that casin-

os increase the rate of prostitution, sexual assault, drug sales, drunk driving, burglary and car theft. In counties with casinos, violent crime increases by 12 percent and property crime increases by 8.6 percent. (Gambling in American; Cost and Benefits, Dr. Earl Grinols, 2005)

A national study shows that bankruptcy rates are 100 percent higher in every county with casinos than in counties without casinos. Ohio has one of the highest bankruptcy rates in the country and Toledo is near the top of this list in our state. In addition to increases in bankruptcies and crime, gambling addiction leads to divorce, suicide and child abuse and neglect. Gambling is always bad for families and communities.

The gambling industry is not immune to economic crises and cannot be counted on as a steady stream of income. In March of 2009, Trump Entertainment filed for bankruptcy protection and several casinos in Las Vegas
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Let's All Do the Cotton Ball Strut!!

By Lafe Tolliver, Esq
Guest Column



With much trepidation, I recently checked my wall calendar to find out when is the start of that mystical season called Cotillion Balls (a/k/a: Cotton Balls).

You know, when black kids, under the pressure from their parents, are jazzed up to wear white tuxes and white expensive gowns that they should not afford and learn ballroom dance steps in the hopes that "society" will look at them and accept them.

It makes me sit and wonder how did we get caught up in this white folks' foolishness (there is also black folks'

foolishness) to want to mimic "their" societal coming out soirees that we took it on, hook, line and sinker... and for what?

So, I went to the library and got an ancient (copyrighted: 1911) book entitled: *Cotillion Balls: A Grand Life Starts With a Grand Party!* by the southern writer Efal Revillot who, back in the day, co sponsored over 55 such balls across the South and most notably in Alabama and Mississippi.

This is the same textbook that current Cotillion sponsors use since it is considered the "Emily Post" on Cotillion mannerisms and objectives. However, my beef is with the following nine points in the book that delineate what is a cotillion and what it's suppose to accomplish.

You read these points and see if our Cotton Balls...er, I mean Cotillions are realizing those points for our youths:

(1) A cotillion will win the respect of proper society and
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LARRY SYKES
for
Toledo Board of Education

I have been involved in our children's education and Toledo Public Schools (TPS) for the last 36 years. I served on the Board of Education for 10 of those years, twice as the Board President. During that term, TPS went from a rating of **academic emergency to continuous improvement**. We became the **leading urban school district in the State of Ohio in academic achievement**.



While I was president of the Board, we adopted a policy of school uniforms and created nationally recognized innovative programs such as:

- Grove Patterson
- Old West End
- Stewart Girls Academy
- Lincoln Boys Academy
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Knowledge Works Grants from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 each.

Under my leadership, and with the Toledo Public Schools Foundation, over \$7.1 million in scholarships was awarded to the Class of 2002.

Under my leadership, innovative programs including Project STAR and Freshman Academy were implemented.

My passion for impacting the lives of children in the community I grew up in is demonstrated by my commitment to Toledo and I will bring back institutional knowledge that is not currently present on this board.

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Larry Sykes

African-American Community Leaders Endorse Keith Wilkowski

Sojourner's Truth Staff

More than a dozen and a half African-American community leaders announced their support for Democrat mayoral candidate Keith Wilkowski last week during a news conference at the Wilkowski headquarters.

The gathering included religious and political leaders along with a smattering of business figures.

"Keith Wilkowski is probably the most perceptive, discerning and forward-looking individual that I have encountered in the city in the over 50 years that I have been a resident here," said Rev. D.L. Perryman, D.Min., pastor of Center of Hope Baptist Church.

"He was early—and right—in recognizing the ideals, attributes, the appeal and worthy principles that led President Obama to a history-making victory long before most of us even saw a glimmer of possibility; he was early—and correct—on the green economy; he was early—and accurate—in recognizing the urgency in employment and the crisis in the job market; he was early—and precisely true—on the idea of inclusion," continued Perryman.

Two Toledo City Councilmen and fellow Democrats, Michael Ashford and Wilma Brown, also voiced their support for Wilkowski.

"We are here to support Keith because of his fresh ideas to move the city forward," said Ashford. "Keith has a plan to bring jobs to Toledo and we want to get behind that."

Brown, who served on the Toledo Board of Educa-



tion with Wilkowski some years ago, noted that she has known the candidate for 23 years.

"I support Keith because of the work he is doing to bring jobs to our community," said Brown. "There are solar fields in my district on Nebraska Avenue and Keith understands the importance of this new technology."

Rev. Raymond Bishop, pastor of Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church called Wilkowski "a person who performs," and observed that the community needs "politicians that follow their words with actions."

"Diversity is so important in building our economy," said Wilkowski in accepting the endorsement of the African-American leaders.

If we are diverse, we will have a better and stronger economy. I will make sure Toledo has opportunities for all," he said.

Wilkowski, when asked, declined to contrast his commitment to diversity to either the current mayor or his opponent independent Mike Bell. "We are not here to make comparisons," he said iterating his own commitment to diversity.

Also present or announcing their support for Wilkowski were Shantae Brownlee, executive director of the Frederick Douglass Community Association; Suzette Cowell, president of the Dor Street Coalition and the Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union; Vallie Bowman English, Toledo Municipal Clerk of Court; Jackie Brown, member of the Perry Burroughs Club; George Davis, Jr., retired labor leader with UAW Local 12; Aji Green, candidate for the Toledo Board of Education; Sylvester Gould; Yvonne Harper, executive director of the Lucas County Democratic Party; Brenda Hill, candidate for the Toledo Board of Education; George Hillard, vice chairman of the Lucas County Democratic Party; Kathy Kirby; Laverne Mosley of the Perry Burroughs Democratic Club; Rev. Willie Perryman, pastor of Jerusalem Baptist Church; Gabriel Seay, a leader of Toledo for Obama, Twyla Wheaton and Ray Wood, president of UAW Local 14.

Democrats Announce Support for Bell

Sojourner's Truth Staff



Mayor candidate Mike Bell received the endorsement of a group of Democrats this past Sunday during an announcement made at the former fire chief's campaign headquarters. Approximately 60 Democrats joined Bell, a registered Democrat who is running as an independent, in a show of support.

"Mike has a positive attitude and is passionate about Toledo," said Jean Saldana, a nurse and one of two speakers during the announcement. "With Mike as mayor, things will change. He has a vision and his strategic plan is great. He has honesty and integrity. If he tells you he is

going to do something, he will do it. He will listen to the people of Toledo."

Also speaking on Bell's behalf was Mark Sobczak, former president of Toledo City Council.

"I'm a proud Democrat but I'm also proud to support

"Mike has a positive attitude and is passionate about Toledo,"

Mike Bell," said Sobczak, who resigned from City Council earlier this year. "We have come to respect him for his leadership and courage. He has proven his leadership and

courage to the city, the region and the state time and time again."

Sobczak spoke of Bell's accomplishments, as a student, as an athlete and as a student leader both during his high school days at Woodward and his college years at The University of Toledo. He also praised his achievements as a Toledo fire fighter, becoming the youngest fire chief in the history of the department before moving on to State Fire Marshall.

"This is a great city," said Bell during his remarks thanking the Democrats for their endorsement. "It's all about bringing the R's, the D's and the I's together. We've got to be able to figure out 'man, why don't we start working together?'"

Ron Rothenbuhler, chairman of the Lucas County Democratic Party issued the following statement in response to the endorsement: "Keith Wilkowski is the only

Democrat running for mayor and the only candidate with a plan to create jobs and strengthen Toledo's middle class."

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The Truth Speaks with the Two Mayoral Candidates

By Fletcher Word
Sojourner's Truth Editor

As the campaign for mayor winds down – November 3 is less than two weeks away – The Sojourner's Truth sat down separately with the two mayoral candidates last week and asked each man five questions. They were:

***How do you envision your role as a mayor focused on education?**

***What programs in your economic plan will specifically aid the growth of small black-owned businesses?**

***With respect to the Marina District, do you envision starting the process all over and what can you do, when in the mayor's office to ensure that MBE's receive a fair share of contracts?**

***What function do you see in your administration for the office of Affirmative Action/Contract Compliance?**

***Is it the function of the mayor's office to see that the dwindling numbers of minorities in the police and fire departments are reversed and how can you accomplish this?**

We also invited the candidates to open up on any other topics they cared to address in addition to the questions that concerned our readers. The following are excerpts from those conversations.



Mike Bell, former fire chief of the City of Toledo and former fire marshal for the State of Ohio, is making his first run for elected office. Independent candidate Bell, a graduate of Woodward High School and The University of Toledo, served as fire chief for 16 years, the longest term of any Toledo fire chief.

Education – Can the Mayor Help?

The way I see the mayor working with the Toledo Public Schools is as a supporting partner. I understand the mayor has no authority but with the high visibility, we can build a coalition that can be helpful to TPS and their mission. Much like the Boys and Girls Club and Sherman Elementary – their scores are up by 15 percent. So why can't we create other coalitions in other areas?

If our kids can't get educated to a higher level, no matter the cause, they will be handicapped the rest of their lives.

I say TPS, because TPS is an economic development engine for our region... people talk about TPS when they are considering moving into the community.

Economic Plan and Aid to MBE's

I am not playing the race card. For me it's about bringing everyone to the table. But what I hear from minority contractors is that there appear to be different rules for them.

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Keith Wilkowski, attorney and also a graduate of Woodward and UT, is a former law director for the City of Toledo, a former member of the Toledo Board of Education and a former Lucas County Commissioner. Wilkowski is the endorsed candidate of the Lucas County Democratic Party.

Education – Can the Mayor Help?

The mayor can help with education. So often the knee jerk reaction is to talk about what we can do with TPS. The mayor's function is broader than that.

Educational success depends on whether kids are prepared to enter school and the research has shown that the years from birth to three are critical in that success. TPS has no role at that stage, that's a broader community responsibility in which the mayor can encourage and lead.

It starts with improving adult literacy in order to turn around their attitudes to education and to talking to their kids.

We can work with TPS to attract young parents into reading programs to help them help their children.

Beyond that, the mayor needs to work with all schools – TPS, Washington Local, charter. There are a host of things a mayor can do as well to provide safe neighborhoods and academically, in our public institutions, the mayor can encourage high standards because only with high standards can we compete in a knowledge-based economy.

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- \$6.3 million for Lucas County in new annual revenue.¹
- \$11.3 million for Toledo in new annual revenue.¹



(1) Analysis of The Innovation Group Study, May 2009;
(2) University of Cincinnati Economics Center for Education & Research Economic Study, June 2009

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Candidates

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Wilkowski

We can also encourage the good things in schools – such as paying teachers for high performance.

And then – post high school. I began talking about Toledo Promise program – modeled after the Kalamazoo program – years ago. These are options being looked at by colleges and business leaders.

So education is a community issue – starts with the newly born and goes through to post high school education phase.

Economic Plan and Aid to MBE's

In my plan, and I wrote every word of it myself, construction is one of the components that will be helpful to small, black-owned businesses. Making homes more energy efficient is a great opportunity for small black-owned businesses in this green economy – there is no huge bonding requirement which tends to be an impediment.

The installation of solar panels, for example, is a great opportunity.

Another area in my economic plan is my emphasis on the development of corridors like Dorr Street. That's the type of project that can create mini-downtowns around the city. We need to place an emphasis upon rebuilding neighborhoods and com-

mercial interests in those neighborhoods.

Marina District – Will It Continue? Will Minority Contractors Play A Part?

I have not had conversations with specific people, but the City's investment is hopefully complete – and [the district] is poised for development. And obviously we want a commitment to diversity.

But can you imagine if we had devoted the same \$40 million to Adams Street or Madison Street where we already have a start.

The Marina District development is an example of the City's lack of focus on its core producing industries. If these things are going well, people will have the money to buy condos and retail – but that should be at the tail end of development

We have to focus on our core – need to see the emphasis on people who are already here.

Affirmative Action/Contract Compliance – Its Role in Your Administration

It must be a cabinet level position with an outside oversight person, an ombudsman-like position. He or she must be someone of high integrity and courage, someone who is willing to speak out, someone who works things out.

As mayor, I will be someone who also wants

to work things out.

Minority Presence on the Safety Forces – Is it the Mayor's Job to Increase the Numbers?

It is the mayor's responsibility, period.

This opinion is borne out of my living through that earlier era – as a law clerk for Judge Don Young, the federal judge who had the police and fire chiefs in his office and looked at them and said: "When are you people going to do the right thing?"

Do the right thing – we have the same work to do. We have to make a commitment to reach out – to go into schools and neighborhoods and talk about these good jobs.

I will take personal responsibility to make sure we are doing the things necessary to make our safety forces reflective of our community.

As we concluded, Wilkowski spoke of his recent association with the Obama campaign. He was the founder of Toledoans for Obama during the very early days of that race. He also addressed his commitment to change. "We need a mayor who has a creative streak and the willingness to do things differently," he said.

Bell

What I have seen is that we haven't done a good enough job to help people [become] able to get contracts. The idea is to make sure people understand what the rules of engagement are for these contracts.

As far as my small business plan ... what would it take to be able to get to 10 to 15 percent [of minority contracts]?

But we have to also ask, is it wise for the City of Toledo to invest in certain small businesses. We could do more with our money going to small businesses than in working with major companies. So we need to have the proper formula to pump money into small businesses and ask – what are their chances of success, do they have a business plan? I am not going to waste taxpayers' money.

Marina District – Will It Continue? Will Minority Contractors Play A Part?

The current status is that it's a project that is for the most part dead. The city doesn't have the money and we don't have a developer who can put up his own money.

How can you continue to pump money into a project that we don't have the means to deal with.

An independent developer is needed who can work [the project].

As far as minority participation, transparency is needed. What are the established goals, is it 15 percent?

We will need to make people aware of how to apply, we need to educate people, we need to have transparency in how bids are going out.

Affirmative Action/Contract Compliance – Its Role in Your Administration?

We need to make sure that we are meeting our goals and deadlines, I see the office as a major component to our commitment that we have made.

Minority Presence on the Safety Forces – Is It the Mayor's Job to Increase the Numbers?

It is part of the mayor's job [to ensure that police and fire have adequate numbers of minorities].

I'm a person who used to be on the fire department recruiting team. When you make the playing field fair, everyone has a chance. But you can't force people to take the test. People have to take the responsibility of taking the test, they need to step up.

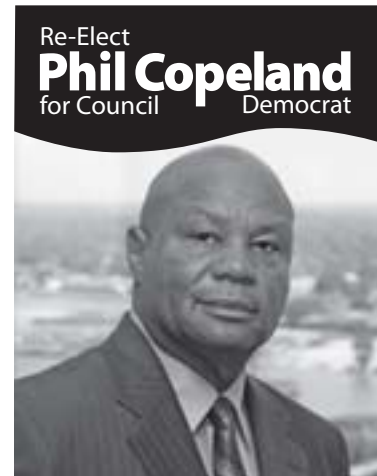
I don't think the system is unfair. But I cannot make you care to take the test, you have to realize that there's an opportunity there.

After we concluded our Q and A, Bell spoke of his desire to deal with issues in the campaign with honesty. "I will not pander, he noted. "I'm a straight shooter. I will not tell you what you want to hear, I will tell you what you need to hear."

On November 3, vote for the one candidate that's best for you.

- Mayor
- City Council
- Police Chief
- Fire Chief
- Public Works
- Health
- Education
- Library
- Community Development
- Public Safety
- Finance
- Human Resources
- Information Technology
- Legal
- Marketing
- Operations
- Planning
- Public Works
- Recruitment
- Security
- Support Services
- Utilities

Phil Copeland



Phil Copeland is an effective member on City Council. Rather than grabbing headlines, he's used his skill as a negotiator to work with all sides on Council to help our community, including:

- Keeping City Pools Open
- Fighting for jobs for Toledoans and not out of town contractors
- Maintaining police staffing for neighborhood safety
- Ensuring our community receives services like street repair and filling potholes

On November 3, vote **Phil Copeland, Democrat for City Council**. You know his name and you know you can trust him to deliver for our community.

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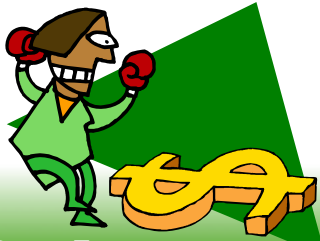
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President Obama's Recovery Act Funds Dream to Own Program

By Rodney Neely
Real Estate Contributor



Over the past four years the City of Toledo, like most of the U.S., has experienced record foreclosures of residential homes. Due to high unemployment and an overall weak economy, many mortgagors are suffering from pending actions for non-pay-

The long-term affect of these conditions are decreasing real estate values, deteriorating neighborhoods, and blight.

The State of Ohio and our local government have recently received some additional assistance in fighting these unfortunate outcomes.

Through the National Recovery Act, better known as the "stimulus package," Toledo received \$12.2 million dollars in aid to stem the tide of foreclosure in the areas of the city with the highest incidents. Neighborhoods such as Sleepy Hollow, Secor Gardens, Boroughs, DeVeaux Village and Library Village have traditionally been very stable working class areas, but in today's economy are under direct assault of unemployment and lack of opportunity.

Thanks to the efforts of the City's Department of Neighborhoods the grant secured will assist in rehabilitating these vacated homes, therefore improving the housing stock and stopping the disintegration of these communities.

According to Kattie Bond, director of Dept. of Neighbor-

hoods, "this program will allow us to help stop the bleeding; it was at a tipping point."

Although this funding was a formula allocation, Bond's department was responsible for preparing the application and securing its commitment, as well as creating the program structure to have the greatest impact. Their efforts have made it easier for non-profit organization, builders, and developers to access the capital to make this initiative a success.

In conjunction with the Terry Parker Marketing Firm, a minority-owned company selected by competitive bid, the Dream to Own Homeownership Program was created. Its goals are very simple: acquire and rehabilitate, demolish and rebuild or land bank real property for future development.

Through many community development corporations such as: Friendship New Vision, United North (formerly Lagrange Development and River North), Neighborhood Housing Services of Toledo and Lucas County Metropolitan Housing Authority, these qualified developers responded to requests for proposals and were allocated funding to make substantial improvements to the properties they acquired in the selected districts. By subsidizing developers with grants, cost overruns can be mitigated, housing prices can be kept in line and the savings can be passed on to the consumer.

For example, Friendship New Vision purchased a home at 2213 Portsmouth, near the DeVeaux Village area and is

currently completing its renovation. This home is available for sale and will be included in the coming site visit as well.

As a spin off of the City's Neighborhood Stabilization Program, Dream to Own offers some unique features. In typical assistance programs the income requirements prevent most of the neediest people from taking advantage of the opportunity because they are not poor enough. It sounds silly but unfortunately it's true. Often it's the working class family who could most benefit, but have historically not met the income guidelines to become a homeowner using this kind of assistance.

Through DTO a family of four can earn up to \$74,150 dollars, up to 120 percent of the median household income and still qualify for the program.

The program provides a 20 percent down payment that can be used in addition to the \$8000 dollar tax credit provided by the federal government through another initiative. This effort, unlike many others, does not require that the mortgager be a first-time homebuyer.

"Of all the stimulus related sources I like this program the most, because it helps the most people directly and indirectly," said Bond.

After reviewing all the available information I would tend to agree with her. If this opportunity is effectively implemented and executed according to its design, many home seekers will benefit significantly for these efforts.

My only concern is that at some point there is diminish-

ing return for the homebuyer. You have to be careful not to over pay for property in an area that can not support the inflated value.

The easiest way to gauge this is to monitor legitimate sales. Not those that are sold under duress, by a bank, or investor, but only those that are sold as a market rate arms length transaction. This will give you a better measure of what true values are in an area. Make any offer to purchase based on this measurement not just the asking price.

To learn more about the Dream to Own Program there are several ways to get this information.

Contact one of the CDC's mentioned, Ebenezer Osei-Kwame (419).245.1400, or by attending the DTO reception and bus tour of available homes on November 5, 2009 at the Lucas County Arena.

According to Terry Parker, the tour of 22 homes in various neighborhoods with realtors, mortgage brokers, lenders, developer and buyers will be the most effective way to gather information, tour each property and learn more about how to purchase a home.

Thanks to the leadership and foresight of the Obama administration, the Recovery Act funding is reaching the people who need it most. It's up to us as a community to take advantage of the funding vehicles available to aid in securing our neighborhoods and the value of our homes.

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Other People, Other Countries Have Seen the Light!

By Rubin Patterson, Ph.D.
The Truth Contributor

While the Bush administration was busily stomping on the brakes for eight years, other people around the world were pressing hard on the accelerator toward renewable energy. During my visit to South Africa this past week, I gained a new level of appreciation for the efforts of others regarding this issue.

I participated in the Solar World Congress in Johannesburg, a gathering organized by the International Solar Energy Society, with delegates coming from 78 countries. Although the U.S. brought the world a series of "how-did-we-live-without-it technologies" such as the telephone (both landline and mobile), television, the computer, the Internet and the i-pod, people in other countries today aren't sitting around waiting for Americans to bring them 21st Century "how-did-we-live-without-it technologies" such as renewable energy and other green technologies.

If America keeps up this lackluster effort, our energy dependency will simply shift from petro-states to foreign, renewable energy leaders.

When we think of renewable energy leaders today, we tend to think of countries like Germany, China, Denmark and Brazil, but not the United States. The talent, the infrastructure and the capital are obviously all here in abundance; it's just the leadership that has been missing until recent months.

I don't think – no, in fact I know – Americans don't know how far we are behind others and how perilous this is in terms of our collective global progress and our more parochial national job prospects. The conference last week has jolted me into a new realization. Not only are

these nations racing forward in these exciting green areas, they are doing it with such gusto and are gaining confidence while the US has been asleep at the switch for years.

China allocated some \$221 billion in green activities as part of its 2009 stimulus packages, twice the amount allocated by the United States. And with wages in China being a fraction of American wages, think about how far all that extra spending will go in transforming China's economy around renewable energy efficiency.

Okay, you might say – China has foreign exchange reserves of \$2.3 trillion whereas the U.S. government is essentially cash-strapped, as it has an \$11.4 trillion national debt and a federal budget deficit of \$1.4 trillion.

Wow! Is it that, if the Bush administration hadn't wasted anywhere from \$700 billion to \$3 trillion on the Iraq War for fossil fuel energy (not to mention all the lost lives), the U.S. would have had more of the wherewithal and leadership to accelerate the advancement of the nation and the global economy toward alternative energy? I know – there is no need to litigate the whole Iraq War all over again.

Mind you, the Solar World Congress was attended by folk who incessantly think hard about next era energy and the associated new eco-friendlier society. These thinkers included academics, NGO professionals, government officials, activists and some investors, for good measure.

Personally, it was a bit painful for me to listen to all the America-bashing, which was primarily Bush-bashing. It was painful, but I just kept

telling myself, "Well, it is true; they aren't making anything up."

However, they indulged in Obama-praise as much as they indulged in Bush-bashing. The lesson I took away was the importance of joining with others to keep pushing the Obama administration in ramping up support for renewable energy research, development, and commercialization. After all, when I attend the next Solar World Congress in 2011 in Germany, I don't want to have to sit through another round of tongue-lashing directed at the United States for its lack of national commitment to renewable energy.

All types of renewable energies were covered, from the highest of high-tech to the lowest of high-tech. Some Chinese and German scientists and engineers probably wowed the conferees the most with new solar technologies. Nevertheless, probably the strongest buzz surrounded the non-rocket science technology of solar water heaters and the so-called solar cookers.

Solar cookers are a form of low high-tech that is simply clean, easy to deploy, and just plain wonderful! I am so excited about this particular tech because it stops the needless premature termination of life in sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia.

People in those regions, primarily women and girls, cook foods often indoors, which undermines respiratory systems, eyesight, and other physical functions due to massive smoke inhalation, which in far too many instances lead to death. Solar cookers end such risks by simply allowing for the use of a form of solar thermal energy to cook foods.

With the solar cookers, a cook can boil water in just a

few moments, cook rice in 20 minutes, and fry chicken in about the normal time, all at no cost. Solar cookers can be bought for about \$300 and have a life span of about 10 years. Think of all the lives that could be saved for about 30 bucks a year.

Everywhere in the world various groups of people are working together and are in a competitive rush to advance remarkable green technologies. Entrepreneurs and non-profit entities are more eager than most governments to get on with such advancements.

A general conclusion seems to be that if governments are going to stand in the way, not much can happen with renewable energy development in a country, or at best progress will happen only in fits of starts and stops.

Cheap technology like the solar cookers don't have expensive lobbyists the way Eskom (South Africa's monopoly electric supplier) has and that some of the world's premier energy-intensive mining firms have. The latter groups get the big South African government subsidies

while the solar cooker advocates and entrepreneurs struggle just to get noticed.

A good example is the 20-something-looking South African named Crosby, who begged for a dollar here and couple there just to get to India to stay in a dingy little hole in the wall to learn from the solar cooker NGOs and entrepreneurs there in India.

Crosby wanted to learn about how they pushed their government in Delhi to seriously get behind this simple and life-saving technology. With solar cookers, India gets the opportunity to soak up millions of unemployed people to start work producing the cookers, to deploy them and to train the locals around the country.

Meanwhile, the health of the population improves because of the decline in smoke inhalation. What's not to like about this win-win proposition!

Crosby returned as an even greater evangelist for this technology. He now has a small enterprise and an NGO operation to advance solar cookers in South Africa.

Crosby's success reassured me that progress is coming, and older folk, fossil-fuel-benefiting corporations, and even non-committed super-powers can't stop this progress.

The Congress closed with a terrific resolution. Here is one passage from it: "The global target of 100% renewable energy is both attainable and necessary by the middle of the current century. This is motivated on the grounds of ecological, economic and social sustainability." The commitment of the Congress must serve as a "light" that guides the United States toward a greener society.

By the way, if any of you would like to join me, along with others, in traveling to South Africa next year for a trip of a lifetime – if not a life-altering foreign experience – get in contact with me.

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Preparing for a Major Purchase.

By Derick Gant, Comexx Consulting
Guest Column



consider when preparing your pocket to purchase. At Comexx Consulting, we prepare clients to maximize their cash in order to purchase property the right way. There are a few questions each buyer should be prepared to answer.

What can I afford?

The easiest way to determine what you can afford is to take the amount that you're willing to pay and subtract from it the current rent or mortgage. Begin to save the difference every month for three to four months. If you're successful saving the difference, you're in!

Many of life's purchases take little to no planning. Major purchases, however, not only take planning but also decisive action. Purchasing a home is something most of us do once or twice in a lifetime. If this is your first time, or if it's been so long you don't remember the ins and outs, let me help you with the financial side of ownership.

There are key areas to

Early on take a full inventory of what you have and where you are financially. This includes all checking and savings accounts. Include savings bonds, investment accounts and monies owed to you. Comexx Consulting will systematize of all outstanding debts. Separate the core bills from the revolving bills. Any outstanding debt that has a nonpayment or late pay-

ment must be caught up right away.

Coming up with the down payment amount is going to be one of your first challenges. Most buyers will need a mini-

mum 10 percent of the purchase price. The days of 100 percent financing are over so be prepared to come up with a full deposit.

What will they lend me?

Once you have gathered the financial information, total your monthly expense. Take your monthly income and divide it into your expense, which gives your debt to

income ratio. This ratio varies but most lenders like the number to be 60 percent or less.

A major factor in considering what you can afford is your total monthly income. Take all of your

income and multiply it by 25 percent. The result is the maximum amount a lender will allow for monthly payments. This number may vary by lender a few points.

Everyone knows that lenders deeply depend on credit scores for financing approval. While this is true, lenders give a large weight to borrowers that have showed regular timely payments for 12-18 months. Be proactive and aggressive paying small amounts as well as large amounts owed.

What will I need?

This is one of the most frustrating issues around financing. It's frustrating because every lender requires documents different from other lenders. The requested information may come in a variety of orders and preferences. Just when you've been told, "this is everything we need," be ready for additional request.

What everyone needs no matter what institution is two years of tax returns, several pay stubs

and a credit report. In addition an appraisal, letters of explanation of late payments and bank statements will be requested. Prior to closing you will need proof of insurance and a clean title. The single most important item is PATIENCE. It will take time to go through this process and you will deal with many questions and people.

I suggest that you ask other homeowners or friends for the name of a mortgage consultant that they were happy with. Don't assume that an experience with one lender means that anyone can assist you. Ask for the same person. There is a reason that friend was happy.

Long-term, personal home ownership is still a valuable opportunity and certainly on the path to the American Dream.

Contact us with any questions to creating a plan to purchase. We are located at 5565 Airport Hwy, Toledo Ohio 43615 phone 419-517-1327.



Lucas County Announces New Program For Businesses

Special to The Truth

The Lucas County Workforce Development Agency (LCWDA) is launching a new program designed to help businesses and workers by providing training funds made available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

Project HIRE (Hometown Investments in Regional Economics) allows businesses that hire dislocated workers to apply for up to \$6,000 per individual to cover the cost of training the new workers. Training may either be conducted on-the-job at the business or workers can be enrolled in training programs with approved educational institutions.

A kickoff event for the project is planned for Thursday, October 22, 2009 at 10 a.m. in the Birch Room at the Hilton Hotel on The University of Toledo Medical Center campus. Reservations for businesses interested in attending can be made by calling 419.213.6316.

The federally-funded program is a partnership between the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, the Ohio Department of Development and regional One-Stop Employment Centers throughout the state. The One-Stop Center servicing Lucas County is The Source Northwest Ohio, located in Downtown Toledo at 1301 Monroe Street.

Since opening the doors in 2004, The Source has helped hundreds of businesses hire more than 10,000 workers through job posting and referral.

For further information about Project HIRE, please contact Marte Sorg at 419.213.6312.

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The City of Toledo Department of Neighborhoods presents TOUR TOLEDO Preview of Homes and Dream to Own

The City of Toledo Department of Neighborhoods is proud to announce its very first **TOUR TOLEDO Preview of Homes**, a program designed to introduce new homes located in developing areas of the city to potential home buyers and investors.

The City of Toledo's first Preview of Homes will kick-off with a **free weekend public preview** from noon to 6 p.m. on Friday through Sunday, **November 6-8, 2009**. Six featured homes will be showcased to the public, located at the following sites:

- **Brownstones on Dorr St.**
- **120 Clifton**
- **2313 Portsmouth**
- **3634 Willow Run**
- **174 Kingswood Trail**
- **3660 Burton**

An invitation-only VIP TOUR is scheduled at 5 p.m. – 8 p.m., Thursday, November 5, 2009, at the all-new Lucas County Arena.

The TOUR TOLEDO Preview of Toledo Homes is in conjunction with an exciting new City of Toledo Department of Neighborhoods initiative titled **Dream To Own**, a program designed to stabilize our neighborhoods and highlight the beauty of the Toledo lifestyle by offering down payment assistance and home improvement-funding for first-time homebuyers.

"The City of Toledo is very proud of this exciting new Dream To Own program and our Department of Neighborhoods' very first TOUR TOLEDO Preview of Homes. This program and preview gives everyone in our great city the opportunity to live the American dream and truly experience all that our community has to offer," said Toledo Mayor Carleton S. Finkbeiner.

The City of Toledo Department of Neighborhoods' Dream To Own program is in conjunction with the Federal Government's Neighborhood Stabilization Home Program, whereby more than \$12 million is available to bring homes up to code, increase energy efficiency, and make them more affordable.

"Our Department's TOUR TOLEDO Preview of Homes gives our officials a unique opportunity to showcase some of the great houses that are available right now in our city's neighborhoods. We can help home buyers

who thought it impossible to own a home, learn how to navigate financing, explain the tax breaks currently available and help them to achieve the American dream of home ownership so that it no longer is a dream, but an actual reality right here in the city of Toledo," said Katie Bond, director of the City of Toledo Department of Neighborhoods.

During the VIP Preview of TOUR TOLEDO Preview of Homes, vendors representing a wide variety of Toledo's finest organizations and businesses will be on hand, including banks and credit unions to assist guests with special programs on home mortgages and financing options. Refreshments and food samples will also be served, and special guests and local leaders will be in attendance.

TOUR TOLEDO Preview of Homes sponsors to date include The City of Toledo Department of Neighborhoods, The Blade, Buckeye CableSystem and Appli-ance Center.

The mission of the De-

partment of Neighborhoods is to work with the community to create and maintain clean, safe, attractive neighborhoods. The Department of Neighborhoods is the lead agency responsible for administering programs, projects and activities related to CDBG, HOME, ADDI and ESG programs. The Department of Neighborhoods provides financial and technical support for the renovation and construction of housing units, revitalizing neighborhoods by enforcing applicable codes and abating nuisances, by becoming involved with citizens, connecting them to their city government and collaborating with those private, public and non-profit entities whose purpose is to enhance the quality of life in Toledo.

For more details on TOUR TOLEDO Preview of Homes or Dream to Own, please contact The City of Toledo Department of Neighborhoods at 419.245.1417.

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isfaction in a dysfunctional relationship with the status quo.

The latest rift in the long-running toxic melodrama between the rigid bureaucracy of the Toledo Public Schools and an exasperated but inspired and energized African-American community has finally erupted into the vulgarity of bluster, name-calling, swagger and charges of exploitation and betrayal by the African American Community Leaders Coalition and friends.

At issue is the volatile Ohio Schools Facilities Commission program and the failure of TPS to live up to its promise to award 20 percent of TPS School Rebuild contract dollars to minority business enterprises (MBE) and five percent to women businesses (WBE).

Since AAACL feels that the promise was made in exchange for the community's support of past tax levies, they have utilized the most potent weapon available to them – the electoral process – and have chosen to dis-

rupt the candidacy of certain individuals by aggressively marketing their grievances during election time.

From my vantage, if the escalation of hostilities is to be prevented and a permanent separation between TPS and the black community is to be avoided, the blueprint for reconciliation has to include two things.

First, despite unfairly singling out selected individuals while giving former TPS Superintendent Eugene Sanders, Ph.D., and past and present African-American school board members an exemption by omission, the community needs to get it right in making sure that the right school board members are elected.

Darlene Fisher is frequently dismissed but always asks the right questions. Brenda Hill, despite a TFT union perspective brings 35 years of direct student involvement. Aji Green brings much needed youth and a fresh view.

However, the candidate, perhaps most essential for bridging the chasm between TPS and the community and who brings a lifetime experi-

ence of advocacy for the disadvantaged is Bob Vasquez. While serving on the school board for only one and a half years has already risen to its presidency. His personal story as a minority who struggled to overcome poverty, obtain a master's degree in Public Administration and lead several nonprofit agencies brings fiscal experience, an intellectual edge and a sensitivity to diversity that others may lack.

Finally, since the disagreement revolves around supplier diversity and contract participation goals, innovative strategies and successful models currently in use should be adopted and implemented.

One such model is The Supplier Diversity Program at Cincinnati Public Schools formed to expand opportunities for minority-owned, female-owned and small businesses to participate in the school district's purchasing process. This program enhances the success of the program in three areas –

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Strut

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inform the patrons that our youth are ready to take their place at the levers of power and prestige.

(2) A cotillion will educate our youth on the finer points of European culture and history and will have them appreciate their Anglo-Saxon heritage.

(3) A cotillion will imbue the young ladies with a dignity that will progress them from high school debutantes to refined homemakers.

(4) A cotillion will craft and hone the young man to eliminate any coarseness in gait and speech and will transform him to that of a reasoned debater.

(5) A cotillion will present a card of entrance to the movers of capital so that they will see in our youth, eager models that are ready to absorb the lessons of capitalism so that the streams of commerce will continue to flow.

(6) A cotillion will foster an everlasting sense of purpose and destiny upon our youth so that in their later years, they will be moored to the values and mores of a society that will motivate them to become productive citizens.

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(7) A cotillion will insure that the generational values that we hold dearly are properly transferred to our youth who will in turn distribute those same values to other members of their community.

(8) A cotillion will be the very laboratory of proper associations so that our young men and women will be properly introduced to people of similar aspirations and backgrounds.

(9) A cotillion will insure that those who do not share our goals and aspirations are politely but firmly refused entrance into proper society.

Now, I'm not one to normally make a fuss over such things as a samba or a foxtro, but do you see anything in the above bullet points that remotely looks "relevant" that our Cotton Balls...er, Cotillions, are replicating with our Shauntae's and Leon's?

Not to belittle a point but what "society" are our black youths being groomed to be introduced into? Are there two "societies" that we are talking about? Why are there a "black" cotillion and a "white" cotillion? Can't we

all just get along?

Are the values of the two societies so different that we would even have two cotillions? What would happen if we were to have one city wide CottonBall...I mean cotillion? Are black kids being introduced to white "society" and are white kids being introduced to black "society"?

No one has ever produced proven statistics to find out what happens after these penguin dressed kids and their white gown draped debutantes are "introduced" into society.

Do they get preferential jobs from corporate America? Do they get 10 extra points on their SAT or ACT scores? Are they given a stash of capital so that they can jumpstart a small business?

At the door to the cotillion, do they even get a blue rubber stamp on the back of their hand that says: ENTRY INTO SOCIETY APPROVED. PROCEED ON TO A SUCCESSFUL LIFE!

I am just scratching my head to find out what benefits are there for black youths learning how to do a ballroom dance or learning the differ-

ence between a bread knife and a fish plate or learning how to curtsy.

Or, by announcing their full names in the foyer of the ballroom, will that enhance their ability to avoid a drive-by shooting, an early teenage pregnancy, joining a gang or "saggin" (read this word backwards to find out its wretched meaning) their pants.

Could that preparatory time and the hundreds of dollars spent for gowns, tuxes, flowers, limos, announcements, hairdos and the dinners be better used on getting a tutor for that high school chemistry class or enrolling at Owens Community for an affordable two-year degree.

Do we really have to imitate and mimic a useless social event that never had any plans for the inclusion of "us" into their "society"?

No need to do the Cotton Ball Strut. We can do better.

Closing Rte 66 Makes No Sense

Terry Shankland is right. Closing Route 66 due the actions of a few customers, not the owner of the bar, would be a strike against small business ownership. Actually, instead of advocating closing the bar, Toledo's mayor should be giving the owner credit for taking action against drug use in his establishment.

Had the nationally broadcast gunfight taken place in a Starbucks instead of a neighborhood bar, the franchise owner would probably have gotten a commendation for standing up to a drug dealer and assistance with repairs.

Yet, a Toledo-based small business is being threatened with losing its liquor license and not given the consideration that most likely would have been given a national chain, a shopping mall, or even a bar in a more affluent neighborhood.

If schools, post offices, Jeep, and Virginia Tech aren't closed because of gun violence, why close a bar? Route 66 isn't the first bar to be the site of a shooting and it won't last. Meanwhile, we need to elect Terry Shankland to Toledo city council so he can speak up for all of Toledo's citizens where it matters most.

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Freelance Journalist

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are in financial trouble. Casinos elsewhere are also fining for bankruptcy protection. Casino revenues nationally have fallen sharply with workers being laid off and building halted. Nationally, when casinos are introduced, lottery profits fall sharply which would directly affect our schools in Ohio who have come to depend on the funding funneled to them through the Lottery sales.

"The field research indicates that nationwide you stand to lose 1.5 jobs for every job the casino created... for every dollar legalized gaming contributes in taxes, it really costs the taxpayer \$3 to address increased socio-economic costs to society." (Professor John Kindt, University of Chicago)

The Federal Gambling Commission found that the poorest Americans spend three times as much of their income on gambling compared to other Americans. A Mississippi State University study found that poor people living in countries with casinos lost a greater percentage of their income. Those earning less than \$10,000 per year lost 10 percent of their income. A Texas A & M study found that those earning two percent of the state's total income provide 10 percent of the gambling proceeds.

With increasing poverty and unemployment rates in Ohio and in Toledo, casino gambling will create more harm than good. It will destroy communities, families and individuals. Economic development and job creation will come with innovation and courageous leadership, not through expanded gambling. We urge all voters to vote no on Issue 3. Protect our city and our state from Penn National's attempt to enshrine a monopoly in our Ohio Constitution

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Congregation Honors Pastor's Five Years of Service

By Artisha S. Lawson
Sojourner's Truth Reporter

The historic Third Baptist Church sponsored a luncheon to honor the five years of pastoral dedication from Rev. Kevin Bedford, Sr. on Saturday, October 17, 2009 at the Hilton Garden Inn.

Guests were welcomed into the large cream-colored reception area by the smiling faces of committee members and volunteers who organized the upscale sit-down luncheon to honor their pastor.

Dozens of friends, local clergy and visiting congregations filled the reception

Rev. James Willis, pastor of St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church in Toledo, served as the master of ceremony by introducing the guests who paid tribute to the Bedford and family. Event chairman Grace Edwards spoke briefly about the committee's appreciation for Bedford's dedication to the congregation. "Thank everyone for being here; the committee is grateful for having Rev. Bedford for five years."

The luncheon featured several musical and dance presentations by Sheila



First Lady Barbara and Rev. Alan Ragland of Third Baptist Church in Chicago



Kevin Jr, Brittany, Lettie and Kevin Bedford, Sr.

room that centered around the theme "A Sacrificing Pastor Profoundly Proclaiming the Word," inspired from Biblical scriptures II Corinthians 6:3-4 and II Timothy 4:1-2.

Minister Glenn Jones opened the program by introducing the honoree Rev. Bedford and wife Lettie, the Bedford's two children, Kevin Jr. and Brittany, guest speaker Rev. Alan Ragland, D.Min., of Chicago's Third Baptist, and wife Barbara Ragland.

"Welcome to this grand occasion, we're here to celebrate Rev. Bedford and his family," said Jone. "We the family at Third Baptist are grateful to see all these family members and friends respond to the summons, to show love and appreciation towards the family that has given so much. The honoree and his family look lovely tonight."

Gibson who danced to "Total Praise," a musical selection by the children's trio, soprano soloist Angela Moore sang "Great is thy faithfulness," baritone soloist Franklin Brewer sang "My soul's been anchored in the Lord" and other members presented gifts to Rev. Bedford.

Five years ago on June 29, 2004 the members of Third Baptist Church unanimously selected Bedford to serve as senior minister and he preached his first sermon as pastor on August 1, 2004. Bedford was honored by the luncheon and spoke of his appreciation of the congregation.

"Time has certainly passed by quickly; I've truly been blessed to become a part of Third Baptist Church," said Bedford. "There is such a rich history associated with this

congregation, as being one of the oldest churches in the city. I'm looking forward to the great spiritual walk ahead and the growth within the congregation."

The luncheon was arranged by Edwards, co-chairman Thomas Winston and members Asha Barnes, Margaret Brown, Harry Brown Sr, Harry Brown Jr, Wandalene Brown, Capucine Dickerson, Barbie Harrison, Herman Harrison, Glenn Jones, Andre Page, Percy Rankins, Jeanna Temple and Reginald Temple.

Bedford was born and raised in Chicago to Rev. Theodore and Clara Bedford. On September 20, 1981, Rev. Bedford preached his first sermon at Second Baptist Church in Elgin, Illinois; he was ordained as clergyman in the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc in June 1984 and he has served as a

military chaplain.

He is currently enrolled in a doctor of ministry degree program at Ashland Theological Seminary of Dayton, Ohio.



Praise dancer Sheila Gibson

Green

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goods & services, professional & technical services, and construction contractors, subcontractors & suppliers.

Pamela Mullins, director of CPS Office of Supplier Diversity and whose duties require her to work effectively with both the school system and the community, indicates that the CPS Board felt that the program was necessary, voted it in, established a separate Office of Diversity and holds the superintendent, treasurer, and supplier director accountable for implementation and results.

The CPS cumulative results include MBE contracts of nearly 11.75 percent or \$81 million, Small Business (non-minority) of 30 percent or \$209 million, and Small Women Enterprise (non-minority) nearly 6.5 percent or \$45 million.

What makes it successful?

"Hard work," states Mullins. "We are serious about diversity. We have a monthly meeting of all of the stakeholders to set the environment for the participants, talk about contract opportunities, facilitate collaboration and partnering and to discuss bid procedures and award criteria. We also discuss how to identify and eliminate obstacles to doing business with CPS."

"In addition," she adds, "we do extensive outreach. Our staff attends the African American and Hispanic Chambers and other MBE business meetings and roundtables. Finally, we ensure that all staff members possess a shared belief of the commitment to diversity."

In Toledo, we have a diverse candidates and board members who have administrative capacity. We also have an innovative model that works. What now is lacking is a shared belief of the commitment to diversity along with the will to implement the model. Ultimately the school board has the authority and bears final accountability for implementation.

Yet, the school construction contract controversy, though important, is sad and has consumed too much energy and emotion. But even more troublesome is that the critical issue of the epidemic loss of our children from schools to prisons or juvenile detention centers, cemeteries, teen parenthood, illiteracy and other paths to nowhere continues almost unnoticed and unaddressed while grownups fight over the money.

Contact Rev. Donald Perryman, D.Min., at drdperryman@centerofhopebaptist.org

Toledo Symphony Brass Quintet Entertains at Friendly Center

Sojourner's Truth Staff

A brass quintet from the Toledo Symphony dropped by the Friendly Center on north Superior last week and regaled dozens of neighborhood residents and agency supporters with an afternoon of classical and pop tunes.

It's a little something extra for the community, a little culture," said Executive Director Morlon Harris in introducing the quintet.

"It's a good chance to work together with the Symphony and bring something to the neighborhood," said Ann Hartmann, chairman of the Friendly Center board.



Morlon Harris and Toledo Symphony quintet

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Sign of the Times: The Rapture, The Apocalypse?

By Michael Hayes
Minister of Culture



Perhaps the end of the world is not necessarily an event that sends civilization back to square one in one fell swoop.

Perhaps the end of the world is not an event, not a religious experience and not even very noticeable?

The world as you know it can end, and that's more damning than the world itself ceasing to rotate on it's axis through some ultimate catastrophe.

Who makes those Hollywood movies?

Not the zany, cheezy, expensive movies meant to entertain us into mental limbo.

But the films where we see a glimpse of our future a little too realistic to ignore?

Who makes those? Intellectuals? Perhaps.

Because I've felt more and more like I am living the plot to *Demolition Man*, *V for Vendetta* and a few others.

Look, I'll make this simple for you...whether you're religious or just a so-called conspiracy theorist, there are a few common themes that have always said to be signs of the end of the world/new world order.

-The collapse of the banking system.

Recession, depression, lack of jobs. All slowly destroying the financial well being of the citizens of "developed" nations.

Which will in turn kill the middle class of wealthy nations, plunging virtually everyone into an impenetrable poverty.

The U.S. dollar collapses, so on and so forth.

-Centralized Government.

The European Union and their continental currency were formed partly because they were stronger united than separate (or so they said).

As some of you know...the same thing is happening here.

The North American Union. Canada, United States, and Mexico.

No borders, all one currency. They disguise it as "trade" at first.

World banking and trading organizations, maritime law and other ways for nations to share information and ultimately do business as one body.

- Widespread disease
Let's see, Republicans

want health care in the U.S. to continue to be harder

and harder to obtain for the average person. Couple that with this swine flu situation and the stage is damn near set.

- Perpetual surveillance

If the Hubble telescope can see hundreds of galaxies beyond our own when it's pointed AWAY from earth, what's to make you think they can't read your license plate from space if they pointed a similar device TOWARDS earth. Duh!

Listening to our calls, monitoring where we drive, controlling our access to where we can go and cannot go.

- Enslavement

Not so much as hard labor slavery, but there is a school of thought just as valid as any other that suggests our current taxation of the working man and woman in the United States may be related our nation's century old debt to the TRUE owners of the Federal Reserve. There exists evidence to support the claim that this land of the free is not free after all. And this is not racial, this is universal.

I'm not talking about just disenfranchised, huddled masses unaware of the of Big Brother pressing down on them at the polls or in the political process.

I am talking about taxation

on earned wages that go towards far more than what we've been told.

- Non Freedom of Speech
The Bill of Rights gives Rush Limbaugh just as much permission to say he hates

Democrats and he thinks Obama is a racist as it gives me to say I hate Republicans and Rush Limbaugh is a racist.

But when you read the headlines, watch mainstream news and such... which viewpoint do you come across more often?

The OWNERS of the major news/information/media and entertainment conglomerates in our society are rich, usually Republican conservatives.

The very people responsible for most of the ills we suffer.

So anytime you want to voice your disgust with this country... a president like Bush I/Bush II or speak out against the establishment, you will find you have a much more difficult time than these same people have voicing their disgust with you!

So it's kinda like ... freedom of speech as long as you agree with whomever is already speaking. In my lifetime, Republicans have had an unfair advantage in every way when it comes to influencing the hearts and minds of Americans.

- Perpetual War

Iran. North Korea. Afghanistan, etc.

War makes money for the elite, war keeps power and consumption in a transitional state. Many believe that our societies are stabilized by war.

But with more advanced weaponry finding its way to an ever expanding community of extremist (and that can be anyone...hell the KKK is a terrorist, extremist organization)... we have much to worry about.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority is seeking bids from qualified contractors to furnish all labor, materials, and equipment for the following project(s):

JOB NO.: 29092

PROJECT NAME: Dorrell Manor Generator Installation

WALK-THRU DATE: Thursday, October 22, 2009 @ 10:00am

BID OPENING DATE: Wednesday, November 4, 2009 @ 11:00am

All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in the 2nd Floor Conference Room on the dates shown above, in the Modernization Department, at 201 Belmont Street. Contract documents and technical specifications/drawings will be available from the Modernization Department, and will be provided upon request.

Each bid shall be accompanied by cash, an approved surety company bid bond, or a certified check upon a solvent bank, made payable to the Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority in an amount equal to five (5) percent of the bid, tendered as a bid guarantee (if required) that the bidder will, if the award is made to him, enter into a bona fide contract with Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority for this work and furnish proper guarantee bonding as required under the specifications within a period of ten (10) days after the awarding of the contract.

The prevailing wages for this locality, as established by the Department of Labor as Wage Determination OH20080028, as modified, must be paid all persons employed for this work.

All bidders shall be required to meet the Affirmative Action requirements and Equal Employment Opportunity requirements as described in Executive Order #11246. Each bidder must insure that all employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, handicap, age, ancestry, creed, or military status.

LUCAS METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY
MODERNIZATION DEPARTMENT

Ministers, Community Leaders Speak Out on Route 66 Incident

Sojourner's Truth Staff

A week after a notorious incident at the Route 66 Kitchen on Westwood Avenue, a group of religious and community leaders gathered at the site to ask those responsible for the shoot out to come forward and turn themselves into the police and for those who witnessed the event to cooperate with authorities.

The ministers also urged lawmakers to strengthen gun laws.

"We are praying for this community," said Rev. Cedric Brock, pastor of Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church and president of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance. "This is a good area. We are praying first that those responsible will turn themselves in and, second, that witness will go to the police. Toledo is a good place to live but we are concerned. We are concerned as pastors and we are concerned as citizens. This is not the norm but it can be rectified."

The ministers' remarks were sparked by a shooting incident that involved five men on the previous



Thursday night. No one was injured in the incident which resulted in at least 20 shots being fired, according to police.

"This is a good community; this is a safe community," said Rev. Nolan White, pastor of Christian Community. "This is not the norm and we do admonish them. Those who are responsible need to turn themselves in."

The release of the video, showing scenes both in and outside the bar, focused national attention on the event.

The shootout was even lampooned on the Jay Leno show last week.

As of early this week,

several participants have been identified, but had not yet been taken into custody.

Rev. D.L. Perryman, pastor of Center of Hope Church, spoke of the need to restrict access to guns.

"The bigger issue is that there are 32 [gun-related] deaths every two days, we need sensible gun laws, universal registration and a national summit," said Perryman. "This highlights a problem going on and not just here but all over the country. It's easier in the inner city to get a gun than it is to get fresh vegetables."

Committee Hosts Fundraiser for UT Basketball Program

Sojourner's Truth Staff

A committee of local residents hosted a fundraiser for The University of Toledo basketball program on Thursday, October 15 in the lobby of the Ohio Building in downtown Toledo.

The attendees had the opportunity to meet the coaching staffs of both the men's and the women's program including Head Men's Coach Gene Cross and Head Women's Coach Tricia Cullop, both in their second year at the university.

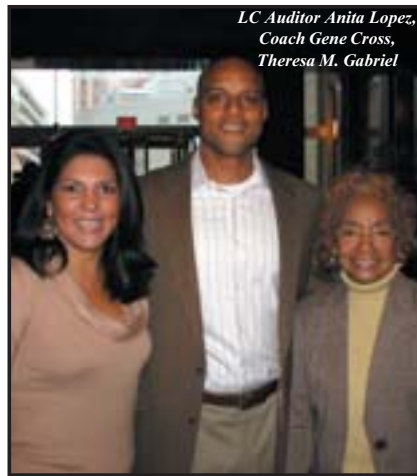
In addition to meeting the



Adam Martinez and Jimmy Jackson



LC Commissioner Pete Gerken, Calvin Lawshe, Coach Tricia Cullop, AD, Coach Gene Cross, Pete Culp, Theresa M. Gabriel



LC Auditor Anita Lopez, Coach Gene Cross, Theresa M. Gabriel

coaches and hearing them speak about what they anticipated from their teams in the fast-approaching season, guests were treated to a silent auction, an array of hors d'oeuvres and music.

The proceeds from the event are earmarked for program enhancements for the basketball programs through the UT Foundation.

Committee members included Al Baker, Pete Culp, Mayor Carty Finkbeiner, Theresa M. Gabriel, Eileen Granata, Jimmy Jackson, Calvin Lawshe, Anita Lopez, Don Mewhort, Todd Mitchell, Mike Navarre, Jane Roman, Kelly Savage, Rick Stanley, Sharon Speyer and Mike Wolever.

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