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Support Issue # 5 – Vote FOR Toledo's Children

During the May primary election, the Toledo Public Schools placed a .75 percent earned income tax levy on the ballot in the hopes of raising a few million dollars to help close the budget gap that was madly spinning out of control.

That went over not at all well in the Glass City. A number of influential groups spoke out against the levy and it eventually fell to defeat by about 11 percentage points.

The reasoning of the groups that urged that defeat was that the Toledo Board of Education and the TPS administration had not engaged the public in appropriate dialogue, had not used past levies to ensure that funds were proportionately distributed within the community and that the board and administration had failed as always to put forth a plan to deal with the long-term systemic issues – financial, academic, decreasing student enrollment – facing the district

In other words, let's give the board and the administration and the unions a slap on the wrist to demonstrate the ill will their actions have engendered.

We got that. A slap on the wrist to a group of folks who have long had a bunker mentality and who have seemed more concerned with protecting their turf than in educating their students.

Now comes TPS with another levy request and, yes, it's a big one this time. It's a big one because the looming deficit is huge and TPS in this economically-troubled time needs some big money in order to keep educating our children.

Again, this time around, there are groups and individuals out there who are urging voters to turn thumbs down on November 2. With a budget deficit that could be as high as \$44 million if the levy fails, that's not a slap on the wrist for a few stubborn adults, that's a suggestion that we take a two-by-four and whack our children in their heads.

Critics of the levy request will, even in these very pages as you read on, tell you not to fear the consequences until ... there are consequences. The hue and cry during the summer when TPS announced that it would eliminate some athletic programs and free transportation for thousands of students was assailed by some of the same people who are now suggesting that we should not fear the consequences of a levy request that fails.

Of course, students will still be taught if the levy fails. But, make no mistake, the consequences of a failed levy request are dire indeed. Flight from the troubled district will increase, more programs will be slashed, more teachers will be cut.

No matter how we feel about the performance of this school board and this school administration, we simply cannot afford to take such an enormous chance with our students' education or with, as Mayor Mike Bell calls it, the city's biggest economic engine.

Let's be clear, we have never been impressed with how the district's leaders have responded to the issues the district faces. Nevertheless, we do at the moment see two signs that change may yet be in the air.

First, the board has started to reach out to the community for help. It has not done so to the satisfaction of everyone in the community but it is a step forward.

Second, the district has secured a \$10.8 million grant from the U.S. Department's Race to the Top program. That program requires a plan that will address many of the concerns of those in the community who are uneasy about the board's lack of focus.

The Race to the Top grant will force the district to use national standards in assessing student achievement, establish a data warehouse for student information, set up a way to move the best teachers into the most challenging schools and identify other methods – including community engagement – in turning around low achieving schools.

So while the district may not have come up with anything resembling an acceptable plan for moving forward, it may well have been done for them by the federal government.

As we have noted on previous recent occasions, there is a sense of energy and enthusiasm in the community and within a wide number of circles about our ability to make positive changes in the way our children are educated here in Toledo. Let's not place another obstacle in our children's path.

The Truth asks its readers to Vote FOR Issue #5.

Community Calendar

October 29

St. Paul MBC "Faith Friday:" 7:30 pm; Speaker Rev. Allen Smith
Harvest Celebration with the Isaiah Thomas Giving Foundation: Wayman Palmer YMCA; 5 to 7 pm; Fun, activities, music, food, games

Women of Virtue Ministries: "Receiving Our Inheritance Prophetic Prayer Summit;" 713 n. Reynolds; 6 pm; speaker Apostle Leroy Coleman of Dominion Christian Center: 567-698-0323

Warren AME Harvest Party: 6:30 to 8:30 pm; Food, games and music: 419-243-2237

October 29-31

St. Paul AME Zion Women's Day Weekend Celebration: "I Want to Be Healed;" Fri speaker Pastor Shirley Sparks of Walls AME Zion – 7 pm; Sat – Woman to Woman fellowship luncheon at 11 am with speaker Rev. Melody Bowen-Hall; Sun. service at 11 am with speaker TBA: 419-243-1063

October 30

Friendly MBC Attic Treasures Silent Auction & Homemade Bake Sale: 11 am to 3 pm
Braden United Methodist church All Saints Day Celebration: Party for children from 6 to 8 pm; Games, prizes, food and fun: 419-386-2700

Warren AME Harvest Party: 6:30 to 8:30 pm; Food, games, best costume contest

October 31

Toledo District Full Gospel Fellowship 5th Sunday Fellowship: Canaan Baptist Church; 6 pm

Musical Appreciation for Maestro Brian Thomas: Christian Community Church; 6 pm: 419-531-1859 or 419-471-9101 or 567-395-4819

Ebenezer MBC Panel Discussion: "Battle of the Minds – Wilderness Mentality;" Jean Lark, Betty Long, Larry Jones and Jerome Johnson; 4 pm: 419-242-2581

Warren AME Faith Out Loud Youth Ministries Open House: 1:30 pm: 419-243-2237

November 4

ProMedica Cancer Institute's Free Prostate Screenings: Bay Park Community Hospital; 9 to 11 am: 877-291-1441

November 5

Diabetes Youth Services Annual Fundraiser: "Sweet Success Gala;" Carranor Hunt and Polo Club in Perrysburg; 6:30 to 10 pm: 419-244-7766 or 419-351-2132

November 6

College Scholarship Seminar for High School Students and parents: UT Student Union Rm 2592; 2 to 4 pm: 419-381-3280 or sdoles@utoledo.edu

Christian Community Church Women's Seminar: Women's Health; 3 pm; Facilitator Stan Scarbrough: 419-536-7852

Jerusalem MBC: "A Tea of Elegance;" Noon to 3 pm; Indiana Avenue MBC; Style show, vendors, fun and fellowship

November 7

End Time Christian Fellowship 19th Pastoral Anniversary: 10 am service; Speaker Rev. Pamela Phillips: 419-472-5993

Warren AME Faith Out Loud Open House: Learn what Warrens' youth organizations have to offer: 419-243-2237

Mt. Nebo 80th Church Anniversary: 11 am and 4 pm services; Guest for 4 pm is Pastor D. Alexander Bullock of Detroit

New Prospect Baptist Church 10th Pastoral anniversary: Pastor Glenn Burel; 4 pm Service with Second Baptist's Rev. Jerry Boose

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West Toledo Bereavement Monthly Meeting; 10 am; Bethlehem Baptist: 567-249-7470

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Vote For Ted Strickland for Governor

The Republican line, as expressed by John Kasich in his television commercials and on his website, is that Ohio has lost 400,000 jobs during Ted Strickland's first term as governor. Such manipulation of the data completely ignores several pertinent facts.

The first is that Ohio has been hemorrhaging jobs for quite a long time now, well before Democrat

Strickland's term and especially during the time that the office of governor was filled with Republicans.

In fact, the U.S. Department of Labor reported several years ago that from 2000 to 2007 (seven years of Republican rule and one of Strickland) Ohio lost 209,400 non-farm jobs. That loss was second in the nation only to Michigan.

A good deal of that job

loss has been attributed to policies of free trade and, specifically, NAFTA-related reasons. These are policies that Kasich supported during his time as a congressman.

We believe that Strickland has done a commendable job in several areas such as managing the fiscal crisis, retooling a number of tax policies, helping to transform the state's higher education sys-

tem and advocating for alternative-energy policies.

Understandably, Kasich is using short-term memory to place the blame for the worst recession since the Great Depression on the shoulders of the Democrats. That's simply political rhetoric and a game which is always played the same way.

We were struck recently by the comments of David Brooks, a conservative columnist for the New York Times who is an admirer of Ohio's Republican candidate for U.S. Senator, Rob Portman. He admitted, however, that as much as he respects Portman, the fact that Portman is a free trader might seem to be a bit counter-intuitive for a legislator from Ohio given the job loss in this state directly related to free trade policies.

"Everybody wants more jobs but nobody is quite sure how to get them," said Brooks. "So we're trying out different things."

The problem for Ohio is that once the national recession is over and jobs are on the upswing in most other states, there is no guarantee



that the Buckeye State – or our neighbor Michigan – will witness a similar recovery. There are some deep-seated issues that these two states will have to address.

Changing the course now to throw some spaghetti up against the wall to see what

sticks makes little sense to us.

We urge voters to RE-ELECT Gov. Ted Strickland. We also urge voters to remember to cast their ballots for Yvette McGee Brown – Strickland's running mate – for lieutenant governor.

Vote FOR Maryellen O'Shaughnessy and David Pepper for Ohio Secretary of State and Auditor

Democrat Maryellen O'Shaughnessy, clerk of Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, is running against Republican Jon Husted, a state senator for Secretary of State.

Democrat David Pepper, Hamilton County Board of Commissioners is running for State Auditor against Republican David Yost, who has served Delaware County as auditor and prosecutor.

Neither of these races usually generates much excitement but we are urging voters to pay particular attention this time around to these contests and vote for the Democrat in each contest.

Pepper's proposals to cut government spending by encouraging local bodies to combine and share services makes a great deal of sense in a state with far too many governing bodies.

O'Shaughnessy's proposal to continue the re-



forms started by current Secretary of State Jennifer Brunner also trumps Husted's vows to decentralize the office's functions.

Just as crucial, however, is the fact that these two cabinet officers form part of the Ohio Apportionment Board that meets every 10 years after the completion of the U.S. Census – along with the governor and two legislators (one from each party) – to re-draw district lines for the state.

The new districts this

board draws will affect races for the next 10 years and could determine who controls the General Assembly and who represents the state in the nation's capital.

Will there be support for President Obama's reforms such as health care and financial oversight? Will he be able to pass legislation on energy and immigration reform?

These two races could very well have an impact on the national scene.

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Vote FOR Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur

On the one hand we have Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur who has been in the U.S. House of Representatives for 28 years and ranks 29th in seniority among the 435 members. Some would say that 28 years is long enough. In fact, that's one of the things her opponent has been saying.

It's a specious argument at best. What could it possibly matter how long a person has served if she is continuing to do a good job? And Kaptur is doing a very good job indeed for her northwest Ohio district.

She's doing such a good job that her opponent, in fact, thinks she is doing at least one part of her job - bringing federal funds home to her 9th Congressional District - all too well.

Kaptur's ability to bring home such funds is a tribute to her seniority, her placement on key committees and subcommittees and her knowledge, after 28 years, of how the system works to her constituents' benefit.

On the other hand, we have Rich Iott, the self-styled "job creator," whose chief

claim to fame as a businessman is the loss of 5,000 Food Town jobs.

The list of objectionable proposals, statements and past revelations that have emanated from the Iott campaign over the last several months is too long to repeat in detail. But here's a quick summation. Iott, as have a number of other tea baggers has recommended shutting down the U.S. Departments of Energy and Education. He has stated that an American auto industry need not be preserved. He has said - later flip-flopped on this issue - that the 1964 Civil Rights Act is not something he would necessarily support.

And, then there's that Nazi thing.

So much has already been written about Iott and his affinity for the Wiking Division that we won't recap it all here. But there were a few statements that he made to Anderson Cooper during a CNN interview on the matter that really caught our attention.

In defense of the unit, Iott said the volunteers of the division "wanted to fight what they saw as a bigger

threat to them than Germany ... they were doing what they thought was right for their country and they were going out and fighting what they thought was a bigger evil." Given the record of that division and the Waffen SS in Eastern Europe, one can only guess that the bigger evil

would be the Slavic people, whom Hitler wanted to enslave in service to the supposed-1,000 year reich, and Jews, whom the reich wanted to exterminate.

But here's our particular favorite quote from Iott. As he declined again and again to condemn the crimes com-

mitted by the Waffen SS and the Wiking Division in particular - and he was given every opportunity to do so by Cooper - he finally admitted only that the "war on the Eastern Front was extremely brutal on both sides." Then he said ... are you ready for this? "No one was lily white,


that's for sure."

No one was lily white? Who says things like that? During a national interview?

This one is as close to a slam-dunk as there is on the ballot this year. Vote to reelect Marcy Kaptur.



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Vote FOR Brown, Barlos, Fedor and Ashford

Rep. Edna Brown is running for the District 11 state senate seat against Toledo City Councilman Tom Waniewski. This is a match-up of two excellent candidates.

Waniewski, a Republican, has proven himself to be someone willing to work across the aisle and forge working relationships with a broad range of colleagues. He also has demonstrated, as a fiscal conservative, that he will not just rail about excessive government spending

but will go the extra mile to find sensible solutions.

On the other hand, Brown is really hitting her stride in Columbus. Over the last several years she has championed legislation making early voting accessible to all and a bill that enables juveniles to get civil-protection orders against stalkers.

In fact, Brown's recent success illustrates the reason why term limits are so troubling. Brown is forced to leave her otherwise secure House seat for a try

at the Senate position and, quite possibly, leaving constituents without a veteran legislator who knows her way around the state capitol building.

We ask voters to keep Brown in Columbus. Her experience will prove to be invaluable over the next several years.

Democrats Harry Barlos, State Senator Teresa Fedor and Toledo City Councilman Michael Ashford are running for the Ohio House in Districts 46, 47 and 48 respectively.

Barlos's competition is incumbent Republican Barbara Sears of Monclova who has been in place for three years and is an advocate for limiting regulations that hamper small businesses.

Barlos has extensive ex-



Senate so she seeks the seat in the House previously held by Peter Ujvagi. As a senator she rose rapidly through the ranks and at one time held a position of leadership on the minority side. Her competition is Republican Rick Bush a bus driver with no political experience.

Ashford has served on City Council for almost nine years and has a wealth of experience in neighborhood issues. His opponents are Schylar Meadows, an independent, and Republican Carolyn Eyre. Meadows is a formidable political mind who should be in elective office as soon as possible but this time around her campaign, unfortunately, has ground to a halt.

perience as a former village administrator, former mayor of Maumee, a former county commis-

sioner and a former court clerk

Fedor is term-limited from returning to the Ohio

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Sunday, October 31 — Noon – 4:00 p.m.

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Vote FOR Kevin Boyce for Ohio State Treasurer



State Treasurer Kevin Boyce is running for election for the post to which he was appointed in early 2009. A Democrat who had previously served for about 10 years on Columbus City Council,

Boyce is facing Republican State Representative Josh Mandel who has so far run a scurrilous campaign comprised of lies and innuendo.

Mandel has accused

Boyce of corruption in hiring "political cronies" to the Treasurer's office. Newspapers from around the state have found this charge to be false noting that Boyce quickly filled vacancies in the department when he was appointed and that the directors of his financial departments have over 100 years of combined private and public sector experience.

Mandel has claimed that Boyce gave a contract to a bank only after the bank hired a friend. The fact is that Boyce created the Treasury's first open, competitive bidding procedure for awarding financial contracts and, in the event, the contracts were awarded to the lowest and best bidders - something Mandel has admitted he would have also done.

And Mandel has made claims that Boyce attends a mosque - where have we heard that before about an African-American candidate or office holder?

In fact, Boyce's brief tenure in office has bordered on the amazing in terms of his accomplishments. He has

saved Ohio retirees millions of dollars; has made financial literacy a priority both here in Ohio and around the nation.

He has initiated numerous cost-cutting measures that will save taxpayers over \$30

million - including cutting his own salary twice.

Boyce has put Treasury resources to good use in helping to create and retain nearly 60,000 jobs and has provided more and \$2 million to Ohio's

family farms. He also created the first Economic Development Department in the Treasury to direct linked deposit programs.

Vote FOR Democrat Kevin Boyce for Ohio Treasurer.

Vote FOR Anita Lopez for Lucas County Auditor



they noted, "she has dramatically increased the level of accountability, efficiency and fiscal responsibility."

One of the key accomplishments of Lopez's four years was the creation in 2007 of a new Education and Outreach Department in order to serve as the public's initial point of contact for personal assistance and information about the office.

Lopez has also reshaped the Auditor's office to more clearly reflect the demographics of the community it serves. During her watch, the number of minorities in critical management positions has increased from two - under her predecessor - to seven at the beginning of 2010.

She has changed the entire culture of the office, in fact, by helping citizens examine every aspect of the law and ensure that they are receiving the maximum benefits of the laws.

She has been an advocate for both homeowners and real estate professionals. That's quite a balancing act.

We urge voters to cast their votes for Anita Lopez for Lucas County Auditor.

Democratic incumbent, Anita Lopez, is running for re-election to the office of Lucas County Auditor and we strongly recommend that voters support her in this effort.

Lopez came into office by defeating long-time Auditor Larry Kaczala in 2006. This time around, she is running against Kaczala's widow, Republican Gina-Marie Kaczala, who worked in

the Auditor's office for 21 years prior to Lopez's election.

During her tenure, Lopez has focused on making her department as transparent and as accessible as possible both to the general public and to the professionals who utilize the services of the office.

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Vote FOR George Sarantou for Lucas County Board of Commissioners

We are blessed with two terrific candidates for the Board of Lucas County Commissioners. Republican George Sarantou, a financial advisor, has served on Toledo City Council since 2002; Democrat Carol Contrada, an attorney, has served on the Board of Trustees for Sylvania Township for six years.

Sarantou has been chairman of council's finance committee for the past seven years

while Contrada has been successful in Sylvania Township in maintaining that body's healthy financial position.

We want to acknowledge both candidates for conducting their campaigns in a courteous manner and for staying focused on the issues rather than engaging in personal attacks. That has been a rarity this year both locally and nationally.

Either candidate would be a welcome addition to the

Lucas County Board of Commissioners but we have to give the nod to Sarantou for several reasons.

First he has more experience in financial matters, both in the private and the public sectors. Those gifts will be welcome on a board that has to work overtime to help with bringing more jobs to Lucas County.

Second, we know that Sarantou can play well with others. Having been in the

minority party for so long, he has had to reach across the aisle in order to get things done. As many will recall, the Board of Commissioners has, in recent years, been somewhat less than a cordial group and at times this lack of comity has hampered their efficiency.

Sarantou has worked on City Council with both commissioners in the past.

Now, there is a strong case to be made for Contrada's experience in an outlying township and what that would mean as the commissioners struggle with the issue of enhancing collaboration amongst Lucas County's various governing bodies.

However, this year and at this time, we feel that Sarantou is overall the stronger candidate and we urge voters to elect him to the Lucas Board of County Commissioners.



Vote FOR Judge Keila Cosme

Democrat Judge Keila Cosme, who was appointed to the Ohio Court of Appeals for District 6 a year ago, is seeking election to that court in this cycle and we strongly urge voters to cast their ballots for her.

Her chief opponent is Republican Steve Yarbrough who is an assigned judge in the Common Pleas Court.

Cosme, a graduate of Boston University with a law degree from the Cleveland Marshall College of Law, has over 15 years of experience in civil litigation and corporate law. She has been an advocate on behalf of impoverished children and a representative for the rights of organized labor and its members.

While we feel that Cosme has all the right stuff in terms of judicial temperament and independence – a "freedom from bias and influence" as she has written, we cannot ignore the fact that as a Latina, Cosme is one of a very few number of minorities on the bench in Ohio.

"We need an exposure to other cultures and ideas," she told The Truth during an in-



terview last spring. "The contribution that each [judge] brings to the caucus is critical and my experiences will bring something to that caucus."

We second that notion.

As we reflect on statements Yarbrough has made, we are disappointed in his knee-jerk commentary about the problems of judicial activism and the constraints judge should feel "to make new law." It's not that we

disagree with that sentiment, we are just saddened to hear it repeated so often by those on the right who term every judicial decision with which they disagree as "judicial activism." Such activism, if that is the appropriate term, emanates from both the left and the right in equal measure.

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Two Matters That Need Debunking

By Lafe Tolliver, Esq.
Guest Column



(1) It is ancient history that local Republican wannabe power broker Rich Iott (in some of my private dictionaries, Iott is spelled: Idiot) loves to cross dress as a Waffen SS Nazi trooper.

From where I sit, the Nazi doctrine would have taken great joy in sending to the furnaces black people since they also were viewed as an inferior species of humans by the Third Reich.

Yet, Iott has no qualms in propagating the continued history of this despised philosophy by his "harmless" re-enactment of being a Nazi

soldier.

Now get this. Iott's feeble rationalization for playing his alter-ego personality is that he is fascinated as to how such a small group of people could exert such vast power and might and we need to learn from that scenario.

Memo to Iott: your playing as a Nazi soldier is only a reminder that you still harbor fantasies that border on the childish and dangerous; and dressing up as a Nazi only allows you to use that as a cover for your real feelings about Jews and minorities and others who were exterminated during the reign of Hitler.

For Iott to repeatedly dress up as a Nazi and in light of their ugly and despicable history tells a lot about his lack of ability to discern between truth and wickedness.

Using his same rationale as to why he does re-enactments, he should not have a problem taking on the role of a serial killer since they too can and did exercise considerable power of fear in the

cities and regions in which they practiced their art of killing.

Also, why not re-enact a slave master replete with brutal whippings and rapes of captive women and lynchings of "uppity" black male slaves.

Would not that re-enactment also remind us of the terrible toll that slavery took and is still taking on the American psyche and race relations?

No, Iott is clearly in his own Looney Tunes land when he inartfully tries to defend his shenanigans on some abstruse historical grounds of keeping that type of history alive as an educational tool.

If Iott is so enamored with the powers and skills that the Nazis used in order to try to establish their 1,000 Year Reign, one can only wonder what lack did he suffer or endure in his early life that placed him on this reprehensible bent?

Iott and his band of sympathizers including political candidate Tom Wasniewski,

who indicated that the Iotts are such warm and gentle and kind human beings. Memo to Wasniewski: When the KKK was in full dress mode, many of those cross dressing hoodlums were some of the "nicest" and warmest shopkeepers, pastors, sheriffs, politicians, farmers, clerks and mechanics you could ever ask for. When you vote, give Iott a "final" salute.

(2) Well, it is school levy time again and the local school board wants some big bucks or they will claim, as Chicken Little, that the sky is falling and we are doomed in Toledo...or something inane similar to what Mayor Mike Bell was uttering this past week.

If the voters say no to the levy, guess what? Schools will be open and kids will learn their ABC's. Do not fall for the fear factor. The public school system has been in near academic default for decades with respect to turning out a consistent work product, i.e. the grade level competent graduate and also for continuing to lament that

unless the levies are passed, all is doomed.

If the voters say yes to the levy, it will not solve the chronic fiscal management problems at the board and answer the continuing embarrassing question of why Johnny cannot read but also cannot do advanced algebra or solve simple problems of logic.

Unless other methods are implemented to raise monies for public education besides property taxes and unless we have a superintendent who is committed to a no-holds barred contract wrestling match with Fran Lawrence (TFT union president), the predicament with Toledo Public is not going away.

A renewed emphasis has been placed on parental involvement with the school system including my earlier suggestion that the school board makes room for two to three parents to sit on the board with full voting powers.

Also, and now here is the screamer: All principals, teachers, board members,

superintendents, para-professionals and staff members who have school age children must place their children in Toledo Public Schools. No exceptions or exemptions. No waivers.

If they can get a paycheck from the public system, they can send their darling Suzy or Johnny there also. Or, does that lack of confidence in the public school system indicate that they do not trust their fellow teachers to educate their own children?

What rank hypocrisy! The teachers tell you to send your kids to them to be taught by them but they will send their own kids elsewhere for an education! What does that tell you about their confidence or belief in the quality of a Toledo public education?

What does that tell you about how they really feel about their own fellow teachers teaching their kids?

Go figure.

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United Way Supports School Levy

Special to The truth

On Sunday, October 24, the United Way of Greater Toledo announced its endorsement of Issue 5—the proposed Toledo Public Schools (TPS) levy.

According to United Way officials, the organization has

This past year, United Way of Greater Toledo invested approximately \$1.9 million in programs advancing its education goals in Lucas, Wood and Ottawa counties. Much of that progress has been made ei-

tion deficit next year, losing at least another 2,500 students is a very real possibility.

"Not all of these children are finding alternative education," Kitson continued. "We are losing a good num-

"Our children are too important for us to stand on the sidelines."

chosen to endorse Issue 5 because its partnership with Toledo Public Schools is yielding success and progress within the district's schools and, more importantly, in the lives of Toledo students. Officials stated supporting this levy is in the best interest of kids, the economic viability of our community, and United Way.

It is rare for United Way to take an established stance on political issues and acknowledges this one in particular is controversial. "We realize this issue causes conflicting opinions and emotions across our community," said Bill Kitson, United Way of Greater Toledo president & CEO. "But the bottom line is this is about kids. Period. Our children are too important for us to stand on the sidelines."

ther directly in Toledo Public Schools or in programs supporting TPS students.

"Our endorsement is an effort to protect the progress and investments we and our partners have made in education," said Cindy Dana, chairman of United Way's Public Policy Advisory Council (PPAC).

After a presentation from TPS Superintendent Jerome Pecko, Ph.D., and Toledo Board of Education President Bob Vasquez, the PPAC voted to recommend endorsement of the levy to United Way's Board of Trustees. The Board overwhelmingly approved endorsement earlier this week.

According to Pecko and Vasquez, TPS lost approximately 2,500 students this year after making \$39 million in cuts. Faced with a \$44 mil-

lion deficit next year, losing at least another 2,500 students is a very real possibility.

"Endorsing the levy now and choosing to work with TPS to create a viable plan is vastly preferable to paying more down the road as these kids enter the prison system, social service agencies, and businesses leave town as a result," Kitson concluded.

The announcement was made as part of the organization's *Waiting for Superman* screening and roundtable discussion. More than 350 people, including representatives from TPS, charter schools, unions, United Way funded partners, donors, volunteers, and the general public were in attendance.

To learn more about United Way's work in education, visit www.unitedwaytoledo.org/education.

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Issue 5 Doesn't Solve the Problems!

By Steve Flagg
Guest Column

Life has a way of presenting us with decisions where there are no good choices. More and more frequently we see these situations facing us at every election. This year isn't any different.

On the ballot is an expensive property tax that once levied will be permanent—as in forever. Therefore, we cannot hold TPS accountable for how they use the levy proceeds. We are faced with making a decision to force reform and create acute short term pain or acquiesce to coercion and hope we can still enact reform while slowly drawing out the inevitable pain. Both choices leave a

bitter taste.

TPS has three new R's these days: Reform, Rebuild, Revitalize. It is their bold slogan to promote Issue 5. But is it public relations or genuine commitment?

Board President Bob Vasquez has set about establishing a "kitchen" cabinet of local individuals with backgrounds in politics, education, business and labor. Since a plan has not been developed, the promise of this committee and TPS Board support of its creation are the only basis for which we can evaluate reform efforts.

In September, the TPS Board passed a resolution

where they will seek to reinstate transportation and security officers if the levy passes. The language adopted does not commit the Board to any action except to think about it. With TPS forecasting a substantial deficit next school year, adding back transportation only increases an already large deficit.

Which programs and services must be cut to restore these items?

In their campaign literature and advertisements, TPS has made several claims to encourage levy passage including promoting job growth, protecting home values, as well as pronouncing

the district's academics to be in strong shape. All of these claims lack specific details.

Levy passage would preserve jobs at TPS, but claims that it would promote job growth beyond preserving TPS jobs seems far fetched. Scores of TPS employees face layoff with or without passage of the levy—more if the levy fails. New tax dollars would leave Toledo through wages for employees living in the suburbs and payments for retirement benefits to Columbus. The resulting exodus of buying dollars from our community is likely to result in job losses—not gains—in Toledo while raising costs for local businesses.

Home values are already badly depressed with most of the buying attention focused on foreclosures. Raising property taxes won't help in attracting more buyers for Toledo homes. Good schools are important in the home buying decision, but simply passing a levy unless it results in substantial academic improvement will not stabi-

lize or increase the value of our homes.

TPS claims that academics are strong. Yet over the last several years, the best TPS could score on state report cards was a C- with incremental year-to-year increases while a third or more of TPS schools continue to fail.

Levy passage will generate just shy of \$22 million annually. TPS says the deficit is \$44 million without levy passage and only \$11 million if it passes. So where is the other \$11 million? Because tax collections start 6 months earlier than the budget year, TPS will collect 1.5 years of taxes that can be applied against next year's deficit. But in the following year the extra 6 months revenue is gone. Regardless of the outcome, TPS will need to cut at least \$22 million over a two year period to balance its budget.

This levy appears at best a "stop gap" measure that will require new levies in the near future, significant employee wage and benefit con-

cessions or both.

TPS has offered little substance to support their claims so it comes down to whether you trust and believe the promises TPS officials are making. What makes it more difficult is that past news accounts have documented a miserable track record by the Board in keeping its promises and managing tax dollars.

Besides evaluating the believability of TPS claims, TPS is asking us to trust them with our money to solve a problem where they have not proposed any solutions except a new levy.

We all must vote our conscience and this is a painfully difficult decision that every conscientious citizen has to make.

Educate yourself and vote November 2.

Steven Flagg is an education advocate and has been involved with education reform in Toledo for more than 15 years.

"In Word or in Deed?"

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



Ah, the coup de grace! - The question that unmasked a school system long on promises but short on plans, vision and perhaps competency. An institution well versed in name dropping of prominent movers and shakers, but ignorant of the people whom they reportedly serve and lacking answers regarding sustainability even if its record-breaking tax levy were to pass.

On November 2, the community has the opportunity to rise up, "take authority" and exercise its blood-bought heritage to make a difference as it faces several key interconnected issues and electoral decisions.

There are at least three relevant questions that we should reflect upon to guide us in our decisions:

1. What, in deeds performed rather than promises promoted, indicates that the candidate understands the cruel consequences of the economic (or educational) crisis for people of color?

2. What has the candidate done to promote justice, equity and to build a broader multi-ethnic coalition for change?

3. Has the candidate expanded the public debate to include social vision with economic concerns?

Some of the candidates and issues which I feel strongest about are:

Issue 5 TPS tax levy: VOTE NO!

The district still does not recognize that in the past, "only a few needed to succeed at a high level because most could be swept into the factory and an economy that did not require an education." That scenario no longer ex-

ists. Also, to continue to staff schools with those who are not qualified to teach or who teach in an area in which they have not been trained to teach is to deny children their civil rights and suggests along with other issues, that the courts, rather than current structures, should become involved in educational leadership (Comer, 1988).

Over the past decade TPS has taken in nearly a billion dollars (disproportionately from the African-American community) yet inner-city schools continue to be mired in a culture of failure, having received nothing in return but broken promises. Change requires some form of pressure thus TPS will not change voluntarily. They will only change when forced to change.

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Sixth District Court of Appeals: KEILA COSME

The most pressing needs today—jobs, decent schools, health care, quality affordable housing, transportation and safe, sustainable neighborhoods are the same for poor and working class Latinos, Asians, Native Americans and Caucasians as well as African-Americans.

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This is our country. We don't have to slip around like peons or thieves in the middle of the night, asking someone for open sesame. Knock the damn door down!
- Harold Washington

The questions came rapidly and aggressively, but artfully and with precision as if from some skilled and distinguished classical fencing expert. "Where is the plan?" asked WTVG's Bridges commentator, Doni Miller?

Backed into a common corner, both Toledo Board of Education President Bob Vasquez and Toledo Public Schools Superintendent Jerome Pecko, Ph.D. unsuccessfully attempted evasive tactics by pivoting the question and reciting a litany of worn and tired buzz words.

Exhibiting an unswerving pursuit and superior agility, Miller stated "Then you're abrogating your responsibility to set educational direction for the district and asking for money when there is no money. You are pouring money down a hole." A second, and then a third time, demanded Miller, "What is the plan?"

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Deltas Join Forces with Habitat for Humanity

Special to The Truth

On Saturday September 25, 2010, The Toledo Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. worked on a Habitat for Humanity Home sponsored by Owens Corning that is being built in north Toledo.

Thirty chapter members primed and painted the four-bedroom, 1200 square-foot home for a young mother of five. Chatting and laughing throughout the day, the chapter members and the young mother worked side by side. The mother is re-

quired to put in "sweat equity" to be eligible for the home and has earned 300 "sweat equity" hours thus far.

The sorority also presented her with a basket filled with household cleaning supplies. The homeowner is anxious to move into her new home. The family currently resides in a home that is poorly maintained and located in a neighborhood threatened with gang violence.

In addition, a check for \$1,000 was presented to



the local Maumee Habitat for Humanity organization to assist in the building of additional homes in the community. The local organization has been in existence since 1988 and has built 150 new homes in Lucas County. They are scheduled to build eight homes in the area for 2010.

This was the second time Delta has participated in a local Habitat for Humanity project. Delta chapters across the United

States take pride in continuing the tradition of supporting community efforts that aid in economic development. Economic development of the local community is central to the Delta mission and this issue is one of five key programs the national organization mandates.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is a public service organization and has supported Habitat for Humanity since 1992. It was

the first African-American organization to partner with Habitat. In 1976, a delegation from the sorority and supporters traveled to Ghana to build 40 Habitat homes. Habitat International has built over 350,000 houses around the world providing more than 1.75 million people with safe, decent, affordable shelter. Habitat operates in 90 states.

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Lucas County Auditor Launches Education Program for the 2012 Revaluation



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The purpose of the 2012 revaluation is to equitably adjust and equalize property values to reflect changes in the marketplace since January 1, 2006.

The revaluation is greatly impacted by real estate sales of a particular area. It is important for homeowners to check their property data to make sure their current value is accurate. AREIS (Auditor's Real Estate Information System) Online, accessed through the county website (www.co.lucas.oh.us), is a great resource for citizens to view the current market value of their property.

Attend an educational program during the dates and times listed below. For questions call the Education and Outreach Department at (419) 213-4406. You may also contact us via e-mail from our web site at www.co.lucas.oh.us/auditor.

LOCATION	ADDRESS	DATE	TIME
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Sanger Branch Library	3030 W. Central, Toledo	Nov. 15, 2010	1 - 3 p.m.
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Vote FOR Rich Cordray for Ohio Attorney General



Democrat Rich Cordray, the incumbent Attorney General, is running against Republican Mike DeWine to remain in the office to which he was appointed by Gov. Ted Strickland two years ago.

DeWine yearns to join the ranks of those attorneys general who have filed suit to stop the enactment of the nation's recently enacted health plan.

The difference between the two candidates

is stark as they vie for an office that has become so intensely partisan over the years.

In light of the candidates' stances on issues such as the health plan and corporate responsibility, we urge voters to retain the incumbent.

Recently, the New York times wrote an article about Cordray and his fight with Wall Street: "Mr. Cordray in two years in office has demonstrated a willingness to sue early and often, filing

lawsuits against global financial houses, rating agencies, subprime lenders and foreclosure scammers. He has wrested about \$2 billion so far, a string of gilded pelts: a \$475 million Merrill Lynch settlement, \$400 million from Marsh & McLennan and \$725 from the American International Group."

Voters, we have got to keep this man in office for as long as possible!

Vote FOR Dean Mandros



Democrat Dean Mandros is vying for a position on the Lucas County Court of Common Pleas against perennial candidate Republican Mark Davis.

Mandros has served in the Lucas County Prosecutor's Office for many years and with distinction. He is currently chief of that office's criminal division.

Mandros has been rated "highly recommended" by the Toledo Bar Association receiving 216 "highly recommended" votes, 193 "recommended" votes and 22 "not recommended" votes.

On the other hand, Davis received 22 "highly recommended", 69 "recommended" votes and "355 "not recommended" votes.

We would find it difficult to recommend Davis in light of that overwhelming thumbs down by his

colleagues.

We highly recommend a vote for Dean Mandros

for the Lucas County Court of Common Pleas.

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In Memoriam: Russell Joseph Marr

March 22, 1921 – October 23, 2010



Russell Joseph Marr was born on March 22, 1921 in New Madrid, Missouri to John and Mary Marr. As a child Russell attended Obannon Schools and as a young man he courageously volunteered for the United States Army Corp. during World War

II. He moved to Toledo making Ohio his home and in September 29, 1947 he married Ruth Esther Hamilton.

At a young age Russell accepted Christ as his personal savior. He has been a member of Calvary Baptist Church for over 50 years; where he was a devoted member of the usher board for over 40 year. Russell was not only committed to the church, but to his family and his community. He participated in many community organizations and was a baseball coach and mentor for young men. Mr. Marr was a member of the Masonic Order

and the Hyatt Allen American Legion Post.

He was the epitome of strength and manhood personified.

On October 23, 2010, at age 89, Russell Joseph Marr transitioned at Hospice of Northwest Ohio. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Ruth, sons Russell, Ronald, Rodney; daughters Jacqueline (Roger), Reba, Renicia, Robin, Roxanne (Raynard), Grandchildren: Joyce, Anthony, Angela, Misty, Darren, Alicia, Adrian, Remi Tai, Deanna, Kyle, Adam, Osaze, Chaise, and Zion and a host of great-grandchildren.

Sisters: Mable Tubbs, Sarah Frieson, Prestein Waddell, and brother Alfred Marr; and special cousin Harrison Marr. He was preceded in death by his mother and father, John and Mary Marr, son Zelma Marr, Grandson Michael, sisters Georgia and Marie; brothers- Alex, John Marr, Oliver Hemphill, and Benjamin Marr.

Russell Marr will be greatly missed by his family and everyone who knew him.

This is a loss but a legacy has been established. Russell Marr lived his life to love and lived his life to the fullest. He is leaving a strong legacy.

"Our days are numbered. One of the primary goals in our lives should be to prepare for our last day. The legacy we leave is not just in our possessions, but in the quality of our lives. What preparations should we be making now? The greatest waste in all of our earth, which cannot be recycled or reclaimed, is our waste of the time that God has given us each day."

Ruby's Kitchen Receives Much Needed City Loan

Sojourner's Truth Staff



Ruby Butler opened her restaurant, Ruby's Kitchen, four years ago after retiring from DaimlerChrysler. The family operation – five of Butler's grandchildren work with her – just received a \$50,000 loan from Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. The funds are administered by the city of Toledo's Department of Development.

The funds, which Butler received last week, will be used to replace kitchen equipment, most of which is many years old.

"My equipment is so old that every morning I pray it will come on," said Butler during the check presentation last week.

A number of people worked with Butler to help her secure the much-needed loan from the city including City Council President Wilma Brown, in whose district Ruby's Kitchen is located; independent consultant Jay Black who made critical phone calls to help facilitate the process over the past several months and accountant Vinson Shells, CPA, who helped Butler crunch the numbers to the satisfaction of the loan officers.

In order to qualify for the loan, Butler had to agree to make a number of changes, such as cutting certain expenses, to her operation in order to improve her profit margin, said Black. When those changes were made, the loan was swiftly approved.

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Kool Kidz Dance Team Breaks Out and Hits the Big Time

By Brittany Jones
Sojourner's Truth Reporter

No matter the size of a city, creativity has no bounds and even in little ole Toledo, talent is surging at full force.

From rappers and singers to artists and dance groups, the creative juices are making their names known – locally and in other states.

One dance group has reached that point in out-of-state recognition.

Toledo's own "The Kool Kiddz Dance Team" has been selected to perform on Black Entertainment Television's (BET) 106 & Park Wildin' Out Wednesdays, November 3 at 6 p.m.

After submitting an audition tape four different times, the team received the opportunity to show off their moves for a national audience.

Under the leadership and choreography of Matthew McClain, a student (senior) and dance instructor at Toledo School for the Arts,

the Kool Kiddz have gained nationwide population.

"It has been a major blessing and God has opened many doors for us," McClain said. "I thank Him for everything He has done."

Established in 2008 by McClain, the group has participated in numerous competitions and events such as Bash At the Bay, hair shows, high schools, Toledo Has Talent contest and the Apollo Theater in Harlem, New York.

The dynamic of this group has created an outlet for those young adults. With the exception of one of the group's dancers, the team has no formal training – they just love to perform.

Hip-hop is the main genre of dance, but they are open to any type of music depending on the performance.

Motivated to bring a distinctive style to the dance scene, McClain is always searching for those dancers



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ers who can pick up on choreography fast and "are not afraid of challenges."

He stressed the fact that there is a difference between free styling and choreography.

"Free styling is just coming up with the moves from the top of your head so you're just dancing," McClain explained. "Then there's choreography where you actually learn a dance, learn every movement and moving on beat with the music."

In the end, he continued, it is all about patience because it can be difficult when keeping a dance together considering the variety of personalities and opinions not to mention the importance of a dancer's swiftness in absorbing the dance routines.

"Some of the dancers are seniors, juniors and elementary" he said. "When we perform we give our all and have fun, but when it's time to get serious, we do what we have to do."

As of now there are only five dancers on the team, but it is continually seeking new flair.

Their practices are held at the Collingwood Arts Center and as an added bonus they are not charged to use the facilities. They practice vigorously three

times a week for two hours a day and sometimes on the weekends.

McClain is all about dance. His plans are to attend college in upstate New York and major in choreography. Eventually, he aspires to fulfill his dream of directing dance segments for big music artists, but for now his heart is set on the success of the group.

"I want the Kool Kiddz to go national, to travel and stand out among other dance squad in Toledo," he said. "It has been a major blessing and big step that we have been accepted to dance on 106 & Park."



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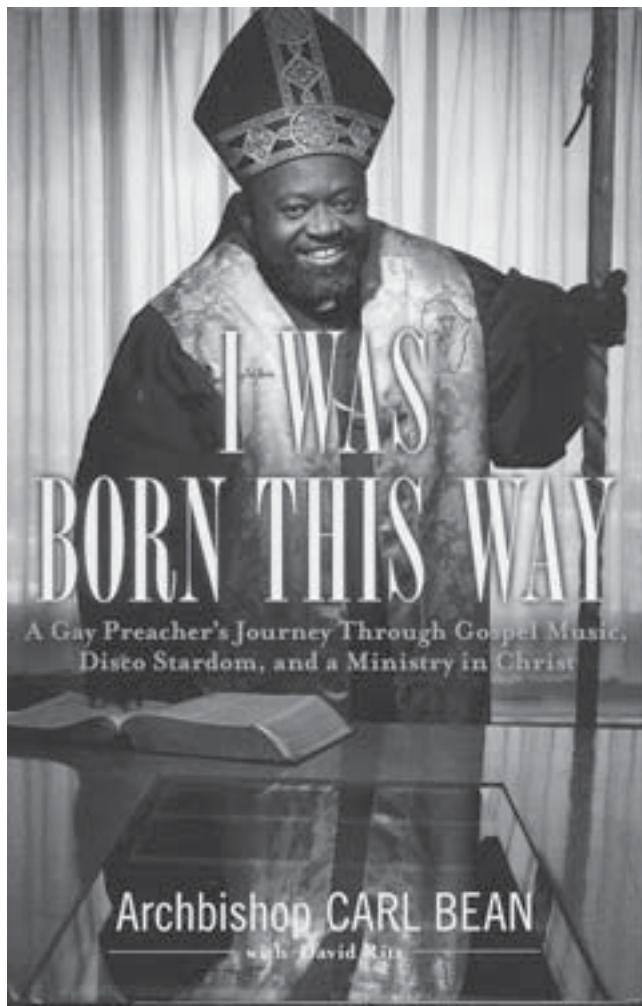
I Was Born This Way by Archbishop Carl Bean (with David Ritz)

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By Terri Schlichenmeyer
The Truth Contributor



You have your father's eyes.

Some say you looked more like Mom when you were little, but you favor Dad now. Same hair, same laugh, same sense of hu-

mor.

And the thing is, there isn't a lot you can do about it. You are who you are.

In the new book *I Was Born This Way*, Archbishop Carl Bean (with

David Ritz) tells about his childhood, careers and God's love and acceptance.

Young Carl Bean never really knew his father, and he barely knew his birth mother. Born and raised in

a poor area of Baltimore, Bean was basically raised by a village of "warm and wonderful women." He says that he was a girly little boy, soft and feminine, and he was attracted to other boys at an early age. He believes that those who raised him must have known about those feelings, but nothing was ever said. Bean was loved, and that's what he knew.

The shining point of his life was his godmother's mother, the woman Bean called Nana. She cared for him, took him to church, and made him happy, but when he was just three years old, Nana died and life changed drastically. He was taken in by his godparents, who loved him but didn't seem to like him. Shortly after that, Bean was sexually assaulted by an "uncle."

Though various abuses continued well into his teens, and though Bean had fully acknowledged his

gayness, he maintains that he was cherished and accepted – especially by the unaware wives of his abusers.

Fortunately, he found solace in God and in song.

Bean sang in good times and bad, for audiences of none or many. Because he knew that God is love, most of his favorites were gospel songs that Bean sang in the church choir. He was encouraged and tutored, and when he was old enough, he moved to New York City to pursue a gospel music career, quickly making a name for himself on the gospel circuit. He followed that with a disco career and a top-selling record.

But at different points in his life, Carl Bean was homeless, which showed him what God truly wanted him to do. After his musical career ended, he started a church and opened his arms to the LGBTQ community.

He began an AIDS outreach program through his ministry. He "became unconditional love."

Though it sometimes drags a little – particularly in the mid-section – *I Was Born This Way* is a wonderful biography that's curiously soothing to read.

Author Carl Bean is brutally honest in telling his story, which is both sweetly idyllic and frighteningly horrifying. Still, despite the nastiness he endured, he manages to convey a sense of calm and comfort, and a peaceful demeanor. That makes this, oddly, more like a hug than a book.

Readers looking for Heavenly succor will find it in Bean's reassuring teachings, while others will be merely treated to a unique memoir. If you're up for something good, *I Was Born This Way* is worth laying eyes on.

"Time Flies When You're Having Fun"

That quotation has proven true for Cynthia and Jack Ford during the last 90 days!



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The couple got on board with a pro-health company, Visalus Sciences, and took the Body By Vi Challenge on May 1, 2010. They took the challenge with 12 friends to make health a larger priority in their busy lives.

Jack set a goal of losing 80 pounds to become eligible for placement on the kidney transplant list. Cynthia took the Body By Vi 90 Day Challenge to get fit, increase energy level and show support for Jack.

They are thrilled with the results! Jack has lost 54 pounds in 90 days! Cynthia has changed two dress sizes and no longer munches granola bars and diet soda to get through the day. Now that they have achieved success without stress, they want to invite YOU to join them on the Body By Vi Challenge, too!

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NAACP Calls on Political Parties, Candidates and Operatives to Repudiate Intimidation Tactics that Suppress Voter Turnout

NAACP President & CEO Benjamin Todd Jealous has issued letters to Republican National Committee Chairman Michael Steele and Democratic

National Committee Chairman Tim Kaine calling for an end to campaign tactics that serve to mislead, deceive, or otherwise intimidate voters from visiting polling places. The move comes after the release of a misleading North Carolina State Republican Party mailer that distorted facts in order to intimidate voters.

This mailer is just the most recent campaign tactic that is meant to drive voters away from the polls rather than helping educate them and encouraging them to partici-

pate, said Jealous. Too often in the past few years we have seen political operatives spreading disingenuous rumors in order to scare voters into voting for their candidate, or, more often, not voting at all? including misinformation on where, when and how to vote. It should not be in anyone's political interest to drive down voter turnout, which undercuts the integrity of our hard-fought democratic right to vote. ?

The misleading North Carolina mailer criticized the state's Racial Justice Act and distorted the effect of the legislation, which enables courts upon established evidence of racial bias during sentencing to prevent erroneous executions by com-



Ben Jealous

muting a sentence to life imprisonment without parole. The mailer falsely asserts that the Racial Justice Act would allow death row inmates to roam the streets of North Carolina towns, viciously killing innocent men, women and children. To add insult

to injury, the mailer also attacked State House Majority Leader Hugh Holliman, who himself lost his daughter to violent crime.

North Carolina NAACP State Conference President Rev. William J. Barber, III called on State Republican Party Chairman Thomas Fetzter last week to repudiate the mailer and issue an

apology. Fetzter has since apologized for causing Holliman's family personal pain.

We are very zealous in our efforts to stop race discrimination and dishonesty by political parties and operatives, Barber said. ? Honest debate is one thing, but deliberate dishonesty is another. Your sloppy research, your not-so-subtle appeal to racial fears, and your boorish behavior toward the Holliman family, who themselves suffered the great family tragedy of losing a daughter to a violent crime, are over-the-top.?

For a Democratic system of government to be effective, it must have full participation by all of its eligible voters, said Hilary Shelton, NAACP VP of Advocacy and DC Bureau Chief. ? We must do every-

thing in our power to make sure that every voter is registered, educated on the issues and able to cast a vote of his or her own free will, and we must be assured that every vote will be counted. Yet as this election cycle draws to a close, we have seen a sad and disturbing trend where civility takes a back seat to inflammatory rhetoric, unabashed misinformation and outright lies. I hope that political leaders will join us in this call.?

Founded in 1909, the NAACP is the nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization. Its members throughout the United States and the world are the premier advocates for civil rights in their communities, conducting voter mobilization and monitoring equal opportunity in the public and private sectors.



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City revenues projected to decrease in 2011

State revenue sharing to drop, will be partially offset by income tax gains

City of Toledo Director of Finance, Patrick McLean, today announced the city's projections for major revenue sources in the 2011 budget cycle. The city anticipates a 2.6% increase in income tax collections although property and estate taxes along with state revenue sharing will more than offset those gains leaving the city with nearly \$1.6 million less in revenue for 2011 than 2010.

The boost in income tax revenue is attributable in part to a growth in job related income as well as continued strength in the city's delinquent collections efforts. The projections for 2011 include:

Revenue Source 2010 Budgeted* 2011 Projected* Difference*

Income Tax	\$141.33	\$144.95	\$3.62
Property tax	\$14.30	\$13.90	(\$0.40)
Estate Tax	\$4.00	\$3.00	(\$1.00)
State Revenue Share	\$15.30	\$11.50	(\$3.80)
Total for these sources	\$174.93	\$173.35	(\$1.58)

*figures in millions

"From a revenue perspective, 2011 will be just as difficult as 2010," Director McLean noted. "We are seeing a slight rebound in income tax collections which is a positive sign for the local economy."

With major revenue projections now in hand, the city will begin to craft a budget that puts appropriations in line with available revenue. Mayor Bell anticipates sending a proposed budget to City Council for consideration on November 15, 2010 with the goal of passing a final operating budget by January 31, 2011.

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A Blow to Area Entertainment: No More \$6 Movie Tuesdays

By Michael Hayes
Minister of Culture



Going to the movies in the 419 will never be the same again.

I remember when the *Blair Witch Project* came out, friends and I went to see it three cars deep. Toledo had so many movie theaters that this film was considered to be a niche film, so it only played at the art theater.

That's right, for those of you who don't remember Southwyck Mall actually had TWO movie the-

atres. One where most major motion picture releases wound up and another reserved for films likely to have cult followings but not major commercial appeal. Northtowne Mall was dying, but the movie theatre there was still a main attraction. You could be on that side of town and not have to worry about driving to west Toledo to see a flick.

When both of those closed, it was painful but it wasn't exactly the end of the world. We still had the Franklin Park Mall, Secor and theaters just outside the city limits. When the Maumee 18 Cinema opened with all of its two-story glory and huge lobby area, the most important part was the arcade.

Well, no, actually the most important was the

new concession stand with the elephant ears, cinnamon and regular pretzels. Yes, it was expensive as hell but I'd be lying if I tried to act like I didn't spend loot on chicken tenders and pizza at an alarming rate at the Maumee location.

Still, the jewel of the city's cinema collection wasn't the sparkling new structure on Conant Street. Toledo's most cherished cinema tradition in recent memory was the \$2 movies at Super Cinemas.

You know it was something special because you would go there and see people you haven't seen in years, the lines were nearly out the door and the cheap price made you go so often you felt like royalty.

Then they lowered the price of the food to match the \$2 theme so now you could eat, drink and get

your ticket and still have change left over from a \$10 bill.

National Amusements graciously allowed Toledo to keep its \$2 movies out at Spring Meadows for a few years and the city rewarded the chain's generosity with faithful patronage.

It made Toledo feel like it had a fighting change at becoming... dare I say, fun!

We may not have a lot of concerts, but at least we have the \$2 movie!

In 2008 that all went away.

Now this even had a greater affect on yours truly because from 2003 I had been going to the movies for free! Because I review movies for The Sojourner's Truth I was issued a critic's pass, and after a few years of thoroughly enjoying that privilege National Amusements ended most of the fun for a large amount of movie critics nationwide.

But even with things looking so gloomy, our newly-renovated mall (which most of us, no matter what age, will never refer to as 'Westfield') made the movie-going experience in Toledo something to look forward to.

Instead of just burgers, fries and pizza you could also get ice cream.

If you ended up taking a date to the movies and you had time to kill, there was a restaurant on hand with plasma screens on the walls.

However, slightly higher ticket prices and the emergence of bootleg DVD's helped to turn an already recession-stricken city away from the theater.

But when the DISCOUNT TUESDAY program was unveiled, hope was once again restored.

National Amusements was a cruel mistress, playing with our emotions all of these years but, here they were, finally tossing us a treat after so much despair.

Now, you could go to the movies on a Tuesday and see whatever you wanted for \$6 all day long. Discount meals at Applebees, Frickers and a few other area eateries coupled with discount tickets at the cinema started making Tuesday the unofficial recession friendly date night in Toledo.

Well, it was fun while it lasted.

National Amusements sold all of its greater To-

ledo theaters to Rave Cinemas and the dark clouds gathered quickly. First on the chopping block was the still pristine and immensely popular Maumee 18 multiplex. WIMX Mix 95.7 and WJZE Hot 97.3 routinely held large promotions on the radio which attracted hundreds of Toledoans to the theater for sneak peeks and movie debuts full of giveaways and fun.

Wasn't enough, I guess. Next order of business for Rave, kill off \$6 Tuesdays.

After October of 2010 there will be no more discount movie days.

At this point, the entire country is experiencing financial limbo.

They say jobs are returning, things are rebounding but until it hits the average person's bottom line even the ballers are feeling kinda broke these days.

In a city like Toledo where things are slow and entertainment options are already a challenge, this is a blow to the self-esteem of the area.

Wow, is a cheap movie ticket really that important? Yes, yes, it is.

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Holiday Parade and Kris Kringle Village Launch Holidays in Downtown Toledo

For the 23rd consecutive year, the city will herald the start of the winter holidays with the largest balloon parade in the Midwest. Toledo's annual Holiday Parade will march the streets of downtown again this season, thanks to a partnership involving The Blade, Taylor Automotive Group, and other prospective sponsors.

Marching bands, clowns, equestrian units, dance troupes and more will step off at Summit and Jefferson Streets at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 27, traveling north on Summit to Jackson and finishing on Huron. Along the way, children and adults will enjoy a festive array of multi-storied helium balloons, fun floats, high jinx by the Shriners and Distinguished Clown Corp and, of course, the parade's biggest star: Santa! Local marching bands, including the University Toledo, will provide the holiday music. Singer, dancer and actress Alyson Stoner will serve as Grand Marshal.

Known by her fans as a star of *Disney Channel's Camp Rock* movie, 17-year old Alyson Stoner is a multi-talented artist who has performed as the voice of "Isabella" in Disney's award-winning animated series *Phineas and Ferb*, and as the infamous pig-tailed dancer in the Missy Elliott music videos. This summer, she starred in the first-ever 3-D dance movie - *Step Up 3D* - in which she reprised her role of Camille Gage. Also this year, Alyson appeared in *Disney Channel's Camp Rock 2: The Final Jam* and *The Little Engine That Could*. Stoner's many additional credits include a recent episode of *House*, *Cheaper By The Dozen 1 & 2*, *The Alyson Stoner Project*, *Kung Fu Magoos*, *The Suite Life of Zach & Cody* and *Alice in Alice Upside Down*. She recently released her first two singles, *Flying Forward* and *Make History*.

At the conclusion of her duties as Grand Marshal, Alyson Stoner will perform live at the Erie Street Market as part of the day's second family-themed event, Kris Kringle Village.

Now in its second season, Kris Kringle Village offers a selection of activities, including magic shows, demonstrations by the Imagination Station, photo opportunities with Santa, gingerbread house building for children, a coloring contest, cookie decorating, a bounce house, and carriage rides. Thirty-five gingerbread houses will be on display, featuring a 6-foot tall house constructed by the culinary students of Penta Career Center. While there, visitors can vote for their favorite.

Kris Kringle Village is open from noon to 6:00 pm at the Erie Street Market. Admission is \$6. Infants one year old and under are admitted free. Food and beverages are available for purchase.

Interested parties wishing to sponsor bands and units in the parade, or who wish to participate as sponsors for Kris Kringle Village, should contact Mark Peddicord at The Blade at 419-724-6394.



In Word

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Judge Cosme, in describing her judicial philosophy states: "Any judge must be fair and impartial. We are a nation of laws and they must be enforced. Yet it is imperative to have diversity of culture and of background experiences in the court system. The more representative of the community it serves, the stronger the judicial system becomes. I understand the consequences of rulings. My life experiences and broader perspective allow me to understand the actual impact and to see a broader world which helps us to analyze the legal issues being presented better."

Ohio State Senate, District 11: EDNA BROWN

Longtime Toledo native and public school graduate served four elected terms in the Statehouse as a representative of the 48th District. Brown imbues the collective vision and aspiration of the community, having worked

tirelessly on issues of voting rights, health, violence against women and economic development. Brown also understands the disadvantages experienced by communities of color and has initiated legislation and other interventions to address the socioeconomic issues that currently plague our community.

Governor and Lieutenant, State of Ohio: TED STRICKLAND and YVETTE MCGEE-BROWN

Governor Strickland and charismatic running mate Yvette McGee-Brown, bring a much needed perspective to a community disproportionately affected by the aftermath of the Wall Street-initiated financial crisis.

The tandem, each born poor, understands that their eventual success was related to strong family protection of their aspirations, a warm and supportive church community, and nurture and guidance, including exposure to

positive mainstream experiences.

McGee-Brown has staked out an urban agenda with plans to focus on issues revolving around cities such as education, the economy and infrastructure revitalization.

Governor Strickland has brought \$6.2 million to Lucas County and invested over \$55 million to create jobs in Northwest Ohio, including 21st century renewable energy projects.

U.S. House of Representatives: MARCY KAPTUR

If Kaptur, who has supported almost every piece of federal legislation with a positive effect on the poor and people of color, had done nothing of substance, the fact that her opponent appears to stand against civil rights and alongside those who have attacked the heart of social justice and equality, makes supporting her candidacy mandatory.

Those who challenge Kaptur's long and productive service have not been held accountable. We have not continued to ask them the hard questions. One such question is what kind of culture shall we have?

Shall we continue on this politically conflicted and racially tense journey?

And shall we continue to allow the gap between "haves" and "have-nots" to swell farther and farther apart?

Technology, media culture and a base-minded appetite for reality TV has made the experiences of the "haves" readily visible to the "have nots" while leaders and pitchers, instead of "actually accomplishing things" by hiding problems or masking intentions.

Eventually this will degenerate into "expressions of discontent" and we will find ourselves, as a nation, in a con-

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Star Academy is looking for quality K-8 teachers (primarily k-3) who are creative with their craft. Applicants need to have a current Ohio License, must be creative, passionate, motivated and team oriented. We are an equal opportunity employer and individuals from underrepresented minority groups are encouraged to apply. Please send letter of interest, resume and copy of license, transcripts and references to the attention of Gaye Dobson, Principal Star Academy of Toledo 1850 Airport Hwy Toledo, Ohio 43609.

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Account payable rep needed in our firm. Candidate must have at least high school or college degree. The position offers 200 dollars per week plus benefits.

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RN (FT, PT & CONTINGENT)

Lucas County Children Services is seeking candidates to assess/document medical care of children in care. Requirements: Valid Ohio R.N. lic. Exp. in Pediatrics preferred. Knowledge of ambulatory health care helpful. Work hrs. based on hire status, plus on-call. Additional info available at www.lucaskids.net. Send resume by 7/7/10 to: LCCS, 705 Adams St., Toledo, OH 43604; Fax: 419-327-3291 EOE Valuing Diversity

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Unison Behavioral Health Group, Inc. is seeking an experienced AOD Therapist to provide individual, family and group counseling and case management services.

Candidate must possess a Bachelor's degree, Master's Degree preferred and have a minimum of two years experience working with adults with mental health and chemical dependency issues. Dual mental health (LSW, LISW, PC, PCC) and chemical dependency licensure (CDCA, LCDC II, LCDC III or LICDC) required.

Send resume or apply to:

Human Resources - AOD
Unison Behavioral Health Group, Inc.
1425 Starr Avenue
Toledo, OH 43605
419.936.7576 - Fax
hr@unisonbhg.org - Email
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SECURITY OFFICER

Provides security/communication functions to ensure the safety of staff, building and property. REQUIREMENTS: H.S. diploma/equivalent and security-related exp. or educ. (prefer 2-year degree in Law Enforcement). Position starts at \$17.60/hr (hrs. will vary w/evening & weekend work required). See complete requirements at www.lucaskids.net. Send resume to LCCS, Human Resources, 705 Adams St., Toledo, OH 43604 or fax to 327-3291 by 9/30/10. EOE valuing diversity.

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Virginia and Novarro Gibson Celebrate 50 Years of Marriage

By Brittany Jones
Sojourner's Truth Reporter

As a child, it is the element which creates that "happily ever after" in fairytales. As a young adult, one just thinks and romanticizes about it. As an adult, when it happens, it can be the most blissful phase of life ever experienced.

Marriage – that fervent and intimate bond between two people willing to spend the rest of their lives together.

In some cases, it actually does last for a lifetime.

Making it to 10 years in a marriage is a milestone these days, but going strong for 50 is something all its own – a phenomenon.

This is what Virginia and Novarro Gibson have accomplished with their union.

On Saturday, October 23, 2010, their family hosted a wedding anniversary celebration for the couple at the home of daughter, Sheila Gibson-Lewis.

They met in Chicago and after a date at the art museum, the Gibsons dated for some time and then relocated to Toledo where both shared a career at Toledo Public Schools.

Novarro was a Spanish teacher as well as an artist while Virginia was a para-professional for 28 years.



"I feel blessed for this wonderful union we share," Virginia said. "It is so exciting."

Currently, Virginia is retired and Novarro is still teaching Spanish at various nursery schools, working with three and four year olds.

Gibson is also a Civil War re-enactor.

They are optimistic for the future especially when it comes to their family and their well-being.

"I'm thinking about my three kids [Raymond, Sheila, Angelo], [nine]

grandkids and my two great-grandkids," Novarro said.

"I'm concerned about making sure that they can meet this future head on, be ready for it because things are changing."

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