# Konop, Sarantou squabble over ethics plans

By JOSHUA BOAK BLADE STAFF WRITER

Lucas County commissioner candidates Ben Konop and George Sarantou both want to establish a county ethics commission, yet they still manage to criticize each other's plans.

'None of us can escape from the fact that ethics is the defining issue in this election," said Mr. Konop, a Democrat and visiting professor at the University of

Mr. Konop offered more details yesterday on a proposed county ethics commission — one of the components of an ethics pledge he signed last week — and accused his opponent of putting "politics ahead of good government.'

Mr. Sarantou, a Republican and Toledo city councilman, declined to sign the pledge. He is helping draft an ethics policy for city government that he wants to extend to the county.

By CHRISTINA HALL

yesterday morning.

houses.

An arsonist used a baseball bat

to bust a hole in the front door of

a South Toledo gas station and

then threw two containers inside

that exploded and started a fire

The blaze at the Gas-N-Go,

740 South Ave., was one of three

arsons in the city in four hours,

with the other two at vacant

The gas station fire shortly af-

ter 5 a.m. caused about \$70,000

damage. Much of the damage

was to the contents; the one-

story building appeared to be

structurally sound, fire Investi-

Store video showed the sus-

pect walking past the gas station

toward Broadway and placing

two small devices near the front

door. The suspect left for three

to five minutes, returned, and lit

the devices — plastic containers

with fluid — which exploded in

the building, Mr. Smith said.

He said the suspect was

thrown about five feet and ran

toward the Anthony Wayne Trail.

The suspect may have been

gator Michael Smith said.

"There needs to be a comprehensive and federal bribery charges this month.

**Authorities say** 

arson to blame

for 3 city blazes

burned in the explosion.

Police initially were sent to

the gas station on an alarm call.

They found the hole in the front

door and the floor on fire. Fire-

fighters were called to the scene,

houses that caught fire was razed

after blazes that occurred before

At least one of the two vacant

The first fire occurred about

12:50 a.m. at a two-story house

at 1617 Palmwood Ave. The

blaze caused minor damage to

a neighboring house at 1615

Palmwood. Damage for both

houses was estimated at \$9,000,

Battalion Fire Chief Eric Ren-

About two hours later, a va-

cant house at 1369 Fitchland

Ave. caught fire. Fire officials told

police the blaze appears to have

started on the exterior of the

locked, two-story structure and

spread to the inside. Firefighters

had to break down the doors to

Firefighters listed the damage

at \$10,000, and the house was

razed, the battalion chief said.

battle the blaze, police said.

according to a police report.

the gas station incident.

zhofer said.

### Rivals share goal of forming county panel

effort by elected officials and others in the community to sit down and come up with an ethics policy for the county," Mr. Sarantou said. "What my opponent has done is craft an ethics policy on one sheet of paper. That is not comprehensive.

Recent indictments of local political figures have brought ethics to the forefront of the campaign.

Tom Noe, a former chairman of the Lucas County Republican Party, is charged with laundering money to President Bush's 2004 re-election campaign and stealing millions from a rare coin investment he managed for the state.

And former Toledo City Councilman Bob McCloskey pleaded guilty to state

The Ohio Ethics Commission announced plans yesterday to investigate Toledo Mayor Carty Finkbeiner for his attempts to retain and increase the pay of Eugene Sanders, the recently departed superintendent of Toledo Public Schools.

Members of Mr. Konop's proposed ethics commission would likely be chosen by elected officials, Lucas County Common Pleas Court judges, the UT law school dean, and the League of Women

The volunteer commission would then draw up ethics guidelines for county employees and elected officials. It would be amended after public hearings and submitted to the three-member Lucas County commission for approval.

The ethics commission would then serve in an advisory capacity to prevent problems and restore the public's confidence in government.

Asked to name a special commission that improved the government's reputation, Mr. Konop said, "The Warren Commission was helpful.

Responsible for investigating the 1963 assassination of President John F. Kennedy, the Warren Commission, led by U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice Earl Warren, concluded that Lee Harvey Oswald was the lone gunman, a controversial assessment that spawned conspiracy theories, books, and films.

'Unfortunately, we have a history of commissions who have not done their homework and increased distrust of the government," Mr. Sarantou said.

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### **ROAD WARRIOR**

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The Blade's Road Warrior advises readers where the biggest driving headaches will be throughout the construction season. He'll tell you locations to avoid and detours to take.

The main places to avoid this holiday weekend in the Toledo area are I-475 and U.S. 23 in Sylvania

Township and I-280.

As it has been since October, the latter is closed for construction of the Veterans' Glass City Skyway

**PATCH** 

approach spans in North Toledo. Although I-75 is the most obvious alternate route, westbound Ohio Turnpike motorists heading to Michigan may do well to exit at I-280 and use the posted State Rt. 795 detour rather than get caught in backups at the I-75 exit plaza.

I-475 and U.S. 23 are open, but both are restricted to one lane each way for bridge rehabilitation. While delays there have been relatively mild, we suspect out-of-town travelers won't be as practiced using alternate routes as locals. That means jam-ups may be worse during the holiday weekend.

Remember also that the Alexis Road entrance to northbound I-75 is closed, as is the southbound exit there. Use the I-280 ramps at Manhattan Boulevard instead, or take Telegraph Road into Michigan and enter I-75 at Erie or Luna Pier roads.

1. I-280: Closed for bridge construction, Greenbelt Parkway to Summit Street. Through traffic detour via I-75, State Rt. 795. Reopening in August.

2. I-475, U.S. 23: Bridge rehabilitation closes lanes north and east of I-475/U.S. 23 junction. Reopening in September. Bridge painting at Talmadge Road requires nighttime lane closings on I-475.

3. Byrne Road: Bridge reconstruction, road rebuilding close lanes north of Airport Highway and south of Glanzman Road.

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westiand at Berdan.
Bobbie Mackey, Ann Rose, bank card from
Suder at Ottawa River.
Elias Gharib, West Sylvania, lottery tickets.
Lisa Sailstad, Glanzman, jewelry, clothing, CDs, and personal property from

Monica Lee, Ryewyck, laptop computer,

ionica Lee, Hyewyck, laptop computer, briefcase, and wallet and contents from SUV at home.
rian Pawlick, South St. Clair, laptop computer from SUV in the 1200 block of Woodsdale Park.

Ryan Sinift, Delence, wallet and contents

Traffic injuries

Tuesday
6:55 a.m. – Front and Esther. Pickup of Danie
Sheehy, 40, of Lebanon, and motorcycle
of Dennis Snyder, 48, of Martha, who
was treated at St. Vincent Mercy Medi-

Wednesday

7:20 a.m. - Madison and 17th. Autos of Yvonne Curate, 59, of London Ridge, who was treated at St. Vincent Mercy Medi-

was treated at 3t. When twelv Meurical Center, and Richard Langford, 36, of West Village, who was treated at Toledo Hospital along with passenger, Nancy Warren, 57, of North Summit.

1:55 p.m. – Indiana and Division. Autos of

Westland at Berdan.

from unit block of Main.

Woodville Pemberville • Grand Rapids Bowling

Avoid using Byrne between Dorr Street and Hill Avenue.

4. State Rt. 420: Interchange construction at U.S. 20/23 closes lanes south of Truman Road. Traffic shifts on U.S. 20/23

5. State Rt. 246 (Dorr Street), U.S. 24 (Detroit Avenue): Intersection reconstruction requires lane closings

6. State Rt. 184 (Alexis Rd.), I-75: Bridge reconstruction closes lanes on Alexis near I-75 through mid-September. I-75 northbound entrance and southbound exit at Alexis are closed until June 3. Lanes may

be closed at night on I-75 7. State Rt. 582: Closed for culvert work at Liberty Hi Road until Aug. 3. Detour via State Rts. 64 and 65.

8. Detroit Avenue: Water main construction closes the street between Alexis and State Line roads through May 31. Posted detour uses Lavoy, Telegraph, and Alexis roads. Vehicles under 80,000 pounds may use Benore Road instead.

9. State Rt. 2 (Airport Highway): Widening work between Byrne and Reynolds roads requires flag zones. Use South Avenue or Glendale Avenue instead.

10. State Rt. 2: Two-way traffic is maintained in a work area at the Bono curve, but look out

for vehicles stopped to make turns. Several side roads are closed.

11. Ohio Turnpike: Bridge widening between I-280 and I-75 may require occasional lane

### **OFF THE MAP**

I-75: Single-lane closings for road and bridge repairs between Monroe and I-275. Second lane may be closed occasionally, causing long delays.

I-75: Nighttime, off-peak lane closings in Findlay for paving.

U.S. 6/20: Lanes closed on Fremont bypass for bridge work. Reopening in June.

U.S. 20: Five culvert replacements close the road in western Williams County through next week. Detour via State Rts. 49, 107, and 576.

U.S. 223: Closed for bridge reconstruction on Adrian's west side. Detour via M-52, M-34. Use other routes if possible.

State Rt. 2: Lane closings are likely on the Edison Bridge over Sandusky Bay weekly from 8 p.m. Monday through 8 a.m. Friday.

M-125: Closed north of Frenchtown Square Mall, Monroe, for bridge replacements. Detour via U.S. 24.

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# Civil rights struggle not finished,

'THE EDITORS'

NPR's Williams cites several lingering issues

reporter says

Progress in civil rights has to be understood in context, Juan Williams, a senior correspondent for National Public Radio, said yesterday during a taping of The Editors television program.

If you're an African-American, many issues remain on the table from high dropout rates and high rates of single, teen women giving birth to high infant mortality rates.

"Some people are reluctant because if you say you've come a long way, it might indicate that the struggle's over [and] everything's fine," said Mr. Williams, who has reported and written extensively about civil rights.

Mr. Williams added that he uses his own father as a mea-

"I just don't think my father would have the opportunity to be a senior correspondent for NPR," Mr. Williams said. "It's a different world in terms of the levels of opportunities.

Mr. Williams said all indicators show a widening economic gap, based largely on education, with black and Hispanic children seeming to get the least valuable education.

He also spoke about immigration — "the issue of our age," he said — President Bush, national security, and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

He said our image of women as leaders is in transition and discussed the prospects of a Hillary Clinton vs. Condoleezza Rice race for president in 2008. Celebrity surrounds each, and "they're larger-than-life characters in America," he said. "Either of their lives could be movies." Mr. Williams was questioned

by Thomas Walton, vice president and editor of The Blade. The Editors will be broadcast

at 9 tonight on WGTE-TV, Channel 30, and at 12:30 p.m. Sunday on WBGU-TV, Channel 27.

Mr. Williams, who also is a political analyst for Fox News, was in Toledo to speak at the annual dinner last night of Neighborhood Properties Inc. held at the Medical University of Ohio.

Neighborhoods Properties offers supportive housing for people with mental illness.

At the dinner, the group was to present community awards to Lura Lovell and Norma Wanucha and, posthumously, Gertrude Winters.

Their efforts evolved into NAMI of Greater Toledo, which focuses on support for families of people with mental illness, and the Thomas M. Wernert Center, which serves people with mental illness.

Neighborhoods Properties also recognized Kim Jensen, vice president of the group's tenant association, and Jim Kanary, a Neighborhood Properties repairman.

### Man rescued after falling into lake OAK HARBOR, Ohio — A in serious condition, a hospital Cortland, Ohio, man who was spokesman said.

rescued from Lake Erie Wednesday afternoon after he fell into the water while fishing was in serious condition at a Toledo hospital yesterday.

Larry Miller was fishing with three other people in a 22-foot boat about six miles off the shore of Carroll Township near the Niagara Reef when he fell into the water, said Petty Officer Bryan Kaseman of the Coast Guard's Marblehead station. Larry Miller, 37, was flown to

the Medical University of Ohio Medical Center, where he was

Hatfield said.

grees at the Marblehead station, Mr. Kaseman said. Chief Hatfield said Mr. Miller

fell in when he tried to retrieve a fishing pole. His breathing and a pulse were restored through the CPR, the police chief said.

**Bay Park Community Hospital** Tonya and Larry Young, Elmore, boy, Wednesday.

Amy and Timothy Wilson, Maumee, boy, Thursday.

**Births** 

Flower Hospital Friower mospital

Erin and Bryan Spetz, Toledo, girl, Monday.

Teresa and Brandon Wamsher, Sylvania,
girl, Tuesday.

Chantel and Josh Franco, Toledo, boy,

St. Charles Mercy Hospital Erica and James Houselantto, Toledo, girl, Sunday. Cohle Kidd, Toledo, boy, Tuesday.

Jill and Ken Harsanje, Genoa, boy, Tuesday. St. Anne Mercy Hospital Alkhatib and Bassam Said, Toledo, girl, Wednesdav.

St. Luke's Hospital Allison and Stephen Krzyminski, Maumee, boy, Wednesday. Cynthia and Jason Zilles, Perrysburg, boy, Wednesday. Amber and Jason Yeray, Perrysburg, girl,

Kari Sergent, Bowling Green, boy, Thursday. St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center
Laura and Bart Soeder, Toledo, girl, Wednesday. Laudy and Samir Nassar, Toledo, boy/girl

twins, Wednesday.
Toccara Rosemond, Toledo, boy, Thursday. **Toledo Hospital** Michelle Gonyer, Oregon, girl, Tuesday. Melanie and Mark Zientek, Toledo, girl,

Wednesday.

Dawn and James Barb, Holland, boy,
Wednesday.

Hope and Matt Adkins, Oak Harbor, Ohio,

girl, Wednesday. Sweta Kundur and Anand Tandra, Toledo, girl, Wednesday. Kimberly and Kenneth Porter, Sylvania, boy, Thursday. Shawn Anderson, Toledo, girl, Thursday.

### Marriage licenses

**Lucas County** May 24, 2006

Jason Mitchell, 31, and Michelle Hart, 24, food service, both of Toledo.
Michael Hardy, 53, SSI, and Kori Watson, 35, SSI, both of Toledo.
Derek Leonhardt, 18, U.S. military, and Ashley Andrews, 18, waitress, both of

Clayton Franklin III, 32, supervisor, and Jill Lawrence, 28, supervisor, both of Holland

Juston Fisher, 32, antique dealer, and Jessica Logan, 27, antique dealer, both of Maumee.

Charles Grindle, 51, student, of Toledo, and Candace Bisbee, 47, customer service

The victim's father and a friend in the boat and a nearby fisherman helped pull the man back into the boat, while a doctor who was fishing nearby came to the rescue and performed CPR, township police Chief Jody

Lake Erie was about 60 de-

# **TODAY'S LOG**

representative, of Sylvania. Allan Kaufman, 57, physician, and Kimberly Kirkham, 34, registered nurse, both of

Toledo.

John Kinnee, 44, lineman, and Mary Canterucci, 39, sales, both of Toledo. Daniel Gonzales, 21, steel fabricator, and Janell LeRoy, 21, student, both of To-

Curtis Klotz, 23, substitute teacher, and Iris Crisp, 25, residential specialist, both of Louis Cullum, 32, HVAC installer, of Toledo,

and Sarah Fredericks, 27, teacher, of Holland. Parker, 31, beautician, both of Toledo.

Arry Oakman, 44, and Linda Hill, 45, both

#### Crime reports **Burglaries**

M&M Heating & Cooling, Scott, loss unde-

termined.
Robin Lee, Berry, food.
Geniss Williams, Norwood, TV/DVD player,
Direct TV and DVD player.
Natasha Cole, Colfax, TV, DVD players,

Natasha Cole, Colfax, TV, DVD players, clothing, and shoes.
Edward Johnson, Stickney, medication.
Hermino Villarreal, North Ontario, guitar.
Ernest Hardiman, East Park, rims, tires, video game, video cartridges, computer system, and jackets.
Sherri Northrup, Walbridge, tennis shoes.
Steve Buescher, North Lockwood, lawn mower, weed trimmer, and blower.

Thefts Madlyn Stanley, Revere, credit card from the 3500 block of Dorr.
Nichole Ortega, Lewis, bank card and checks from Chase at Pontiac.
William Lee, Marietta, Ga., credit card from the 1400 block of Noble.

Jose Villegas, Van Wormer, speaker from Gasiorowski & Cook Memorial, Lagrange,

central air unit, downspout, and copper tubing.

Lewis Simpson, Douglas, credit cards, identification, checkbook, and personal papers from auto in the 200 block of North Summit.

Karisa Bixler, Willie, credit card from the 5100 block of Shasta.

Leo Mark's Jewelers, West Central, loose diamonds from auto.

diamonds from auto. lvory White, Maple, cellular telephone and bank card from residence.
Peter Wernert, Mapleway, computer disc and credit cards from residence.

Michael Schoen, Plumbrook, Maumee, wal-

Ashlea Brown, 21, of Kent, and Marjorie Mason, 76, of Stickney, who was treated at Toledo Hospital. 8:16 p.m. – I-280 and Starr. Autos of Lacy Binting, 23, of Patchen, Oregon, and Tara Inocentes, 32, of Mountain Brook,

> Wednesday 12:01 a.m. – 600 Cincinnati, outdoor fire. 6:33 a.m. – 1939 Mason, structure fire. 8:53 a.m. – 2060 West Laskey, commercial

Oregon, who was treated at St. Charles Mercy Medical along with passengers, Jason Mondragon, 14, of Starr, and Tim Inocentes, 14, of Mountain Brook, of Fire alarms

fire alarm.

11:57 a.m. – 903 Utah, residential fire alarm.

12:44 p.m. – 5270 North Detroit, structure Frances Garcia, East Streicher, purse and contents from the 1100 block of West 5:54 p.m. - 912 North Michigan, outdoor 5:24 p.m. - 505 Jefferson, commercial fire

5:38 p.m. - 615 Cherry, commercial fire

5:49 p.m. - 1127 West Central, fumes investigation. 7:40 p.m. – Booth and Harvey, outdoor fire. 8:19 p.m. – 1442 Yates, outdoor fire. 8:42 p.m. – 3200 Glendale, commercial fire block of Airport.
irgene Toth, Kingston, purse and contents
from Secor at West Central.
thadwick Detrieck, Berdan, CDs, checkbook, golf clubs, tools, laptop computer,
and wallet and contents from truck on
Westland at Berdan.

10:25 p.m. - 5923 Everwood, commercial fire alarm. 11:47 p.m. - 817 North Michigan, commer-

### **Divorces granted**

**Lucas County** Rebecca Ragland from Luther Ragland. Danny Lawson from Carrie Lawson. Enas Kanama-Zaher from Aiman Zaher. Sandra Godfrey from John Godfrey. Peter Conklin from Michelle Groves-Conk

lin.

Deborah Neumann from Carl Loar. Scott Langlois from Angela Davis. Kimberly Molter from Larry Jones. Cecelia Hill from Joe Hill, Jr. Angel Wells from William Boswell.
Harold Mitchell from Arthelia Mitchell.
Lindsay Brand from Michael Uhler. Lindsay Brand from Michael Uhler.
Scott Light from Stephanie Light.
Starr Mitchell-Chong from David Chong.
James Kaptur from Christine Kaptur.
Laura Uncapher from David Uncapher.
Sonya Newton-Butler from Paul Butler.
Paul Butler from Sonya Newton-Butler.
Joseph Spoor from Kelly Rosner.
Jessica Frey from Nicholas Frey.
Paniecea Machaterre from Kenneth Machaterre

chaterre.
Thomas Burns from Kristi Burns.
Ronald Swartz from Alla Swartz. Russell King from Rhonda Thomas-King. Claudia Amaral from Steven Feasel. Ciaudia Amiaria from Steven Feasei.
William Carr from Tara Baun.
Lana Kohls from Ralph Rhodes.
Holly Oberhouse from Scott Oberhouse.
Tracey Szymanowski from James Szymanowski.

Sara Judson from Leo Judson.
Kimberly Lowe from Jeremy Lowe.
Alesha Anderson from Jacob Wilson, Sr.
Casper Napierala from Laura Lucio. Laura Lucio from Casper Napierala Nancy Al-Abed from Diaa Al-Abed. Frederick Calhour from Valoncia Co rick Calhoun from Valencia Calhoun Hannah Lammie from Brett Lammie. Jill Schultz from David Bauman. David Bauman from Jill Schultz. Kathleen Johnson from Bruce Johnson. Ronnie Bennett from Karen Brank-Bennett. Karen Brank-Bennett from Ronnie Bennett

### Marriage dissolutions

**Lucas County** Joy Krajewski and Stephen Petro. Deborah Elliott and Cean Elliott. Rebecca Yeager and Roy Yeager. Sean Pennington and Jessica Hernandez. Miranda Jarouche and Jeremy Green. Arda Kardes and Nicole Haley.

# **HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

City, county, state, and federal government offices will be closed Monday in observance of Memorial Day. Auto title offices also will be closed. However, the Toledo Police Department records office will be open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

A list of select services follows:

**Businesses** Banks. financial institutions, and banking centers will be closed Monday, except for Fifth Third Bank Marts in the Kroger stores, which will be open regular hours. KeyBank will be closed, but its call center will

be available.

**Retail centers** Most shopping malls will have abbreviated hours on Monday. Southwyck Shopping Center and Woodville Mall will close at 6 p.m. Westfield Franklin Park will be open regular hours to 9 p.m. Individual

Libraries

Mail service There will be no mail delivery or

The Toledo-Lucas County Public Library and branches will be closed Sunday and Monday.

stores may have separate hours.

window services at the main post office or any of the classified stations or branches. The bulk mail acceptance unit will be closed. Express Mail will be delivered from a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

#### Public and parochial schools, colleges, and universities will be closed and no classes held on Monday.

**Schools** 

Owens Community College will be closed Saturday through Monday. **Public utilities** Toledo Edison's office and phone service and Columbia Gas' phone center will be closed on Monday.

#### Service will only be available for emergencies.

Bus service Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority buses will operate on a holiday schedule on Monday.

areas. Ottawa Hills regular Monday-Tuesday trash pickup will be delayed to Tuesday-Wednesday.

Trash pickup

Trash pickup will be delayed one

day all week in Toledo and outlying

**Parking** Meter parking in downtown Tomail collection on Monday and no ledo will be free on Monday.

## Adrian College names 4 new trustees

College's Board of Trustees has appointed four new members.

The new members are: • Harold Craft, chairman of Craft-Barresi Consultants Ltd., a human-resources consulting firm in

Clarkston, Mich. ● Travis Pearse, president Relations in Detroit.

Adrian of Global Manufacturing & Assembly Corp., in Jackson

Mich. ● John Shimko, chief executive of Charles Services/ D&R Security in Grand Rapids, Mich.

• Johnnie Lou Hunter, president and founder of Growth Potential Public

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