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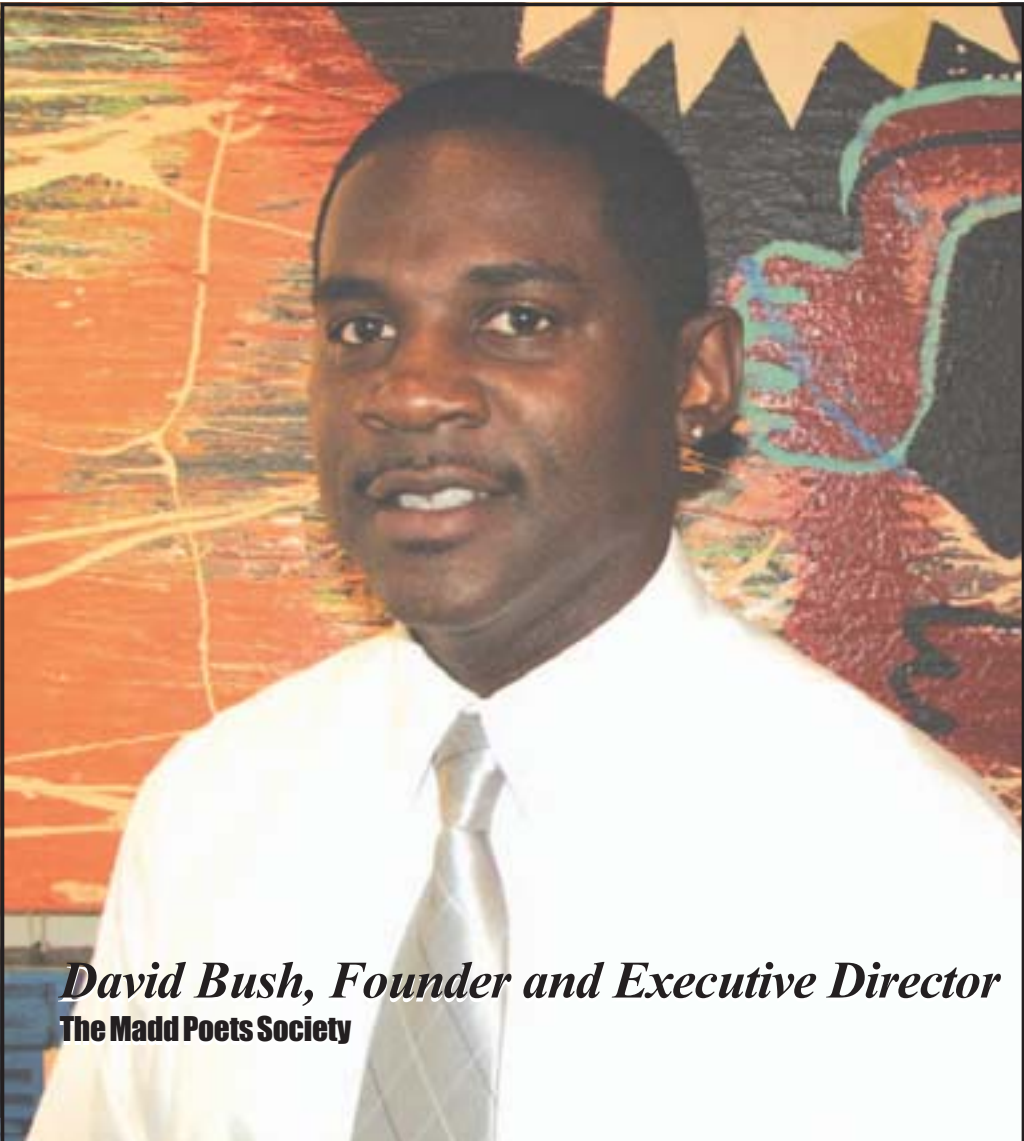
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*David Bush, Founder and Executive Director  
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*“The Madd Poets Society was inspired by a series of dreams and a chance meeting with famed poet Nikki Giovanni at an Authors! Authors! series.”*

## This Strikes Us ...

*The Sojourner's Truth Editorial*

This Time Around, You Have to Vote

If you have never voted before, if you have not always trudged to the polls because you did not think it would make a difference, if you feel that registering to vote opens you up to having too much personal information on file ... let's put all of that behind us.

This time around, you simply have to vote.

There are three critical issues that will engage the next president, and your vote is likely to make a difference in how we as a nation deal with those matters. Keep this in mind, in 2000, in a presidential election that most people felt was fairly unimportant, George Bush carried Florida (some say he did not, in fact) by the slimmest of margins – less than 1,000 votes. Had the U.S. Supreme Court not interfered to stop another recount, Al Gore might have gone over the top and the course of history could have been remarkably different.

What are those three critical issues? Health care, energy and foreign policy – issues on which the federal government can have a direct impact immediately and in the long term. Why do we not include education or energy on the list? These are indeed crucial matters but the president does not have the total control that he can exercise on the first three. In the matter of education and the economy, we usually ask that the administration and the entire federal government simply do no harm.

If you have never voted before, you can register just about anywhere in the city of Toledo. You can register at any church, for example. You can go to the Board of Elections at Government Center. You can come down to The Truth's offices.

You merely need to be at least 18 on or before the day of the election, a citizen of the United States, a resident of Ohio for 30 days prior to registration, not currently incarcerated (you can vote in Ohio if you are an ex-offender, by the way) and not disqualified for violations of election laws. In this particular election, you have until October 6 to register for the November 4 general election.

If you have registered to vote, make sure that all of the information the Board of Elections has on file for you is accurate. You are not properly registered if you have not voted in two consecutive federal elections. So if you missed 2004 and 2006, you need to re-register. If you have moved, you need to have your change of address recorded.

If your name has changed due, for example, to marriage or divorce, you need to have your new name on record.

Your name will not be on the rolls at your polling place if these issues are not cleared up and chances are you will be given a provisional ballot to use. In the last presidential election, over 7,500 voters in Lucas County used provisional ballots and, ultimately, more than 3,000 of those were ruled to be invalid.

The lesson here is, quite obviously, avoid provisional ballots. If there is any doubt – you haven't voted in a while, you have moved, you have changed your name – check to ensure that you are properly registered.

In order to avoid that Election Day polling site crush, it would make sense to make it to the polls in advance and take advantage of the early voting procedures. A voter can go, starting September 30, to the EMS Training Facility at Jefferson and 22<sup>nd</sup> Streets and use an absentee ballot to cast an early vote. (See map and hours on the next page.)

To vote early, you need fill out the application and write down your driver's license number, your social security number – last four digits – or have a copy of various other identifications.

We have "Seven Days to Change the World."

From September 30 (the first day of early voting) to October 6 (the last day to register), anyone who needs to register can go to the EMS Training facility and register and vote in one fell swoop. New voters really should be encouraged to take advantage of this time-saving exercise of their right to vote.

In their quadrennial effort to suppress the vote, state Republicans have been railing against this provision, but it seems that the Secretary of State – a Democrat for the first time in a while – is holding fast and allowing this one stop shop voting procedure to continue.

One advantage to early voting is that certain questions about the status of the voter are less likely to be challenged at that point than on Election Day at the polls. Republicans are gearing up, for example, to challenge voters in certain precincts who have had mail returned as undeliverable. A home foreclosure would lead to such a status that Republican monitors would jump on at the polls but not during early voting.

So, if you are not registered, do so immediately but remember that you have seven days to change the world from September 30 to October 6.

And, for everyone, registered or not, early voting makes all the sense in the world.

## Community Calendar

### September 17

EOPA Financial Planning Class: Free one day class – break free from the bondage of money stress; 9 am to 1 pm; Hamilton Building: 419-242-7304

### September 18

Women's Entrepreneurial Network: "Writing a Business Plan;" Waterville Branch Library; 6:30 pm: 419-345-9497

### September 19

Rhema Word Christian Fellowship Church: Women's Ministry '08 Conference; "Women Anointed for Battle;" Friday – 9 am to 2 pm workshops, 6 pm prayer, 7 pm service; Saturday – 11:30 am luncheon in Fellowship Hall; Sunday – 9 am Worship Service, 11:30 am Worship Service: 419-534-9840

### September 19-20

S.I.P. Kids: Free digital fingerprints and photo program for all kids that attend; Kistler Ford; Friday from 3 to 7 pm; Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm: 419-531-9911 or www.sipkids.com

### September 20

Making a Difference Conference: St. Stephen's C.O.G.I.C.; 2 to 4 pm: 419-810-7973 "Divided We Fall: Americans in the Aftermath;" Award-winning documentary; Presented by MV Unitarian Universalist Congregation and Toledo Sikhs; MV Unitarian Universalist Congregation in BG; 7 pm: 419-353-8353

### September 19-20

Women of Virtue Ministries: Prophetic Prayer Summit; "PUSH (Pray Until Something Happens);" Open Arms Cathedral; Guest speaker Pastor Jesse White of Asah Ministries; Noon on Friday; 1:30 pm on Saturday: 419-531-1862

### September 21

Indiana Avenue MBC Women's Day: 10:50 am and 4 pm; "Christian Women Being Kept in Perfect Peace Because They Trust in the Lord;" 419-720-2602

Memorial Service: Phillips Temple CME Church; "Remembering Our Loved Ones: Legacy of Footprints;" 11 am

St Paul MBC Annual Women's Day Celebration: "Women Persuaded by His Power to Pray, Praise, Love, Worship and Serve; Morning worship at 10:45 with speaker Willa Mae Brown of Jerusalem MBC; Afternoon worship with guests from Allen Chapel A.M.E. of Rossford at 4 pm: 419-246-2886

A Taste of diversity: Toledo Botanical Garden; 1 to 5 pm; Variety of ethnic foods, cultural music, dance and spoken performances; Sponsored by the Erase the Hate Campaign: 419-245-1565

### September 23

Free Prostate Screenings: Mercy Cancer Centers; Family Care Center – corner of Franklin and Bancroft, 12:30 to 3 pm; Regency Surgery Center – 2000 Regency Ct, 5 to 7:30 pm: 419-251-4000

### September 23-26

Calvary MBC Fall Revival: Lecturer at 7 pm; Preaching at 7:30 pm; Holiness, Miracles, Forgiveness, Eschaton: 419-944-5946

### September 24-26

Open Door Christian Church: Fall conference; "Which Adam Are You?" Discovering the truth about Adam; Day sessions at 10 am to noon; Evening sessions at 7 pm

### September 25

Women's Entrepreneurial Network: "Marketing Your Business;" Waterville Branch Library; 6:30 pm: 419-345-9497

### September 27

"Our Social Innovations Project #1.:" Arts-based marketing event sponsored by law offices of Ciolek and Wicklund; Visual artworks by local artists and performance; Truth Art Gallery: 419-345-7839

Citywide Christian Trustee Assoc Meeting: James B. Simmons Bldg; 10 am

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## My View



By Jack Ford  
The Truth's Political Columnist

September 17 is Constitution Day when we celebrate the framing of our supreme document, the constitution we live by in the United States. There is a direct line running to our Constitution from the signing of the Magna Carta in 1215 by the English barons and King John.

Somehow the idea of the rights of Englishmen came down through the ages despite all of the beheadings and other intrigues that fill British history.

Our constitution was drafted in response to the rather weak Articles of Confederation which did not provide for a strong president or the government's ability to tax and raise an

army to protect the newly formed United States. So, a group of men came together and wrote a new Constitution which we have amended from time to time. A majority of the original framers were slaveholders but slavery is not mentioned in the constitution. It is referenced four times but never mentioned by name.

Some writers argue that the Constitution was not really complete until President Lincoln gave the Gettysburg Address and his second inaugural speech. It took the Civil War to clear up some nagging discrepancies in both the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence. And, even then, we wasted another 100 years as we lived through peonage, Jim Crow and the Civil rights movement.

Only in the last 40 years have we seen voting rights in the South become a reality.

We should be troubled by the continued inability of Senator Barack Obama to put away Senator John McCain. As a matter of fact, McCain is ahead in Ohio today and dead even in Michigan. In light of the War in Iraq and the economy, Obama should be

way ahead. I will not be surprised that come November, McCain may eke out a slim victory.

For all its hi-tech strategies and huge crowds, the Obama campaign seems stuck in park. We saw in 2000 and 2004 what can happen if we give the right an opportunity to steal an election. We should stop worrying about whether Gov. Sarah Palin is this or that and focus on getting out the vote—GOTV.

Where is the sense of urgency in the community? I just don't feel it. I hope we are not mesmerized by the hoopla and large crowds.

I expect Palin to be superb in her debate with Senator Joe Biden. Neither Obama nor McCain have articulated much on domestic policy, especially in rebuilding the inner cities of urban America.

Here, locally, get ready for the big state and city deficits in 2009. The layoffs facing the city of Toledo will be revisited in 2009. I am guessing we will be in the hole for \$15 million in that fiscal year. Watch that garbage tax ramp up big time.

Remember, when our administration left office in 2005, we left a surplus of

\$400,000. The deficit came about only after Mayor Carty Finkbeiner went on a spending spree for AFSCME and the pension push up for police and fire. The money was never there and everyone in City Hall knew it.

I hear the State of Ohio is getting really antsy over the E.O.P.A. donnybrook. Again, be forewarned that we will look up one day and see a state takeover. There needs to be a chill out at the super hot board meetings.

Bill Kitson is the CEO of the Greater Toledo United Way. He is now in the crosshairs of The Blade, Carty and the County Commissioners. Will the United Way building be torn down, as Kitson wants? Remember, Carty has influence over the Zoning Board by means of his appointees. Kitson has asked for supporters of United Way to step forward and argue their case using logic.

The problem arises in that logic has little sway in Toledo when certain actors get into the game.

Good luck, Bill. You're gonna need it.

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- Give them a "time out" to settle down.
- Take away privileges or a favorite toy.
- Offer choices — "you can do this, or you can do that."
- Make sure your children understand why they are being disciplined.
- Reassure them that you love them.

If you choose to spank your children, **NEVER** do so in anger. Your anger could cause you to lose control, which could result in the child being injured. And, while spanking is legal, injuring a child is not. It is abuse.

**Even better, catch your kids being good and praise them for it.**

If you suspect child abuse or neglect, call 419-213-CARE (2273).

For more on what parents should know, visit [www.lucaskids.net](http://www.lucaskids.net)



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**Saturday, October 25, 2008 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**  
**Saturday, November 1, 2008 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**  
**Sunday, October 26, 2008 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.**  
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# Donna Brazile Brings Insight and Humor to Stranahan

By Fletcher Word  
Sojourner's Truth Editor

When you see Donna Brazile on television, you get the truncated version. Or in her words—the pundit “pontificating.”

What you see on television is not nearly the total package. Brazile’s brief stints on CNN and ABC cannot begin to capture the warmth, the wit, the humor of the woman nearly 1,200 appreciative spectators saw live and in person on Tuesday, September 9 at the Stranahan Theater.

“I love it when conservatives are happy,” said Brazile of the GOP. “When they’re grumpy, they start wars.”

Brazile, who is part of the Toledo Lucas County Library and The Blade’s Authors! Authors! program, opened the 2008-2009 series with aplomb as the veteran political Democratic strategist gave her audience an in-depth look at the 2008 presidential election.

“This race is tied because the country is equally divided and it will stay that way,” said Brazile.

“The only poll that matters is the one in Lucas County that’s going to open on Election Day.

“This election is unique,” she continued. “A year ago, conventional wisdom was that Hillary Clinton was going to be the Democratic nominee and on the Republican side, the mayor of New York, Rudy Giuliani – a showdown in Manhattan.”

Brazile gave her audience four things to keep an eye on during the upcoming weeks:

“The presidential debates are important to frame the arguments and [to determine] who has the presidential timber to lead;

“The economy is the issue but there will be other factors we can’t control – unforeseen circumstances could reshape the race;

“The ground game and who turns out on election day – [Senator Barack] Obama has the edge in money and organization;

“How we count the votes – there are still ‘chads’ in



many of our states and counties.”

Brazile noted that “history argues against a third term for a sitting party,” even as she acknowledged that this time around there are two issues that will dominate: race and sexism.

“Race has always been the elephant in the room and will continue to be a factor in American life until we determine that it’s time to end racism,” said Brazile.

reer and she got an early start. She knew at the age of nine that she wanted to become involved in organizing

“As a child, I never thought I would see this,” she said referring to the candidacies of Obama and Palin. “We knew certain doors were closed to women and minorities. At the age of nine I told my mother ‘I want to organize like Dr. [ML] King.’ When he was assassinated, I said again, ‘I’m going to organize.’”

Brazile was not only witty and humorous, she was also relentlessly opti-

mistic about the ability of people to reach beyond their partisan squabbles and work together when necessary.

That’s a lesson America should have learned in the aftermath of the events on September 11, 2001, Brazile noted. But she would also not that we have a ways to go.

“This election should not be about personalities but policies,” said Brazile. “It’s about putting America’s interests at the heart of what we do.”



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# Preventing Crime and Building Communities Through Gardening

*Sojourner's Truth Staff*

Last week, a garden began to take root in a north Toledo inner city neighborhood. The Greenhouse Project, an outgrowth of the U.S. Department of Justice's "Weed & Seed" program, "will become an oasis for youth where they can connect with the earth and their community," said Valerie Moffitt, the North River Weed & Seed manager.

The Greenhouse Project is a collaborative effort sponsored by the North River Community Development Corporation, the Lucas County Juvenile Court, Toledo GROWS, the Toledo Botanical Gardens, The Connecting Point, Toledo City Councilman Joe McNamara and other community leaders.

A plot of land on the back grounds of The Connecting Point is the site of the neighborhood greenhouse that has already brought about 15 youths together to plant fresh vegetables.

"You might not recognize it at first glance but community gardening is a powerful and cost-effective weapon in our crime-fighting arsenal,"



said McNamara at last week's groundbreaking. McNamara pointed out three benefits that will result from the greenhouse project based upon research from the Harvard School of Public Health and the Project on Human Development in Chicago Neighborhoods: "This Greenhouse Project will grow fresh produce for a neighborhood underserved by markets; this Greenhouse Project

will grow character in the youth who learn life skills working with the earth; this Greenhouse Project will grow pride in a community reeling from the devastation of the collapsed housing market."

Toledo GROWS is a community outreach project of the Toledo Botanical Gardens. The organization is dedicated to the growth of community-based gardens in the city of

Toledo and surrounding areas - "revitalizing neighborhoods through gardening," according to Mike Szuberla, Toledo GROWS coordinator. Sixty-one gardens have been planted in the area as a result of the program and Szuberla anticipates reaching 75 by next year.

The idea for the greenhouse had its genesis in the 2005 riot in north Toledo, said Charlie Johnson of the Lucas County Juvenile Court. "This kind of program really does work," said Johnson at the groundbreaking.

Moffitt agreed. "This is an innovative way to fight crime," said the Weed & Seed manager.

U.S. Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur was also present at the groundbreaking last week and gave the youths a lesson in the history of the north Toledo site where the greenhouse will be erected. Kaptur noted that the land had once been underwater as a part of Lake Erie and was especially rich for agricultural purposes.

"Toledo is truly a city in a garden," said Kaptur. "You are taking land that is unproductive but very rich and [you are] doing something that is very exciting."

# Indiana Avenue Missionary Baptist Holds Pre-Women's Day

*Sojourner's Truth Staff*



Indiana Avenue Missionary Baptist Church held its Pre-women's day celebration on Saturday, September 13 in anticipation of the main event that will take place on September 21.

Chef Les catered last Saturday's breakfast and an audience in the packed Fellowship Hall heard poems, solos, prayers and remarks during the event that was themed: "Pray Without Ceasing."



*Sis. Jeanette Jones*

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# Young African-American Males Face Mental Health Crisis

## Experts Call for New Treatment Strategies and Better Access to Health Care Studies Find Dramatic Increase in Suicides among Adolescent African-American Males

*Special to The Truth*

A significant increase in mental illness and behavioral problems among adolescent African-American males demonstrates the need for new approaches to treatment and better understanding of the complex challenges facing these youths, according to a policy paper issued by Community Voices: Healthcare for the Underserved, an advocacy group based at Morehouse School of Medicine.

The paper, titled "The Secret Epidemic: Exploring the Mental Health Crisis Affecting Adolescent African-American Males," outlines

Dr. Claire Xanthos, a health services research specialist, wrote the paper, which cites studies showing that black males ages 15-19 die from homicide at 46 times the rate of their white counterparts and that from 1980 to 1995, the suicide rate for black adolescents rose from 5.6 to 13 per 100,000 of the population.

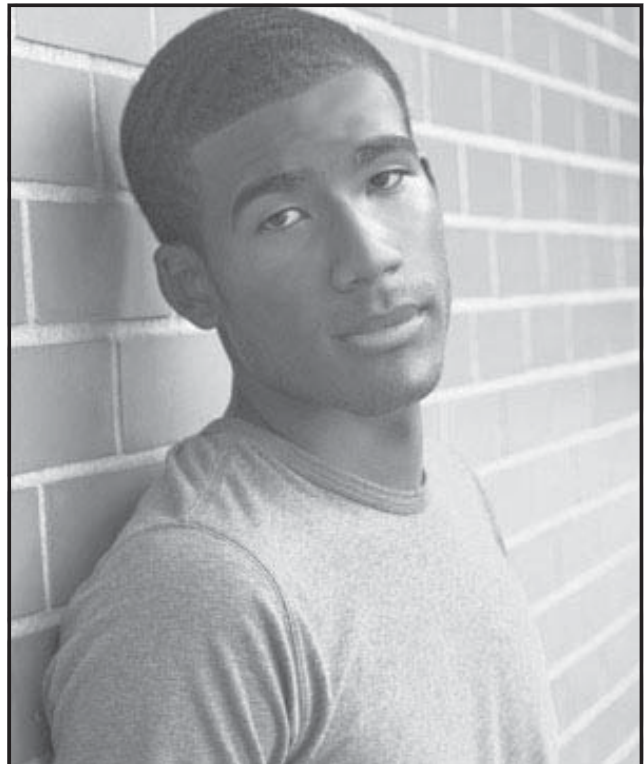
Xanthos writes that "these figures should not be surprising since adolescent African-American males in contemporary American society face major challenges to their psychological development and well-being. In

that often means absorbing negative influences.

Urban stress is an important factor in the psychological development of young black males because many live in deprived and dangerous neighborhoods where they are exposed to violence.

Significant problems are also encountered by black males who grow up in predominantly white, middle-class communities where they feel distanced from the white youths and also from blacks from poorer communities.

Citing these problems, the



**Racism can affect mental health by reducing socioeconomic status, diminishing access to desirable resources and contributing to poor living conditions**

data indicating that mental health problems are rising among members of this at-risk group, their access to treatment facilities is relatively low and treatment strategies must be revamped to address the socioeconomic issues that confront them.

"Our research found that many young black males are treatable, but they are going undiagnosed because of failures in America's health-care system," said Dr. Henrie M. Treadwell, Director of Community Voices, a nonprofit seeking to improve health services and access to health care. "Our entire society feels the impact of this failure. Suicides and homicides have increased for this group, and the residual effect is impacting communities across the country. This problem must be addressed."

addition to dealing with the physical, mental and emotional issues typically experienced during adolescence, adolescent African-American males are confronted with unique social and environmental stressors. They must frequently cope with racism and its associated stressors, including family stressors, educational stressors, and urban stressors."

Moreover, the paper notes that:

Racism can affect mental health by reducing socioeconomic status, diminishing access to desirable resources and contributing to poor living conditions.

When positive adult male role models are absent, many black youths turn to their peers for help in forming a male identity, an adaptation

paper makes a plea for better access to mental health treatment for young black males, noting that they currently often confront a "confusing maze" when trying to get help.

The paper notes that when young black youths do find treatment, depression is often overlooked because their symptoms often differ from white youths'. For cultural and social reasons, black youths often express suicidal feelings through somatic complaints rather than sadness or depression.

Moreover, the paper calls for more "bicultural" training for young black males. Such training would better prepare them to follow proper behavior in school and the workplace, while also working with young black males to get them

ready to deal with the discrimination they are likely to face. Also cited is the need for a significant increase in the number of black therapists available to work with African-American youths.

Dr. Treadwell said it is essential that new policies be

implemented to address the social and environmental factors that create poor mental health outcomes for young black males.

"We must increase the capacity of America's mental health system to help resolve the problems faced by young

black males," she said. "There must be more research in this area, and more people of color must be trained and hired to help this at-risk group

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# The Sojourner's Truth Arts

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## David Bush: Teaching Self-Expression with a Higher Purpose

By Fletcher Word  
Sojourner's Truth Editor

"The Madd Poets Society was inspired by a series of dreams and a chance meeting with famed poet Nikki Giovanni at an Authors! Authors! series," says David Bush, founder and executive director of the MPS, now in its ninth year of operation.

That chance meeting with Giovanni happened in the late 1990's when, encouraged by his wife Diana, Bush hastily assembled a book of his poems and managed to get it into the poet's hands during her visit to Toledo.

Giovanni would later write Bush that she had read each poem on the plane. "You've managed to create a definite voice," she wrote while encouraging him to help others.

Then came the dreams, as Bush recounts the story. One dream inspired brought to him the word "madd;" a subsequent dream fleshed out the meaning of that acronym – "make a direct difference."

At that point, Bush had come to the realization that his destiny was to work with youth and that he needed to take the components of education, drug prevention and self-awareness and blend them into a unique program based around poetry and self-expression.

The act that pulled everything together was a call from a librarian who was familiar with Bush's work. She asked him to meet a student.

Bush agreed and met the



young teen.

"Hello, my name is Chrystal Butler and I am a professional poet," the 13-year-old girl told him. Amazed by the introduction, Bush shared three stories with her and told her to meet him the following week.

She came back ... and brought seven more kids with her.

"Every time I came back to Kent Branch, there were more and more kids," says Bush. "The Madd Poets Society started by default."

And continues because Bush and his group of vol-

unteers have brought hundreds of youths over the past nine years into an environment designed to encourage creativity and develop self confidence.

"I taught myself how to teach [through] non-traditional methods," says Bush.

He might place a dollar bill on the table as part of a visual poetry presentation and tell the students that "you have 15 minutes to tell me what it means to you." The result is a variety of themes on the meaning of a dollar forged from the impact dollars have had on the lives

of the young people. "Education, opportunity, mentoring," says Bush with the by-words of one of his teaching methods.

A class starts with an opening by the student president and vice-president – Nikyle Fitzgerald II and Mario Harris Rosser this year – and then, "I deliver the word of the day to enhance their vocabulary," says Bush. He requires the students to take notes.

The non-profit organization (a 501 (c)(3) certification) now has about 40 students per year and meets at the Toledo Museum of Art. The members of the Society hold a host of performances throughout the year to showcase their talents and, this year, a theater program was added as well as a hip-hop debate team.

But live performances are not the only ways Bush and his team of volunteers use to work with youth.

"Creativity, confidence and cogitation – that's the process of how I get teens to write," says Bush. "We talk about what is relevant."

The MPS meets every other Saturday for three hours. "We ask that they be on the path to success," he says. Bush has three rules for his students – no profanity, no do-rags, no sagging.

School progress is monitored, of course, but not just for the duration of the students' tenure with the program. Bush and his volunteers – Shawn (Cleo) McNeal, Michael Hamilton, Sierra Coates and Bill Quinlan – keep voluminous notes themselves of information on past students – statistics, colleges attended, graduation progress. In the nine years of the program, all of the Society's high school seniors have graduated.

Bush, a Toledo native and graduate of Scott High School, started writing himself when he was a sophomore. His English teacher, Mrs. Stone, broke the ice with a request for poems from her students. Bush's first-time effort – "The Dream" – received a grade of A and a poet was born.

He picked up rapping in

1979 through the influence of groups such as The Last Poets and the Sugar Hill Gang. "When I first heard rap, it was like I could express myself through it." And a rapper was born.

"I rapped every day for 15 years," recalls Bush who worked with several groups during that decade and a half including Partners in Rhythm and Lexus Crew. Bush especially relished the freestyling that became the norm during those days.

But when rap began to take a turn in the late 1980's with groups such as NWA, Bush could "find no association" with what were becoming popular topics – drive bys and gang banging.

He reverted to his poetry roots and found joy in such things as poetry slams. "I found it easy with the synopation of words and the beat in my head. In 1999 he competed in the Northwest Ohio Poetry Slam and topped all 24 competitors. And, of course, about that time, he found that rap, poetry and music were a perfect combination to use in order to reach youth.

After nine years, students from 15 high schools and six junior high schools have participated in the Madd Poets Society classes, along with those being home-schooled. Alumni of the program have matriculated at colleges and universities such as The Ohio State University, The University of Toledo, Bowling Green State University, Oberlin College, among many others. And the MPS has collaborated with a host of schools and non-profit agencies in the area.

There are several important events coming soon for the Madd Poets Society. On September 20, the Society will hold its open house at the Toledo Museum of Art in the Gilmartin room from noon to 3 p.m. On November 5, the MPS Evening of Words Benefit will take place at the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library's Main Branch McMaster Center.

For more information on the Madd Poets Society, call 419-754-6275 or go to the website at [www.maddpoetsociety.org](http://www.maddpoetsociety.org).

## New Life Productions Presents American Issues

New Life Productions is proud to present the hit stage play "American Issues,"

October 18 at The Maumee Indoor theater, 601 Conant St., in Downtown Maumee.

Tickets are \$12.00 in advance and \$15.00 @ the door on the day of the show. There will be two shows at 4:30 and 8:00 pm.

Written, produced and directed by Toledo's own JaJuan Turner, **American Issues** explores topics ranging from family values to more controversial issues such as racism, religion, and politics. The play touches on various current events and points out subjects that often divide us as Americans. However, the mission is to bring us closer together through thought provoking dialogue and entertaining antics that will stir your soul with an abundance of emotions from sadness to sheer bliss as we discover that as Americans we all have issues, but it's how we deal with them that matters most.

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**Yusuf Lateef and Adam Russell**

Yusuf Lateef is a 31-year-old artist who is married with three beautiful daughters. He is a highly talented visual artist who is industrious, hardworking, and mixes boxing and art to create his many projects. He loves to incorporate existing elements within the composition of found materials. He uses reatly signs, wood paneling, buildings, and doors as mediums to showcase his works.

Adam Russell, Yusuf's friend and collaborator, is a 30-year-old artist who specializes in image making to uplift vision for the eyes, heart, and mind. He makes paintings to relate actual meanings. Upliftment is the goal for the individual viewer, for the community, and for the innocent bystander.

Both artist live in Toledo and are currently showcasing their talent together, through September 20, at The Truth Art Gallery, located at 1811 Adams.



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# Family Imprint Exhibit at 20 North Gallery

*Sojourner's Truth Staff*

The art of Goshen College faculty painter and printmaker Abner Hershberger and his daughter, New York printmaker sue Hershberger Yoder, grace the walls of 20 North Gallery in an exhibit that opened on September 12 and will run until November 2, 2008.

Abner Hershberger has taught painting and printmaking at colleges and workshops throughout the United States and Europe and his work has been featured in museums, universities and commercial galleries throughout the world.

Sue Hershberger Yoder has worked in the fashion industry and has taught printmaking on the West Coast for a number of years. She currently lives in New York and teaches at Syracuse University.

20 North is open Tuesdays through Fridays from noon to 4 p.m. and Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m.



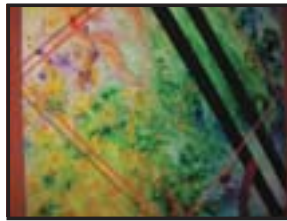
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## Reel Review

**The Family That Preys - Sanaa Lathan, Taraji Henson, Tyler Perry**By Michael Hayes  
Minister of Culture

One thing is evident in this film during the very first 10 minutes. Tyler Perry drew inspiration from his stage theatre career in how he paced and wrote this one.

It feels more like a drama onstage than a movie during the first half hour.

From the opening scene of a wedding taking place on the picturesque grounds of a southern mansion, it's all too obvious that you are being set up.

It's like a roller coaster. You know you'll be in for a great ride once it gets going but first you have to make up the steep incline jutting out before you.

There's no attempt to hide it, just the foresight that all aboard will savor the plunge.

And this drama truly sends you through many loop-de-loops, highs and lows and moments where you feel as though you have to catch your breath.

Friday night at Franklin Park Mall (Westfield? What is that?)... the very last show... I treated (okay, more like forced) my sister and her friend/our play sister (kailah & domi- I see you) to hit up Tyler Perry's latest.

The theatre was packed wall to wall on a night that felt really good to be around my people.

Not that a good flick with a mostly black cast doesn't pack the seats with a few progressive lighter shades, but seeing a crowd full of black folks and no one was acting a fool... I love it.

And this movie was perfect for a full house.

When you watch a movie in a full audience like that you can feel all the twists and turns collectively. Everyone sighed, gasped, cheered, laughed... at all the points in the film designed to make you

sigh, gasp, cheer and laugh.

It was a small joy to experience it with a couple hundred people especially since everyone was cool and there was no ignorant-you-know-whats out that night.

So there we all sat and watched a movie that felt more like a play at first but then became a full blown drama that could rival anything that has come out in 2008 so far.

True, Tyler Perry does at times rely on cliché.

Hell, Tyler Perry being an important co-star in most of his films is a bit of a cliché but it works.

Also, Alfre Woodard playing Sanaa Lathan's mom...if they do that in

one more film people are gonna start thinking they have it written into their contract that they play mother/daughter roles the way people assumed Morris Chestnut/Gabrielle Union made definite attempts to go movie for movie constantly playing opposite each other.

But, hey, if something works, than it just works.

Tyler Perry did deviate somewhat from his formula.

There were no women beaters in this one (per se).

There was no spiritual epiphany (well...plenty attempts, but it didn't work).

And I was happy to report to a friend of mine that there was no obligatory church scene that

threatened to overthrow the general tone of the movie, as has become a staple in other Perry films.

Black people, we have our favorites don't we?

When it comes to white actors/actresses... there are a few we will always love. We were riding with Mel Gibson until he dogged us.

We ride with Nicholas Cage and Bruce Willis.

And I think it's safe to say that we have always appreciated Kathy Bates.

Tyler Perry cast her in an important role in *The Family That Preys*.

There are three characters who you hope will learn the error of their ways before it's too late, but none of the other ones gets

a back story explanation to clue us in on why they are the way they are. Kathy Bates character does provide a little background, she probably played the deepest role in this film.

Ahh, yes, this film.

I guess you guys are waiting for me to tell you if I think it's good or not, huh?

I'm honored by those of you who approach me out or send me an email and tell me how you bought a CD or went to a movie partly because I recommended it... means a lot.

Well... set aside some loot because I am definitely sending you all to see this one.

Hollywood didn't have a lot of great films this year, but even still... Tyler Perry raises the bar not on his competition but on himself.

One of the best things about *The Family That Preys* is that it's an overt claim to be a different kind of writer than we've seen from him in the past.

From a straight up technical point of view, Perry has done a masterful job of pulling off a very challenging task in all drama - every character has different pace with how close he or she came face-to-face with stark reality that altered his or her state of mind.

This was a cast that was masterfully assembled to display how growth in real life hits different people whenever they are open to it and it's not necessarily at the same time.

Sanaa Lathan plays Andrea.

Robin Givens (the ageless Robin Givens, how can she still look just how she looked when I was in grade school?) plays Abby... who in some ways plays the antithesis to Andrea and in other ways seems somewhat facsimile.

Kathy Bates plays Charlotte Cartwright.

Yea, the Cartwright family.

You need to watch this film.

Go see it, (don't bootleg it, really).

Spend the money, you will thank me.

*The Family That Preys* is a sublime example of old fashion drama returning to the big screen and a crowning achievement in one of Hollywood's best writer/directors.

The true grade for Tyler Perry's *The Family That Preys* is B.

You guys are just gonna have to go see it...and feel free to hit me up:

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The Braden United Methodist Church is celebrating our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We have helped spread the "word" in the Toledo community for 100 years. Come celebrate with us.

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# O'Neals at Democratic National Convention

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Toledoan Brunetta O'Neal attended the 2008 Democratic National Convention in Denver on August 25-29. She attended as the guest of her son, Cleveland O'Neal III, founder and CEO of Connection III Entertainment Corp in Los Angeles. Cleveland O'Neal was invited as a VIP guest of the Obama for America campaign and the National Democratic Committee.

"Being there to observe history in the making was incredible and very emotional," said Brunetta O'Neal of the experience. "I never thought I would live to see an African-American nominated as a candidate for the nation's highest office."



*O'Neal and CBS' Biff Henderson*



*Cleveland and Brunetta O'Neal with Roland Martin*

# Owens Community College Offers

## ACT Preparation Class, Sept. 29 - Oct. 20

Area residents preparing to take the national ACT test are encouraged to bring a pencil, paper and a calculator to Owens Community College as the academic institution offers a program titled "Building Confidence with ACT Prep" in September and October. The class is coordinated through the College's Workforce and Community Services.

The ACT preparation class will occur Monday evenings, Sept. 29 - Oct. 20, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the College's Workforce and Community Services building on Tracy Road in Northwood.

"Owens Community College is excited to once again offer a unique educational program which will help students in their preparation to take the national ACT test," said Rhonda Hogrefe, Owens account representative for Workforce and Community Services. "This class will provide students with a variety of test-taking skills that will be beneficial as they study for the ACT and take the actual test."

According to Hogrefe this is the second year that Owens has offered the ACT preparation class on campus after previously providing the program through online test preparation.

During each of the four sessions, students will be tutored in all five sections of the ACT test. The actual ACT is comprised of one test in each of the following areas: English, math, reading, science reasoning and writing. In addition to being tutored in these areas through one-on-one teaching, students will learn traditional testing strategies such as how to take a timed test and how to find the elusive answer to a difficult question.

In addition to offering the ACT preparation class, Owens serves as a host site for the national ACT test. The next testing date will occur in October. Prior registration through the ACT organization is required.

Registration for the ACT preparation class must be completed by Sept. 26. Limited seating is available and early registration is recommended. For more information, or to register for the class, call (567) 661-7357 or 1-800-GO-OWENS, Ext. 7357.

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# SPRINGFIELD RACE RIOT ANNIVERSARY OFFERS A TIME FOR REFLECTION IN ILLINOIS

Government, Civic and Cultural Institutions Present a Variety of Special Programs to Commemorate this Revolutionary Moment in U.S. History

To mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1908 Springfield Race Riot, Illinois will hold a number of commemorations and conversations that highlight the history of the event and illuminate the path of civil rights advancements in its wake.

The Springfield Race Riot began Aug. 14, 1908, when a crowd formed outside the Sangamon County Jail in Springfield where two African-American men were held for alleged crimes against whites. News that the prisoners had been moved led

to rioting. African-American-owned businesses and homes were destroyed, at least seven people were killed with many more injured, and despite the arrival of the state militia, rioting continued until Aug. 16. A total of 117 people were indicted for rioting, arson, larceny, and murder. However, only two people were punished for the riot.

While the riot is, undoubtedly, a blemish in U.S. history, it is also an emblematic beginning of many significant and important changes with re-

gard to civil rights; most notably, the riot led to the formation of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), which was founded in February 1909.

Springfield is the site of many significant Race Riot remembrances this year:

“Something So Horrible: Springfield Race Riot of 1908,” an exhibit and program at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum will run through October 2008. A collection of individual stories, newspaper reports, oral accounts and witness testimony. The exhibit, fashioned by guest curator Carole Merritt, seeks to illustrate how racism and political corruption can undermine law and order. Visit [www.alplm.org](http://www.alplm.org) or call 217.558.8934 for more information;


Walks, a guided 90-minute tour traces the actual sites and recounts many of the key details of the two-day tragedy; visit [www.springfieldwalks.com](http://www.springfieldwalks.com) for details and tour dates;

The 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention of the Illinois State NAACP — “Transformation of a Nation: Commemorating Our Past, Celebrating Our Future,” Oct. 10–12 — is themed around remembering the Race Riot and recognizing its impact on the formation of the renowned organization; visit [www.springfieldnaacp.org](http://www.springfieldnaacp.org) for more information; and


Famed sculptor Preston Jackson has designed a permanent work that marks the riot in Springfield’s Union Square Park; the bronze sculpture is slated for installation in early 2009.

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aftermath of such tragic events. The number of activities and exhibits being held throughout Illinois provide an opportunity to be educated about the history and relevance of the 1908 Race Riot, and also gain understanding and perspective about its long lasting significance,” said Jan Kostner, deputy director of the Illinois Bureau of Tourism (IBOT). “Illinois continues to evolve and grow, and this anniversary is a way for us to acknowledge how far we've come.”

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For an application, meet us at the Sanger Branch library, 3030 Central Ave. Monday September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2008 between the hours of 10-1pm. Renhill is an EOE.



## Administrative Assistant Recruit for Justice

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## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority is soliciting proposals for professional consulting services for urban planning, architectural and program management services for HOPE VI Brand Whitlock/Albertus Brown Neighborhood Revitalization.

Request for Proposals information is available for pick up at the LMHA Central Office Administration Building, 435 Nebraska Avenue, Toledo, OH 43604 or on the LMHA web site [www.lucasmha.org](http://www.lucasmha.org). The documents will also be available by mail or e-mail. E-mails should be directed to Mr. Ron Jackson at [rjackson@lucasmha.org](mailto:rjackson@lucasmha.org). If further information is required, you may call (419) 259-9457.

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## INVITATION FOR BIDS

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

JOB NO.: 28076  
PROJECT NAME: Concrete Work at McClinton Nunn Homes  
WALK-THRU DATE: Tuesday, September 23, 2008 @ 09:30am  
BID OPENING DATE: Tuesday, September 30, 2008 @ 11:00am

All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room on the dates shown above, in the Modernization Department, at 201 Belmont Street. Contract documents and technical specifications/drawings will be available from the Modernization Department (419 259-9462), and will be provided upon request. A non-refundable fee of \$20.00 will be charged for each bid package.

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

Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids, or to waive any informality in the bidding. No bids shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of the bids.

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

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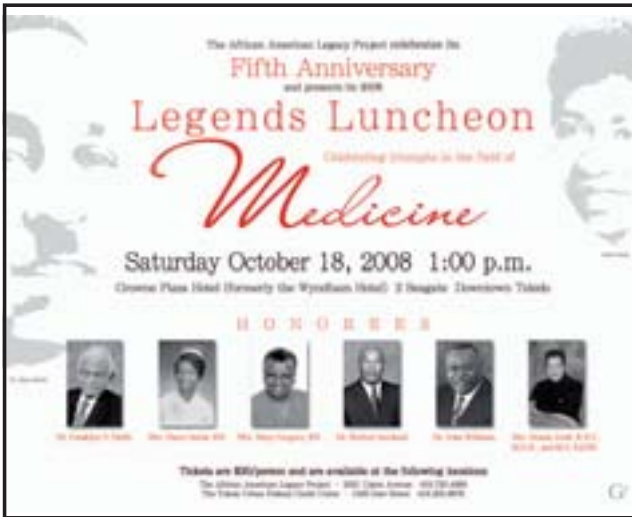
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