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This Strikes Us ...

The Sojourner's Truth Editorial

The "Seven Days to Change the World" are almost upon us.

Starting on September 30, Ohioans can go to the polls and vote early using an absentee ballot. One polling place in Toledo will be open for this procedure – the EMS Training Center at 2127 Jefferson.

Those who are not registered to vote can do so through October 6.

Since people can also register at the EMS Training Center, this means that those who wish to do so can register and vote at the same time from September 30 to October 6 – seven days to change the world.

For those of you who are urging others to vote, you can help them by simply taking them by the hand, putting them in your car and driving them to the Training Center.

For those without transportation, a number of local churches have vans and they will be providing rides to the Training Center. The Obama headquarters on S. St. Clair will be coordinating such services also. But if you still have questions, or need assistance, please feel free to call The Truth and we will do our best to get you connected with someone to give you a ride.

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Early on in the financial debacle that will result in a massive federal bailout of private business, Senator John McCain stepped forward forcefully ... to declare his opposition to the bailout of AIG. Then, of course, he reversed himself.

Then he rushed the barricades to announce that he was going to ride onto Wall Street after he is elected president and regulate the heck out those ol' boys. Then he blamed Barack Obama for placing the country in this dilemma.

Regulation, said the senator who chaired the Commerce Committee for so many years and advocated deregulation in 1999, is the only thing people on Wall Street could possibly understand.

Then he said the \$700 billion bailout was necessary and should be enacted swiftly, then he said he had doubts about the way it was structured without oversight.

While McCain was flopping around trying to figure out which way the wind was blowing, this is what Mr. Regulator wrote in the current issue of Contingencies – the magazine of the American Academy of Actuaries: "Opening up the health insurance market to more vigorous nationwide competition, as we have done over the last decade in banking, would provide more choices of innovative products less burdened by the worst excesses of state-based regulation."

Whatever happened to the straight-talking McCain of 2000?

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If Congress gives the Treasury Department the authorization to spend \$700 billion without establishing oversight of the people administering these funds, both sides of the aisle will live to regret their largesse.

Philosophically, it is a difficult choice for both parties – the Democrats are cringing at the thought of bailing out Wall Street, the Republicans are aghast at the idea that the government is going to expand into yet more private enterprise.

Both parties, however, should keep in mind the fact that the congressional soul was handed over to the devil with the Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002. In that document the Congress permitted the president to use the armed forces "as he determined to be necessary and appropriate to defend the national security of the United States against the continuing threat posed by Iraq. (Italics ours).

Congress found itself unable to stop payment on that blank check when it realized that Iraq posed no threat.

Now, the draft resolution for the \$700 billion bailout allows the Secretary of the Treasury (who had been doing his "don't worry, be happy" jingle about the financial condition of Wall Street for his first 18 months in office until last week when he morphed into Chicken Little) to act without any interference from the legislative or judicial branch.

"Decisions by the Secretary pursuant to the authority of this Act are non-reviewable and committed to agency discretion, and may not be reviewed by any court of law or any administrative agency." (Italics ours).

Why is that clause necessary? Why would the taxpayers not want a system of checks and balances as provided for in the Constitution? Why would legislators continue to cede authority to the executive branch and stand by while Bush and Cheney gobble up power?

Democratic congressional leaders are balking – a bit – at this provision but are wary of stalling the process. What's the reason for the urgency?

This weekend, Congress is schedule to go into recess for the election season.

YES WE CAN!!!

YES WE CAN!!!

VOTERS, LET US VOTE FOR OUR PRESIDENT ON NOVEMBER 4TH, 2008

YOU MAY STOP BY THE HOUSE OF DAY FUNERAL HOME FOR VOTER REGISTRATION FORMS, ABSENTEE VOTER'S BALLOT FORMS (ABSENT VOTER'S BALLOTS MUST BE MAILED TO THE BOARD OF ELECTION BY OCT. 4TH) AND ASSISTANCE IN FILLING OUT FORMS WILL BE PROVIDED.

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Community Calendar

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

Fall Fest 2008: Greater Toledo Urban League Senior Program; 11 am to 3:30 pm; J. Frank Troy Center; Prizes, games, surprises: 419-255-6206

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

September 27-28

Men's Worship Weekend 2008: City of Zion, Mt. Zion Church; 10 am workshop on Saturday; Worship service at 10:30 am on Sunday with Bishop Jesse Gavin of Erie (PA): 419-246-1850

September 28

15th Annual Susan G. Komen NW Ohio Race for the Cure: Downtown Toledo; 5k run/walk ends with celebration at 5/3 Field; Also a one-mile family fun walk: 419-297-8766

Heulah MBC Women's Day Celebration: "Women by God's Design:" 11 am speaker Evangelist Shirley Sutton; 4 pm speaker Pastor Jeannette Williams

September 29-30

African American Parents Association Information Forum: Suspension/expulsion forum for parents, students and community members – knowing the rules, the law, your rights and how to advocate effectively for your student; 6:30 to 8:00 pm; Kent Branch Library: 419-535-3075 or 419-243-3813

October 1

Therapy Dog Class: Pilgrim Church; 6:30 pm; AKC Canine Good Citizen certification training and testing: 4190478-6012

October 2

Women's Entrepreneurial Network: "Financing and Record Keeping;" Waterville Branch Library; 6:30 pm: 419-346-9497

October 3

"Hats Off To Breast Health ... An Educational and Screening Opportunity:" Carrabba's Grill; For women 65 years and older with Medicare coverage; 11 am to 1 pm: 419-725-6957

"Pamper Yourself Day;" Neighborhood Health Association's Huron Women's Center; Guest speaker Vivian Crawford of Ward Unlimited; Health education sessions on lupus, HIV/AIDS, breast cancer; Refreshments; free chair massages, Avon give-away; 1 to 4 pm: 419-691-1322

October 4

Walk to Cure Diabetes: Sponsored by Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation; Ottawa Park; Registration at 8:30 am, walk at 10 am: 419-873-1377

9th Annual Cancer Awareness Workshop: Presented by the African American Women Cancer Support Group; 10 am to noon; Southern MBC; Free and open to the public; Cancer facts, breast health education, support group information: 419-535-3126

The Toledo Chapter of ICUA (Interdenominational Church Ushers Association) will be holding the Annual ICUA Banquet on Saturday, October 4, 2008 from 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM at Warren Church located at 915 Collingwood Blvd. The guest speaker for this event will be FMr. Keith FM. Bell, Assistant Superintendent for Westerville School District, Columbus Ohio. You can call (419)280-1006 for further information.

October 5

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My View



By Jack Ford
The Truth's Political Columnist

know how many special units we have in Lucas County? This will be just another kingdom-building enterprise over the years.

The LCIC has not worked well not because of a lack of funding but because of the distrust endemic among different levels of government in Lucas County, especially among the townships. As long as the townships distrust the cities, our LCIC will not work. And the mayors of cities such as Oregon and Maumee will not let Toledo show them up. In fact, Oregon likes to stick it to Toledo whenever it can. Believe me, I have been there and observed that friction first hand.

Former University of Toledo President Dan Johnson is returning to the ranks of university presidents as he plans to take a job in Dubai. Dubai's gain will be Toledo's loss.

However, I disagree with Johnson's recent recommendation of the Lucas County Improvement Corporation (LCIC) to be funded by increasing the county fee for conveyances. This will start out at \$800,000 and grow in the coming year.

The problem is that Lucas County does not need another separate special use tax district. Most observers of metropolitan government lament the increase of governmental units. Does anyone

Speaking of our neighbors, the single greatest threat to Toledo emerging as a stronger city is the proposed merger between Sylvania and Sylvania Township. When that happens, watch out! The new combined city will emerge as a much greater force in county and state politics. This is where the middle class and entrepreneurial couples are moving to live - not to Toledo.

Last week, I attended a fundraiser at the Monclova

Township Junior High School. I had not been that far down on Monclova Road in nearly eight years. I was stunned by the level of development. Just rows and rows of houses from St. Luke's Hospital to the junior high.

This area will emerge as another power center because of the population increase.

We keep wondering how Senator Barack Obama might lose northwest Ohio. If you can picture the county in your mind, just start with the area you and I call Trilby. Go west, then south to Bowling Green. All those folks are GOP. And the farther west you go toward Indiana, the more Republican it gets.

We sometimes think that the voting world is central Toledo. Nope, that is just a small part of northwest Ohio. That's why every vote in the central city counts.

I do not yet see the urgency I thought would be on the streets here a few weeks before the election. Where is the big voter registration effort? Where are the rallies? Where is the literature? I don't even see enough yard signs. Remember we just knew

Gore was going to beat Bush in 2000. Then we all felt smug about Kerry in 2004. No dice.

I do not worry about the candidates working hard. I watch the political mechanics at work. You should watch national Republican committeewoman Jo Ann Davidson. She is the number one staffer at the Republican National Committee. Davidson is from Ohio. She is the former speaker of the

House here. She is a tough cookie, a throwback to the Ray Bliss-style Ohio politics. A real nuts and bolts kind of pol. Davidson will know and watch every precinct in northwest Ohio and work to get out the vote for the GOP.

And, by the way, Jon Stainbrook may have messed up on the Jan Scotland snafu but he has recovered and is working very hard to get out the GOP vote in Lucas

County. Do not be fooled by the Scotland deal.

Starting this week, I will be speaking at churches for getting out the vote for November 4. I spoke this past Sunday at Bethel Church of God and at Greater St. Johns. Next Sunday I will be at Mega Blessings at noon and at St. James Holiness at 1:30 p.m.

Please get out and vote regardless of your choice.

Four Thoughts That Give Me Pause

By Lafe Tolliver, Esq.
Guest Column



one thing to a pollster to sound hip and cool but when it comes to marking the X in the box...there is no pollster watching you to see if you are walking the talk.

(2) In light of the nigh practical meltdown of the US economy (during a Republican administration), a costly and unpopular war (started and maintained during a Republican administration), the economy and the housing markets in the toilet (caused by the hands off policies of the past eight years of a Republican administration) and the sight of McCain/Palineticket that will continue the same madness, Obama should be in double digit leads in any poll...even one conducted by a Rush Limbaugh!

If the Democrats had a white male similar to Obama's intellect and poise and charisma running against Ol' Man McCain, it would be a rout for the Democrats (except possibly for Utah and Idaho).

Bottom Line: it is OK for "you people" to always vote for us but when it comes to reciprocity....nothing doing! We ain't gonna pull the lever for no darkie to be president.

It is like saying, "our candidates are good enough to get your vote but a black presidential candidate just doesn't cut it for us."

You will find that polling is an inexact art and science and people can say

If the Democrats had a white male similar to Obama's intellect and poise and charisma running against Ol' Man McCain, it would be a rout for the Democrats (except possibly for Utah and Idaho).

(3) It is now coming to light that any financial bailout package that Treasury Secretary Paulsen wants approved by Congress does very little if anything to the "golden parachutes" that dozens of "key" people will receive for staying on and helping out in this near Depression wipe out of the world financial markets!

An estimated 2.5 billion (yes, billion) dollars in executive compensation is to

be paid to these white collar criminals for their part or role in this systematic gouging of the American taxpayer.

For years, the Republican mantra has been: "let the financial markets regulate themselves." Those code words for little and very ineffective regulations and appalling profits for MBA slicksters who could scam using a power point, a briefcase and a BlackBerry.

Now the chickens have come home to roost and everyone is outraged by this time honored Wall Street tradition of "Greed is Good."

(4) Johnnie Jones, age 23, steals a 400 dollar X Box from Wal-Mart and the furious judge gives him three years hard time (first offense) for this "crime against society."

Richard B. Smith, age 32, Wall Street wonder boy who devises cut throat credit swap derivatives and other arcane financial instruments and then packages and sells them to investment houses for obscene profits which helps cause the near meltdown of the US financial markets, is given a golden parachute of \$5 million as an incentive to "assist in the orderly transition" of the proposed bailout.

Go figure! Mr. Smith's nefarious financial machinations contribute to the near demise of the US economy and he is spanked on his fat wallet and is left to go play with his high-priced toys and yacht which is docked outside of his third home in the Cayman Islands.

Bottom Line: Society tells us that if you are going to commit a crime, the odds are better for no punishment if you make sure it is done in the financial markets, it makes a lot of money, you carry a Hermes briefcase and you speak proper English.



Who Is Watching Your Child?

BEFORE YOU LEAVE YOUR CHILD WITH ANYONE

—a friend, neighbor or even a relative—ask yourself,

"What do I really know about this person?"

Most of us can't be with our children 24 hours a day. We have errands and appointments that require leaving them in the care of others. Most people turn to friends, neighbors or loved ones to watch their kids. But don't assume they have the experience—or patience—to supervise children.

Parents know it's normal for babies to cry, but boyfriends or girlfriends may not. Parents are used to their kids making messes, but friends and neighbors may not be.

ASK THE HARD QUESTIONS.

- "Do I know how this person handles children?"
- "Have I seen how they respond to stress?"
- "How would they discipline my child?"
- "How would they respond in an emergency?"

Remember: Children cannot defend themselves like adults can. It only takes an instant for a child to get hurt.

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Feds Step In to Avert Worst Financial Crisis Since Great Depression

By Fletcher Word
Sojourner's Truth Editor

"The era of big government is over," proclaimed President Bill Clinton in 1995. Even if one were to take that statement at face value, the era of small government was short lived. Big government can roaring back with a vengeance this week as federal lawmakers and the Bush administration worked to put together a \$700 billion bailout of companies holding distressed mortgages.

The details were still being worked out at the beginning of the week particularly as Democrats on Capitol Hill attempted to write provisions into the legislation that would provide help for individuals and would provide oversight on those administering the funds.

Democratic congressional leaders were particularly leery of handing over to the administration the same type of unfettered power that the legislators handed over to the executive branch in the months following 9/11. They

have felt duped ever since over federal excesses committed in the name of the Patriot Act, for example.

"We were days away from financial catastrophe," said Treasury Secretary Henry M. Paulson, Jr. during one of his many appearances on the Sunday talk shows as he tried to defend the bailout plan.

Paulson emphasized that speed and simplicity were the keys to salvaging financial markets from collapse. "First, we are stabilizing the markets, then we need to ask ourselves how we got here. We need a lot of reforms, these are the things that Congress and the next administration will be working on for a very long time.

The Democrats, and millions of Americans, questioned the need to bail out Wall Street without giving due consideration to Main Street in the same legislation. Paulson made it clear that Main Street – individuals of all stripes – would be directly

impacted by the failure of financial markets through the devaluation or potential loss of jobs, retirement accounts



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The key players: From l., Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke, President George W. Bush, Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson, and Securities and Exchange Commission Chairman Christopher Cox, on Friday.

and college fund accounts.

"It's about protecting our economy; it's about protecting our jobs," said Congressman John Boehner (R-OH), minority leader in the House of Representatives and a conservative committed – at least in the recent past – to the concept of limited government. "This is about our way of life, it isn't about Wall Street. It's the most serious financial crisis the world has ever dealt with."

That financial crisis has its origins in the speculation in real estate that began about eight years ago as financial institutions started offering billions of dollars in subprime mortgages around the country. Those mortgages were eventually purchased by large investment houses and secured by the public/private hybrids Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

As home values began dropping two years ago, the problems with the mortgages were exacerbated and along

with a flurry of foreclosures around the nation, the financial giants started writing off their losses.

In March Bear Stearns, an investment bank founded in 1923 which had survived the Great Depression without laying off any employees, almost collapsed before JP Morgan Chase stepped in and purchased the investment house. In early September, the government put together a plan to save Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac from collapse with up to \$200 billion in financing and placing the companies into a government conservatorship.

Days later, the government put forth \$85 billion to rescue American International Group (AIG), an insurance group that was on the verge of bankruptcy.

But last week, disaster struck as Lehman Brothers, employer of 25,000 worldwide, declared bankruptcy – the largest bankruptcy filing

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Bail Out

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in U.S. history – and Merrill Lynch sold itself on the cheap to Bank of America. Both Lehman Brothers, founded in 1850, and Merrill Lynch, 1914, had also survived the Great Depression intact.

Congress was sold on the bailout package last week when Paulson and Federal Reserve Chairman Ben. S. Bernanke held a meeting with leaders on Capitol Hill and informed them of the overall urgency of the situation. Congressional leaders were impressed by what were predicted to be the trickle down impacts of the financial crisis on Wall Street to individual Americans.

The long range effects of the bail out are a matter of much speculation.

The government will now be in the business of holding assets – bad assets at the moment – that it can sell as time goes on. If the markets respond favorably in the long term to the purchase of these so-called illiquid assets, the takeover could be profitable for the American citizens. No one is counting on that happening. But the ultimate costs should be below what

the assets were purchased for, said Paulson on Sunday.

The fast-moving government actions kept the presidential candidates off-balance for the most part.

Democratic nominee Senator Barack Obama of Illinois gathered together his financial team – including people such as investor Warren Buffet, former Fed Chairmen Paul Volcker,



former Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin – and announced that he would support the proposal in general but asked for a broader economic stimulus package as part of the bailout. He declined to put together an alternate plan of action and deferred instead to Congress and the administration.

Republican nominee John McCain of Arizona, a long-time supporter of de-regulation in the banking industry, at first opposed the AIG bail-

out, then supported it and finally re-cast himself, by the end of the week, as the regulator Wall Street would grow to fear. He also called for the president to fire the head of the Securities and Exchange Commission, Christopher Cox, before acknowledging days later that the president was not so free to simply fire the head of a semi-independent agency.

Whatever happens as the final shape of the bailout is hammered out in negotiations between Congress and the administration, it is clear that the face of Wall Street will be irrevocably altered. The remaining two giant investment firms – Goldman Sachs and Morgan Stanley – have decided to forego their comparatively unregulated status and join the ranks of commercial banks.

Such a change allows them to seek, when necessary, greater federal protection but also requires them to undergo more intense federal scrutiny. As a result, both banks will be taking substantially fewer risks in the future.

There Is Help in The City of Toledo for Those Facing Foreclosure

Sojourner's Truth Staff

There are several entities in Toledo that can help home owners who are facing the possibility of foreclosure.

The Fair Housing Center offers two programs, with another one coming on board soon, to those who qualify for assistance.

Through the Ohio Department of

Development's Office of Housing and Community Partnerships and the Toledo-Lucas County Housing Fund, the Fair Housing Center has a grant for free emergency mortgage assistance for up to three months back payments if you meet the following criteria: the loan is predatory, your income is up to 80 percent of the Area Median Income, your home is owner-occupied, your home is in Lucas County, you can show that once you receive assistance you are able to resume and maintain mortgage payments and you commit to 24 months free Financial Counseling Services.

Through a grant from Lucas County Job & Family Services, the Fair Housing Center has a grant for those who meet the following criteria: your home is in Lucas County, the home is owner-occupied, the loan is in arrears at least two months, you make less than 300 percent of federal poverty level, you have a minor child (or you are an 18-year old full-time student or pregnant or have a non-custodial minor dependent within Ohio on child support plan), you can show ability to resume and main-

tain payments, commit to attend a Case Management Interview, commit to attend a Fiscally Fit credit training class.

According to Fair Housing's Michael Marsh, the Center will soon be receiving a grant from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati through National City Bank to assist 28 families in the area.

"It's not out main mission but it's what so many people need help with now," said Marsh.

Other agencies offer a variety of services that may enable the lender to avoid foreclosure.

Fair Housing can be contacted at 419-243-6163. The City of Toledo's Department of Neighborhood suggests the following steps to take and agencies to contact:

- Get an Attorney
- Retain a union attorney if that option is available.
- Seek free legal assistance

(NODA)(419-243-3734) or Advocates for Basic Legal Equality (ABLE)(419-255-0814)

Call the mortgage company immediately and speak to the Loss Mitigation Department and try to re-negotiate the monthly payment and interest rate.

• Seek Mortgage Counseling/Foreclosure Prevention with the following agencies:

Free Counseling (1-800-995-HOPE); Prevention-National Consumer Law Center – www.consumerlaw.org; Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo (419-244-6711); Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS)(419-691-2900); Lucas County Job and Family Services Prevention, Retention and Contingency (PRC Program) Mortgage Payment Assistance Program; U.S. Housing and Urban De-



velopment (HUD) Mortgage Payment Assistance Programs (1-888-476-1229); City of Toledo Department of Neighborhoods, Division of Housing (419-245-1400); Consumer Credit Counseling Services (CCCS)(419-531-8108, ext. 104); ABLE and the Toledo Bar Association

from Legal Aid Line of Western Ohio (419-724-0460, 1-888-885-3414, www.legalaidline.org); call the Toledo Bar Association (419-242-9363 or Lawyer Referral & Information Service at 419-242-2000); the Ohio State Legal Services Association (1-866-LAW-OHIO); Northwest Ohio Development Agency

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Press Club Presents 10th Annual Touchstone Awards With Keynote Speaker Toledo Native Jackie Calmes

Special to The Truth

The Press Club of Toledo will present the 10th annual Touchstone Awards on Thursday, October 2 at the Toledo Club, 235 14th Street. The Press Club recognizes newsmakers and newsmakers in the northwest Ohio region through its prestigious Touchstone Awards.

Keynote speaker Jackie Calmes grew up in Toledo and earned her bachelors degree in journalism at The University of Toledo and master's degree in journalism at Northwestern University. Calmes is the economic policy reporter at the New York Times and a panelist on PBS' Washington Week.

She previously served as a national correspondent in the Washington bureau of the Wall Street Journal. In the late 1990s, she was one of the Journal's two White House correspondents. She was also a news editor for the Journal's "Politics and Policy" page. In May 2005, Calmes was awarded the Gerald R. Ford Journalism Prize for Reporting on the Presidency.

Excellence in Journalism Awards will be presented to print and broadcast media. A Golden Touchstone award will be presented to an individual who has had a positive impact on journalism in northwest Ohio; a Contributor Award will be presented to a person or organization whose efforts have had a positive impact on the region over the last 12 months and a Lifetime Achiever Award will be presented to a community person who has exhibited a long-term commitment to residents and whose endeavors have had a consistent and positive impact on the region.

The Press Club invites the community to attend this event. Tickets are \$75 for non-members of the Press Club and \$45 for students. Reservations can be made by calling 419-578-2441 or 419-887-3535. Cocktails and grazing begin at 5:30 p.m. with award presentations at 7:15 p.m.

Past recipients of the Contributor Award include: Labib Hajjar, Marna Ramnath, Tim Yenrick, Jim Jackson, Dennis Johnson, Lucas County Commissioners, Mud Hens Baseball Club, Fifth Third Bank and Clyde Scoles. Past recipients of the Lifetime Achiever Award are: Jan Skunda; Elizabeth Ruppert, M.D.; Richard Ransom; William Block, Jr.; Don Saunders; J. Patrick Nicholson; James F. White, Jr. and Mildred Benson. Golden Touchstone recipients include Jerry Anderson, Tom Walton, Frank Seely, Don Edwards, Diane Larson and Richard Knecht.

The Press Club of Toledo is dedicated to promoting the advancement of ethical journalism and fostering fellowship among representatives of the media and those they cover.

Toledo CDC and Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union Partner in Housing

Sojourner's Truth Staff

From all we know about what is happening with the large investment houses and the companies that guarantee loans, the housing market is in pretty abysmal shape these days.

However, the reality of the situation is that housing prices have dropped about 15 percent in the last two years and, because it is so difficult to obtain financing, there are deals aplenty in the housing market. You just have to be able to get that mortgage.

The Toledo Community Development Corporation (CDC) and the Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union (TUFUCU) have joined forces to enable Toledoans to do just that.

According to Suzette Cowell, president and CEO of TUFUCU, which just recently entered the mortgage business, TUFUCU can be a bit more flexible with credit requirements than the average bank is these days.

Some potential buyers might even qualify for down payment assistance, says Cowell.

The Toledo CDC has what Executive Director E. Mickens calls "the jewel of the jewels" for sale in the Englewood Historic District on West Woodruff.

The object of Mickens' affection is a four-bedroom, three-full bath, two-story, 1,600 square-foot home with a detached two-car garage built by Stanberry Homes, Inc. The house will sell for \$125,000 to some lucky buyer even though it has been appraised at \$135,000.

There's more. The buyer will also receive a 15-year tax abatement for further savings.

The energy-efficient home is ready to be moved



into, says Mickens of the property located in the midst of a stable neighborhood with well-kept houses.

The fully-carpeted house has a bedroom on the first floor and a ramp leading from the garage to the house,

making it completely accessible.

It also has a full basement.

Mickens and Cowell estimate that monthly payments, with a minimum down payment on a 30-year mort-

gage, would be \$831 but that amount would decrease for a buyer eligible for down payment assistance.

For more information on the property, call E. Mickens at 419-255-7500.

Toledo Celebrates Unity and Diversity Through 'A Taste of Diversity 2008'

By Artisha S. Lawson
Sojourner's Truth Reporter

Dozens of Toledoans gathered at the Botanical Gardens on Sunday, September 21, 2008 to celebrate the diverse cultures in Toledo at the annual 'A Taste of Diversity' which was presented by The City of Toledo's Board of Community Relations, Toledo Botanical Gardens and Metropolitan Parks of the Toledo

area. Throughout the day-long event, residents such as Tonya Davis, her son Teoney and Teoney's friend Correy enjoyed the music but especially the food. "It is a good chance for us to fellowship and become more aware of different cultures," said Tonya Davis.

Thirty-five country flags surrounded local businesses, organizations and community centers which served residents their cultural foods and explained their importance. Starting at 1:30 p.m., residents were allowed samples of different foods by: American Indian Intertribal Association, Ann's Bar-B-Q, Bravo



Christian Center, Michelle Garrard, Debrine Turner, Fly High Entertainment, Nigerian Association of Greater Toledo, Trina Willis and American Indian Intertribal Association.

Volunteers from 16 different local business and community agencies worked the event, along with the 38 agencies that sponsored tables to either provide a variety of fun activities for residents of all ages or shared information that was important to the community.

At the table sponsored by the ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., Zeta Alpha Omega Chapter registered voters for the upcoming election. "Yes, we registered residents to vote, this election is important to the community," said member Davis.

The history behind the Taste of Diversity event is connected to National Race Equality Day, in which local leaders were called upon to demonstrate their

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Cuccina Italiana, Byblos Restaurant, Club 300, El Camino, Ferdos Mediterranean Restaurant, Manhattan's Restaurant, Manos, Nigerian Association of Greater Toledo, PepsiAmerica, Rosie's Italian Grill, Stanley's Market and United Jewish Council of Greater Toledo.

Residents who visited the Jewish table by the United Jewish Council of Greater Toledo were able to sample the traditional Jewish braided bread called challah, triangular cookies called hamantaschen, and learned the importance of those two foods in relation

to Hanukkah.

"These foods are important to Hanukkah, known as the festival of lights. We celebrate the use of oil by eating potato pancakes and Challah. Our celebration is having a nice service and prayer of thanks to God," said Chef Marshall.

Along with the tasty food, entertainment was provided on two different stages throughout the event, including: El Corazon de Mexico, Ballet Folkorico, Rumblin' Rhythm Cloggers, The Chinese Association of Greater Toledo, Hellenic Dance Company, Echoes of Poland, Spectrum, Harvest



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A Taste of Diversity

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personal commitment to eliminating racism by reporting on successful programs that they have already implemented and announce specific plans for the upcoming year.

In September 2000, the National League of Cities held its first national day to focus on "undoing" racism in America. At that time more than 400 cities including Toledo, stepped forward by issuing proclama-

tions that supported their efforts.

In addition, many cities

and towns across America have established special task forces, held commu-

nity meeting sessions for city employees, established collaborations to support local efforts, and organized events to recognize diversity.

In honor of National Race Equality Day, the City of Toledo's Board of Community Relations hosts "A Taste of Diversity."

"This event is held every year in celebration of National Race Equality Day and also Erase the Hate, a national campaign to eradicate hate around us," said Juanita Greene, executive director of Community Relations. "There are 17 groups involved with this campaign, and this event



draws people because it educates them on different cultures. It allows them to sit, eat and talk about and with different cultures. There is so much hate today, that it's important to get people together to talk, not react. This event is the official kick-off for events that run until May 2009,"

*I remember teaching her to hopscotch.
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always be together.
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Another Jam-Packed Weekend in Toledo

Michael Hayes
Minister of Culture

"People don't consciously make the decision to fail, they just fail to make the conscious decisions to succeed" – Me.

While rehearsing for a show this past weekend, I said that to one of my artists and they said that I should write that down so there. It's written.

Anyway, what's good, people?

This weekend was interesting for me.

So I will address some things.

Misconceptions & Corrections:

No – I am not just a freelance writer for The Sojourner's Truth,

I am a featured columnist for The Sojourner's Truth, here since day one.

Friday, I got off work early and was just out stroking the streets and ran into a couple people saying "I got some articles, I be submitting stuff... why they always print your stuff instead of mine?" or my favorite "who do you know at The Truth that keep putting your stuff in each week?" Then other people

take it too far in the other direction and think I can get them a cover story whenever. Not true.

Also...D.C., the up and coming rapper I featured a few weeks ago...he is not signed to my company, he is his own entity. A few people have emailed and such asking if he's U.G.E.'s latest signing. The active Under Godz Entertainment roster includes:

Thee Untouchable Dizzy T., Darron Scott, Leigh Ashley, Aye Dee and T.Diamond (and others) but D.C. is someone we respect just like we do other artists around here.

THA HOOK UP- again, maybe?

Now I'm getting more and more people saying they want me to bring back my singles hook up section where I feature profiles and people get chose!

I'm thinking about it. But I'm still convinced Toledo is skurred.

Which is harder to find? Mature-minded, eligible, single, intellectual and drama free MEN in Toledo?

Or mature-minded, eli-

gible, single, intellectual and drama free WOMEN in Toledo?

Yeah, yeah, yeah – you all have your bones to pick but y'all were too hesitant when I was featuring singles and giving it to y'all for free (hell, E Harmony you gotta pay!).

I wonder why everyone is on it now. Maybe them cold months getting close and peeps wanna be cuddled up.

Anyway, here's this past weekend in my world.

Friday
T.G.I.F.

My weekend began with people getting on my nerves.

I have noticed that this city/area has some true sharks.

Property owners/landlords who should be locked up for shenanigans they pull.

Public employees who don't know when to reign in the lopsided justice they dish out.

And just general so-called business people who will sell you a ticket on the Titanic after it's already hit the iceberg and expect you to save it as it's going down.

Both of my copies of The



T. Dime

Secret are lent out to family members right now, so my way of finding peace was to go and get a cinnabun from the mall and think about revenge and get back. But that's never the right path.

While on the West End of town I did discover something that brought my spirits higher... Computer Love

I wandered into what is about to become one of my favorite Toledo businesses this weekend:

Allied P.C. on Secor just past Sylvania.

A good computer support person is just as valuable as a good mechanic or a good attorney in today's world. Justin owns this shop and I think he's about to be my

new best friend! I am very skeptical of whom I give an endorsement to in this community.

I am not impressed by talk, I need to see action.

Without knowing who I was, I watched this guy treat customers with courtesy and respect regardless of age or background. I watched him provide loaner computers while making repairs on someone's laptop. I watched him do his thing with the upgrades and all the goodies at prices that are truly the best in the city.

I'm taking all U.G.E.'s business there and I'm urging other businesses I'm affiliated with to do the same. I told him who I was after watching him work and all that, and

he said anyone who reads this article and comes to him for any computer support...he will give them such a hook up that they won't ever need to go anywhere else as long as they mention this article.

Succeeding Doing Music in Toledo?/ T. Dime "The Winter Is Mine"

Friday night ended with a planning session between me and my partner Adonis.

Rappers in Toledo, you want to make money from your art.

Singers in Toledo, you want to make money from your art.

Producers/etc. in Toledo you want to make money from your art.

But really y'all, are we just in the wrong city?

Can it be done here at all? Building a studio, doing music and getting out of the 9-5 grind... and making honest money from music – if people are here are doing it, we all need to know how.

Finding artists that are serious and professional and motivated, it's all a gamble.

As summer draws to a close, U.G.E. has decided to make T. DIME our #1. priority.

His mixtape "The Winter Is Mine" is due to hit the hands of fans in coming weeks to prepare for his full-length solo debut "The Coldest Winter Ever"... coming in December.

T. Diamond has maintained a loyal, hard working and constantly creatively motivated steelo throughout his signing so far and we want to build that fan base now.

T. Dime has the right idea with "The Winter Is Mine" mixtape and if it takes our local hustle to the next level, we are all for it so we support him fully.

Putting packages together

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Port Kicks Off 2008 Renewal Levy Campaign

Funding Needed to Continue Economic Development and Job Creation Efforts

Special To The Truth

The Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority today kicked off their 2008 levy campaign in pursuit of a five-year 0.4 mill renewal levy that provides funding for local transportation and economic development efforts. The levy is not a new tax and will not cause taxes to increase if it passes.

The Port Authority currently receives approximately \$2.4 million annually through the 0.4 mill levy, accounting for eight percent of the total annual budget.

ties along the Maumee River, remediation of brownfields to provide clean and viable land for development and neighborhood revitalization projects led by local non-profit community organizations.

Levy Co-chair Alex Johnson of Midwest Terminals said "The Port Authority works collaboratively to pool available resources to ensure Lucas County is an attractive place for new business to set up shop and for existing business to want to

ledo Urban League echoed the statement, adding "The Port levy also helps make funding available for local businesses. They support bonds and loans for small and large businesses at low rates that they may not be able to receive through the regular market. The Port is helping our community to help itself by building business and creating jobs in all sectors of the workforce in Lucas County."

Oregon Mayor Marge Brown emphasized her support for the levy, noting that the investments the Port makes are not just in Toledo — and they benefit the entire county. "The Port is using the tax dollars from this levy to clean up land and make it available for development. They're improving streets and sewers in undeveloped area to make it accessible for businesses looking for a place to grow. These are real bricks and mortar projects that benefit all of us around the entire county, and they create good-paying jobs in the process."

Sonia Troche, executive director of Adelante agreed with the mayor, but noted that aside from bricks and mortar projects that directly benefit businesses — the Port also uses levy funds to support projects that make Lucas

County and attractive community for business. "The levy helps fund neighborhood revitalization projects that will attract or retain business in Lucas County and facilitate new employment opportunities. All of these services are pumping money and jobs back into our local economy. It's building our neighborhoods from the ground up."

Issue 41 will be on the November 4, 2008 general election ballot. The levy costs the owner of a \$100,000 home approximately \$6.60 per year. It is not a new tax and will not increase taxes if passed.



John Jones supports Port Levy

The other 92 percent is derived from operational revenues at Toledo Express Airport, the Port of Toledo and other Port Authority services.

Since 2004, the Port has leveraged levy proceeds to bring in \$43 million in state and federal grant funds to the area for projects supporting cargo shipping growth at Toledo Express Airport, development of shipping facilities

remain." He added, "It has been Midwest Terminals of Toledo's long-term vision to take advantage of this region's logistical benefits and to forge a global trade portal with roots anchored here at the Port of Toledo. The Port shares that goal as it looks to bring business and jobs to Lucas County."

Co-chair John Jones, president of the Greater To-

Appliance Center Breaks Ground on Store Expansion

Sojourner's Truth Staff



John Oswald, Jerry Jones, Julie Oswald

Appliance Center, a Maumee family-owned business, held a groundbreaking ceremony on Friday, September 19, to start a major expansion to the store's 321 Illinois Avenue location.

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The Truth Book Review

“Deconstructing Sammy” by Matt Birkbeck

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By Terri Schlichenmeyer
Special to The Truth

Do you remember Matthew Beard?

How about Louise Beavers? Leo Gorcey? What about Ann Blythe, Michael Callan, or Pete Duel?

Those people were once big Hollywood names, but unless you're of a Certain Age or are a student of stardom, you probably don't recognize them.

In the 1950s and 60s, singer/dancer/actor Sammy Davis, Jr. was one of America's best-loved performers but you rarely hear much about him these days. In the new book **“Deconstructing Sammy”** by Matt Birkbeck, you'll see why.

Three years after Sammy Davis, Jr. was born, his parents divorced and his father took Sammy on the road.

Though he would forever lack a formal education, it was quickly apparent that the child was talented; he was able to mimic almost every performer he saw.

Because he and his father had performed as the opening act for many big names, Sammy's star rose quickly. He became friends with Frank Sinatra and, later, with other major stars of the era.

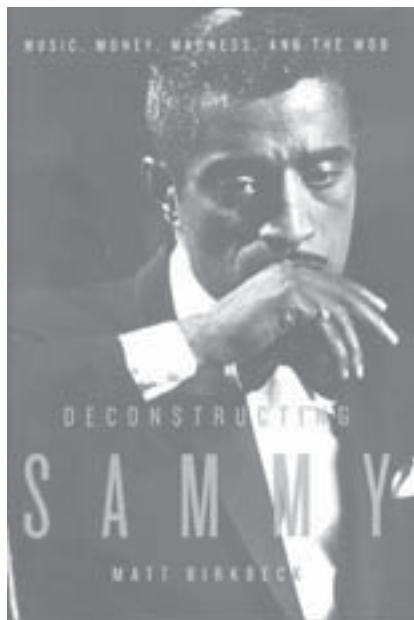
For two decades, Sammy Davis, Jr. was one of America's top entertainers. In the 1970s, though, his audience-drawing ability began to wane. He got involved in some iffy business deals and made several bad financial decisions. When he died in 1990, Sammy Davis, Jr.'s estate was a mess and his entertainment legacy all but gone.

Four years after Davis' death, Sonny Murray, a Pennsylvania lawyer, told a friend of his father's that he would take the case of Altovise Davis, wife of the late star. Mrs. Sammy Davis, Jr. had a noticeable problem with alcohol and she was in ill health. Worse, she was in deep debt and in trouble with the IRS.

For years, Sonny worked on behalf of Altovise Davis, trying to clear up her debts. He became obsessed with re-establishing Sammy Davis Jr.'s amazing legacy, and he worked with little or no pay to do it, often, according to Birkbeck, with little or no help from Altovise.

In the end, the life and death of a singer consumed the life of the attorney.

While “Deconstructing



With a journalist's eye toward a great story, author Matt Birkbeck leads readers through a decades-long financial mess including cover-ups, deals that obviously took advantage of Sammy, mob connections, political friendships and snubbings, and contractual issues that affected the singer's life and estate, including some with several players who appeared to have been playing the famous performer.

While Davis' life-story is un-put-down-able, though, Birkbeck's portrayal of Sonny Murray is absolutely stunning. It's a tale of obsession, legal wrangling and wanting to do the right thing despite the roadblocks erected by the very people who would have benefited most from Murray's work.

If you love a good scandal, a good story or a great bio, you're going to want to read “Deconstructing Sammy” soon. Remember this one on your next trip to the library or bookstore.

Sammy” surely kept me up a few nights past my bedtime, it could have easily been called “Deconstructing Altovise” or “Deconstructing Sonny” because the latter two people were easily two-thirds of the book.

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Federated Democratic Women of Ohio Endorse Sen. Barack Obama

Special to The Truth

The Federated Democratic Women of Ohio endorsed Senator Barack Obama of Illinois as their 77th Annual Fall Convention in Columbus, OH on September 11 - 13.

June Boyd, regional vice president of the organization said that the endorsement was unanimous from the oldest Democratic women's organization in the state of Ohio.

As regional vice president, Boyd has been given the challenge to organize a regional Federation club and, in the process, recruit young adult women to be groomed as future political leaders and encourage them to run for public office.

With the enthusiasm of so many young adults supporting Obama, said Boyd, this is a golden opportunity to join the organization and carry on the principles of the national, state and local Democratic Party.



June Boyd

The spring convention for the FDWO will be held April 30, May 1 and 2, 2009 in Canton, OH at the McKinley Grand Hotel. Anyone interested in joining the new Federation of

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Celebrating Love Everlasting Grandparents Day 2008

By Vickie Shurelds
Sojourner's Truth Reporter



It began four years ago, another in a long line of ideas from 6th Ward City Councilman Derry Glenn as a way of acknowledging the exceptional people who make up the residents he represents.

Time and again he heard the stories about grandparents who believed they were on the way to a leisurely existence that would consist of travel, an occasional inconvenience at booking hotels or plan reservations now find themselves thrust in the middle of a time they had long forgotten. Instead of plane tickets, they're purchasing school clothes, instead of fishing they're trying to understand math, OGT's and rap music.

"It's a lot of pressure. It's too much to ask. They didn't make these babies, and it's time for us to step up and be responsible for our own children" said Ivory Austin III who was invited to the Annual Grandparents' Day Dinner as keynote speaker.

"As grandparents you are there to love the children, offer advice and you should have them in your care whenever you want to but not because you have to," Ivory continued. "You've done the job of raising your children, now it should be your turn to relax. But, too often you don't have the choice."

The event drew a large crowd this year in the common room of Lima Towers located on South Main Street. As Austin spoke, there were a lot of nods in agreement as Tower residents and guests for the event itself thought of their own experiences or those of their neighbors and families.

"My daughter is having a really hard time dealing with life right now," said Deloris Makley a grandparent of six.

Two of them have been living with her since June. "She just can't do it right now, and I can't just let them put my grandchildren in foster care. I'm worn out, but I just have to keep going. I love my grandchildren. I just love them."

Grandparents who find themselves primary caretakers for young children or, in some cases teenagers, are faced with a large set of problems, especially if many years have passed since they've had children in their homes.

A grandparents' support group has been active in the Lima area for a number of years thanks to Rev. William and First Lady Marilyn Taylor. The group meets consistently to offer comfort, advice and information. Members come and go as their need demand, but even though the Taylors have raised their children and grandchildren, they continue to host the meetings in their homes, because the need for support never changes.

According to the Ohio Department of Aging statistics, in 10 percent of Ohio household, grandparents filed as primary caregivers to youth. The concerns raised by those over 65 included in very large numbers the health and overall well-being of their grandchildren.

The information gathered by the state factored in reasons given for this arrangement: the actual parents are unable or in some cases unwilling to care for their own children. Substance abuse, divorce, separation, unemployment, abandonment, teen pregnancy, finances, death, physical or mental illness, homelessness, child abuse/neglect, pursuit of higher education and incarceration were all cited as events leading to grandparents taking on the responsibility of these children.

The average age of a grandparent raising a grandchild in Ohio is 55, though there are many who are over 65, and more than half of these have grandchildren age six or younger.

Ohio's statistics paint a picture of financial burden in these households as well: "As primary caregivers, grandparents often face formidable challenges. More than half have annual household incomes below \$30,000; 25 percent have annual household incomes of less than \$15,000. Only 11 percent are legal guardians for the children; just nine percent have formal temporary custody. Nine percent receive child support, 14 percent receive financial support from public assistance and eight percent receive social security for the child." (Ohio Dept. of Aging 2008)

Help for these citizens is limited and their designation as grandparents without guardianship creates an even larger burden when trying to deal with the school or court systems. Little financial help is forwarded because of this status creating an even heavier burden on those already living on fixed incomes.

"It's just too much to ask. They shouldn't be going through all this at this stage of their lives," said Austin. "We love them for taking on the challenge. We love them, because their love is boundless - I never knew my grandfather, but my grandmother I love her with all my heart. But, she's done with her responsibility. She did a great job, but now it's my turn."

Austin knows the burden

and challenges personally, his nieces and nephews are under the primary care of his mother since January 4, the night Police Sergeant Joe Chavali shot his sister, Tarika Wilson. "We've got to turn things around," he said. "Sometimes, the situation is out of our control and grandparents have to step up and care for the children, but for those of us that can take care of our own ... it's time for us to meet the responsibility face to face."

The Grandparents Day dinner included a tribute to and from one of Lima's most valuable treasurers, Georgia Newsome, local author, poetess and historian.

She greeted the audience crediting her involvement with young people for helping to keep her 80 years young. As

she read from her yet-unpublished book, *Tales from the Porch*, smiles could be seen in faces across the room.

"This is part of our legacy and it's an honor to host this event, I'm happy to do it," said Glenn. "I've got a great crew that helps me every year, and we're going to keep doing it

every year, because it's important to let the people know how much we appreciate all that they do in the sixth ward."

Councilman Glenn, his wife and a small group of volunteers continued their tradition again in 2008, honoring grandparents and celebrating their boundless ever-lasting love.



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Weekend

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and grinding from the bottom up until we can all quit our jobs, other than making hot music that's all we can do.

Saturday

Don't Say Goodbye, Say See You Later

Hajami Fashion & Dance Studio Closed Its Doors.

My momma, Jaye M. Hayes, had to pull the plug on her shop this weekend.

Tough economic times and just the rigors of balancing a personal and business budget with mostly personal funds can make entrepreneurship challenging.

I salute my mother and all the other business owners in this area who stuck their neck out for as long as they could and gambled on their dream. You know the saying from the streets tho, "scared money don't make none" so after recouping from losses it will be time

for the grind once again. I love you mom, don't give up!

Ohio Hip Hop Awards A Day Late, A Dollar Short

Nope. I didn't go. Didn't find out about it until it was too late.

It's weird, even though I'm an entertainment columnist speaking for gen y and Toledo artists and all that, you'd be surprised at how much stuff just completely blows right past me. There's some competition here with me having a label and producing and all that so some of my peers on this local music scene don't chop it up with me or let me in like they should because they know me primarily from U.G.E.

But in my capacity at The Truth, I want to congratulate any artist in Toledo doin' it big enough to be honored statewide. I don't

even know who all went or what categories or what but if anyone came back with some hardware... holla at ya boy so we can do an interview or something. I don't have any more to report, because I just wasn't in the loop on this one, y'all.

The Listening Open Mic Night @ The Truth Art Gallery

LOUNGIN!

O.M.G.@ my dude Mr. Charles stepping in for me as master of ceremonies!

New art exhibit gave us a new layout for seating, but we still had a list full of rhyme spitters, singers, poets, musicians and just creative souls who got up and blessed us all while the antics and presence of Charles delighted everyone.

Every Saturday night U.G.E. brings you THE LISTENING, your chance to be heard!

Yeah, I'm wack because

I read the same old busted poem I been reading for the last three week. But everybody who did it, did it big this past Saturday. Like damn near standing ovations after a couple of performances, we even went later than ever on this one.

All our regulars, you will get a text soon about who will be our first feature in coming weeks. This special performer (singer or rapper or poet, can you guess? - and it's not a U.G.E. artist) will have a half an hour on an upcoming Saturday on our stage.

If you want to be added to the text list, hit me with an email: glasscitytruth@yahoo.com

Sunday

Taste of Diversity @ Toledo Botanical Gardens Toledo Got Flavor!

If you haven't been to the Toledo Botanical Gardens, you haven't met Toledo, Ohio yet.

And going there when there's an event going on, is the only way to improve on the experience of just going there. A woman named Myrtle has asked one of my artists, Aye Dee, to perform at a few functions she's involved in and this time it was at the Taste of Diversity. Multiple ethnicities, all ranges of cultural expression and tons of FREE FOOD!

That's right, free food

from Indian to Italian to American and many others.

Two performance areas so while you have urban music at one end of the grounds, there was an Asian string ensemble on the other. Such a shame if you were

and what's the worst of the worst about life in The Glass City.

Even in the music scene... artists here have to decide who's on top as far as the best music production in the city. Chris Siegel,



sitting home thinking about how boring Toledo is while this was going on. Don't be so lame!

PERSONAL REFLECTIONS ON TOLEDO

Who has the best pizza? Gino's? Vito's? Who?

What car repair shop has the best prices? Scariest place in Toledo to be stranded?

I am so ready to leave this town, but analyzing it while I'm here has proven to be an amusing past time. Apartment hunting recently has had me thinking "Which really IS the best side of town?" "Is there a best side of Toledo?"

I still am planning a survey where YOU let ME know what you think about what's the best of the best

Blaq Smurph, Frank Wright, Mally Speaks, Ms. Ne Ne and a few others come to mind.

I talk about the arts, the cultural, the hood, the issues and everything around here because it's important to me personally and because I want us all to take an active role in this city. If you hate where you are, isn't some form of self hate?

It's time to grow. Barack Obama has a chance of becoming the President of the United States of America.

I swore off taking part in the presidential voting process after 2004, but guess what... I can't afford to sit this one out.

Everyone reading this who is my generation and probably just got old enough to vote or have been old enough and just never handled it... do this for me: REGISTER!

It's all simple after that, trust me.

Call the Lucas County Board of Elections and register. Or just come down the The Truth's offices and register there.

Okay, that's my two cents for this week, y'all. Peace.

Organized Neighbors Yielding eXcellence (ONYX), Inc.

ONYX is seeking proposals for the Toledo West Weed & Seed 2008-2009 Program year. We would like for organizations to submit a program package which would identify the organization's sources of funds to help accomplish the following activities designated for the ONYX and NIP service areas.

- Entrepreneurial Training
- Free Tax Assistance
- Home Ownership Counseling
- Financial Literacy
- Computer Training for Seniors
- Computer Training and Homework and Tutoring Assistance for Youth (Training will include the after school programs for youth providing food under the concept of Kids' Café)
- Art Program which will incorporate the Toledo Art Museum and the Toledo Public School System
- Teen Theatre (Education and Performances)
- Parole and Probation Assistance Program
- Victims of Sex Trafficking

Proposals must contain the following information:

11. Name of Organization
12. Funding Sources
13. Experience in providing services
14. Location of organization
15. Number of employees who will be working on the project
16. Budget that will contain dollars to be utilized to accomplish task

All proposals should be received in the office of ONYX by 12:00 Noon on October 30, 2008.

Please provide five (5) copies addressed to: ONYX, Inc. 525 Hamilton St., Suite 302-B Toledo, OH 43602 Contact: Yvonne Samuels, 419.324.3619

During this project period, law enforcement efforts will focus on reducing violent crimes associated with drug activity and reducing gang and youth-related crime in the target area. Community policing goals include empowering law enforcement and residents to work collaboratively to reduce the fear of crime and to reduce the level of code enforcement violations in the target area. Prevention, intervention, and treatment goals include providing a holistic range of programs and services that encourages positive youth development as an alternative to negative behavior and improving the accessibility and utilization of community services for all residents and ex-offenders. Neighborhood restoration goals include increasing the value of the neighborhood by improving physical conditions of homes and the overall appearance of the community and expanding the local tax base by increasing the level of local business opportunities.

Jimmy L. Gaines, Sr., MBA Executive Director ONYX, Inc. WilliAnn Moore, M.Ed. President ONYX, Inc. Board of Directors

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Appliance

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The size of the retail showroom will grow from 9,500 sq. ft to over 48,000 sq. ft and along with the building expansion Appliance Center will double the current number of employees to approximately 100.

Appliance Center's mattress and furniture selection will grow to five times

the current size. Sofas, recliners, leather furniture, bedding, entertainment centers, bedroom, dining room, living room and office furniture will be added.

John and Julie Oswald, co-owners of Appliance Center attributed the recent success of the retail outlet for the need for a larger

facility.

"Community support over the last few years has been phenomenal," said John Oswald.

The Oswald's father, Chuck Oswald, opened the first Appliance Center store on Lagrange in 1963 and later moved to Parkway Plaza in 1969, to the

Holiday Plaza in 1973 and to the Illinois Avenue location in 1982. According to John Oswald, the current expansion plans were envisioned by his father years ago and he entrusted those plans to his son and daughter.

One of the persons responsible for expansion is

Jerry Jones of Woodlands Consulting. Jones has been close to the family for many years and, in this instance, helped arrange the financing for the ambitious project. At last week's groundbreaking ceremony, John Oswald called Jones his long-time mentor.

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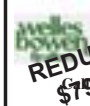
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INTERESTED BIDDERS: TOLEDO PUBLIC SCHOOLS – START HIGH SCHOOL RENOVATIONS AND WEST TOLEDO YMCA RE-BID

Sealed bids will be accepted by the Board of Education of the Toledo Public School District until **1:00 p.m. on October 7th, 2008**, at the Toledo Public Schools Treasurers' Room 3, 420 E. Manhattan Blvd., Toledo, Ohio 43608, for all labor material and supervision necessary for **Start High School Renovations and West Toledo YMCA Re-Bid**, as more fully described in the drawings and specifications for the project prepared by SSOE, Inc. and will be opened publicly and read immediately thereafter.

Bid Documents for the project may be examined at the F.W. Dodge plan rooms in Maumee and Columbus, Builders Exchange in Toledo, University of Toledo – Capacity Building, E.O.P.A. – Hamilton Building, Northwest Ohio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and The Plan Room in Ann Arbor, Construction Association of Michigan, Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce and Ohio Construction News.

Bidders may obtain copies of the documents starting **September 24th, 2008** which can be purchased from **Toledo Blue Print, 6964 Mc Nerney Road, Northwood, Ohio 43619 Phone: 419-661-9841. Drawings may be obtained on CD-ROM for no cost with the purchase of the specifications.**

A PREBID CONFERENCE is scheduled for **September 30th, 2008 at 3:00 p.m.** at Toledo Public Schools' Board Room, 420 E. Manhattan Blvd., Toledo, Ohio 43608

If you have any questions or a need for additional information, please direct all questions in writing to Kimakus.Johnson@lgb-llc.com, by phone at (419) 776-5600, or fax (877) 281-0784.

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| Bid Item No. 1 Site Work | \$ | 584,880. |
| Bid Item No. 2 General Trades | \$ | 1,471,000. |
| Bid Item No. 3 Fire Protection | \$ | 149,000. |
| Bid Item No. 4 Plumbing | \$ | 205,000. |
| Bid Item No. 5 HVAC | \$ | 1,010,000. |
| Bid Item No. 6 Electrical | \$ | 854,300. |
| Total Estimate: | \$ | 4,274,180. |

INTERESTED BIDDERS: TOLEDO PUBLIC SCHOOLS –CHASE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND MARTIN LUTHER KING JR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL– FURNISHINGS AND EQUIPMENT PACKAGE

Sealed bids will be accepted by the Board of Education of the Toledo Public School District until **1:00 p.m. on October 7th, 2008**, at the Toledo Public Schools Treasurers' Room 3, 420 E. Manhattan Blvd., Toledo, Ohio 43608, for all labor, material and supervision necessary for the Furnishings and Equipment of Chase Elementary and Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary Schools, as more fully described in the drawings and specifications for the project prepared by DMC LLC, Stough and Stough, and SSOE, Inc. and will be opened publicly and read immediately thereafter.

Bid Documents for the project may be examined at the F.W. Dodge plan rooms in Maumee and Columbus, Builders Exchange in Toledo, University of Toledo – Capacity Building, E.O.P.A. – Hamilton Building, Northwest Ohio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and The Plan Room in Ann Arbor, Construction Association of Michigan, Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce and Ohio Construction News.

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| Bid Item No. 1 Chase ES: | School FF&E | \$ 229,976.00 |
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| Bid Item No. 3 Martin Luther King Jr. ES: | School FF&E | \$ |
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| Bid Item No. 4 Martin Luther King Jr. ES: | Office FF&E | _____ \$ |
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WALK-THRU DATE: Wednesday, October 1, 2008 @ 10:00am
BID OPENING DATE: Tuesday, October 14, 2008 @ 11:00am

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