

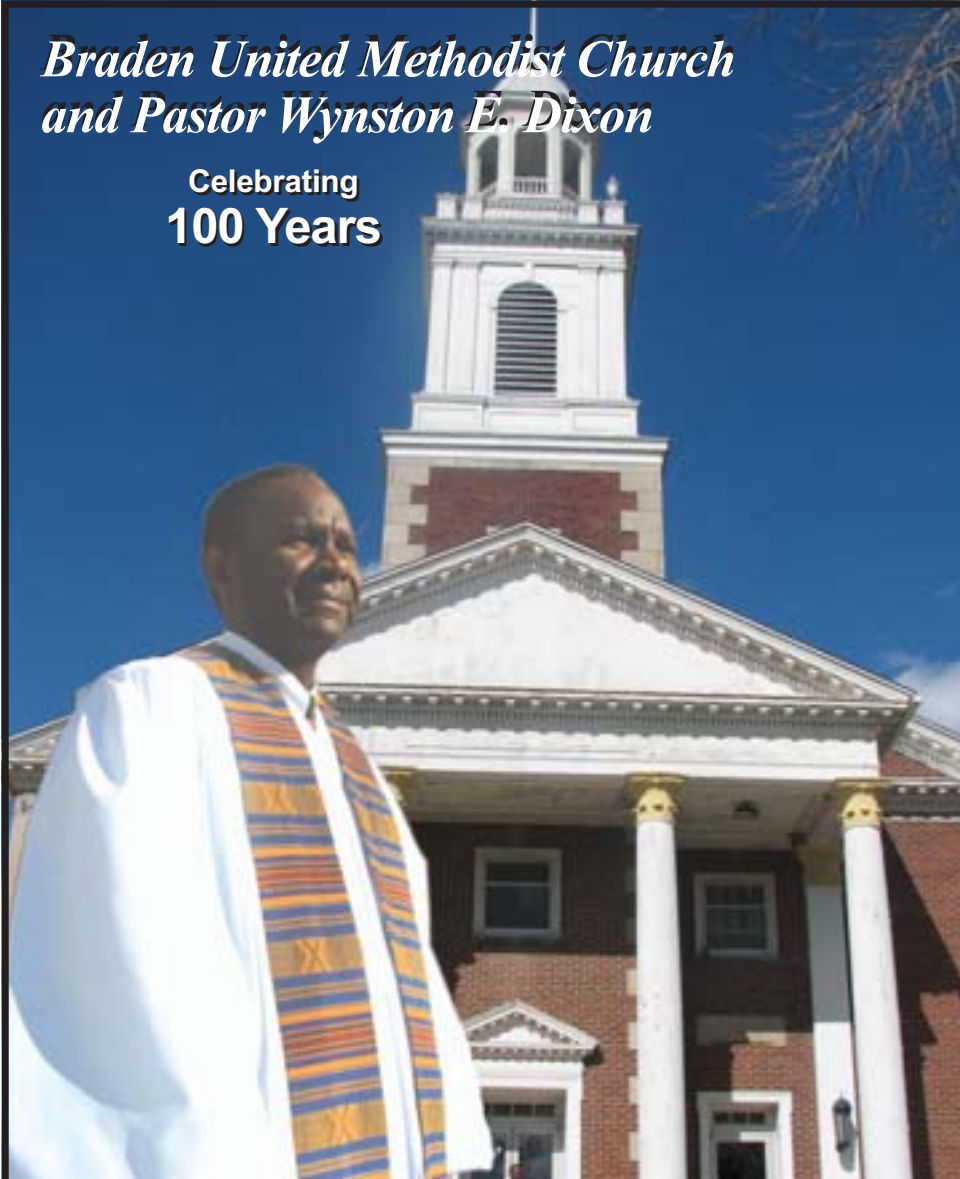


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This Strikes Us ...

Take Advantage of the Opportunity to Vote Early

The Sojourner's Truth Editorial

Voting cannot get any easier than this – from now through Monday, November 3, registered voters who reside in Lucas County can cast their votes prior to the Election Day crush at the EMS Training Center at 2127 Jefferson.

There have been approximately 700,000 potential new voters registered in the run-up to the 2008 general election, most in predominantly Democratic strongholds such as Lucas County. Voting early will help alleviate some of the problems that plagued urban areas in particular in 2004.

Several Truth staffers voted last week and we can assure those of you who question whether such a move makes sense, put your doubts aside. It is convenient, fast, thoroughly staffed with knowledgeable workers and, above all, you have choices.

First of all, it's a great parking situation. Unlike what has happened at Government Center in the past, the EMS Training Center has its own lot – and it's free. People are moving in and out so quickly, there seem to be plenty of empty spaces. The ring immediately surrounding the EMS Center might be full but there is an auxiliary lot adjacent to the ring.

Inside the Training Center, the poll workers are numerous and efficient unlike what often happens in polling places on Election Day. You are guided every step of the way. First someone greets you to assist. Then you are directed to several workers who take your information and verify that you are indeed registered.

Unlike what will occur on Election Day, you do not need to show identification (bring it anyway, however, just in case there is some snafu with your registration and if you cannot remember your driver's license number or your social security number.)

You will be given a form to fill out – the application form to vote early and on which you will verify those numbers. Then you will be guided to the workers who are distributing ballots – eight to 10 of them on the day we voted – and who will give you a choice of how you want to vote.

We hear so many folks these days talking about their fears that an early vote may be lost or not counted. In the past, this has usually been the case for provisional ballots more often than early ballots. Provisional ballots, by the way, are filled out by voters whose names do not appear at a polling place because: (1) they are at the wrong polling place, (2) they are not registered or (3) they have moved or changed their names.

Generally the problem that has occurred with early, or absentee ballots, is that the ballots are not properly placed in the envelope or not properly completed. This has rarely been a problem for those voters at the polling site because they are instructed on placing the ballot in the envelope. It generally happens with those who actually do mail in their ballots because they are indeed absent. Even this issue has been addressed this year with a change in the size of the envelope.

Nevertheless, these days when you vote early, you have a choice – you can use the paper ballot or you can use the touch screen – just as on Election Day.

There is an abundance of touch screens and they record and store your vote just as they will on Election Day. So if you fear the paper ballot getting stuck in someone's attic, don't worry about that.

If, however, you fear the touch screen process, you have a choice. And, once again, keep in mind that we don't have any history of problems with paper ballots that are properly completed.

The advantages to early voting should be obvious. You will avoid the Election Day crush, of course. You will also have more flexibility with the hours. There is far less chance for error because the poll workers are overworked or under trained. Don't worry about a machine breaking down during the early voting process.

Who knows what can happen on any given day, such as Election Day – illness, transportation issues, overtime, forgetfulness ...

At the EMS Training Center, you can vote from 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. from Monday through Friday. During the last two weekends before Election Day, the site will also be open – from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the two Saturdays and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on the two Sundays.

Don't take the chance. We have never been presented with such clear-cut choices or a more meaningful election in such a crucial time.

Community Calendar

October 7-10

4th Annual Walking in the Spirit Conference: Tabernacle of Praise Church; "Taking Authority;" 7 pm nightly; Speakers include Rev. Melvin Barnes of True Vine Baptist, Rev. Christopher Rowell of Joshua Gen. Family Worship

October 10

Benefit for Chayla: 8:30 am to 6 pm; Bowsher High School; High School senior in need of bone marrow transplant: 1-888-862-7769 ext. 103

Fire on Friday: City of Zion, Mt. Zion Church; 7 pm; Keynote Pastor Preston of Cary (NC): 419-246-1850

Art Tatum's 99th Birthday Celebration: Toledo Lucas County Library Kent Branch; 6:30 pm; Live jazz with Clifford Murphy and Claude Black: 419-259-5381

October 10-12

Phillips Temple CME 5th Annual Family Conference: "Paid in Full;" Friday at 7 pm Pastor Ed Akers; Saturday at 10 am workshops for youth; Sunday at 11 am Prophetess Barbara Mays: 419-350-0418

October 11

Braden United Methodist: "Relationship of Bible Study to Church Growth;" 9:30 am to 1 pm; Guest Zan Wesley Holmes, Jr

October 11-12

Music Word Explosion 2008: Mt. Pilgrim Church; 7 pm nightly; Lisa Page-Brooks, Twinkie Clark, Vickie Winans: 419-810-2483

October 12

Braden United Methodist Church: Centennial Sunday: 10:45 am service: 419-244-2904

Walk to Help Homeless: Benefit for the Aurora House; Westfield Franklin Park; 8 to 10:30 am; Health assessments, food court vendors, fun kid activities: 419-244-3200

Union Grove MBC Women's Day Services: "Christian Women Be Strong by the Power of His Might;" 4 pm; Speaker Sis. Shirley Sutton

Calvary Baptist Church: Ordination service for Min. Ollie Johnson-Whitehead; 4 pm; Guest speaker Pastor Charlotte Rolling of Chicago: 419-344-6572

October 14

MTAN College Prep Meeting "What You Need to Know;" Mott Branch Library; 6 to 8 pm; Information on required credits for graduation, financial aid and loans: 419-346-5275 or MTAN4singleparents@yahoo.com

October 16-18

Third Annual Prayer and Prophetic Conference: New Life C.O.G.I.C.; Workshops at 6 pm on Thurs. and Fri., worship service at 7:15 pm; Saturday Worship Service at 11 am: 419-242-3278 or 419-242-2850

October 17-18

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October 17-19

N-His Name Ministries 4th Annual Perfecting in Holiness Conference '08: New Kingdom Church; Friday Pastor Bryann Rogers; Saturday "Youth Explosion Night;" Sunday Min. Calvin Jackson of Redford, MI: 419-250-4013 or 419-290-8106

Indiana Ave MBC Youth and Young Adult "Faithastic" Fellowship Weekend: "Christian Youth and Young Adults keeping our faith and focus on Christ in the midst of the storm

October 18

African American Legacy Project's Annual Legends Luncheon: Crowne Plaza Hotel; 1 pm

Third Baptist Church (Holland) 14th Anniversary Musical: Youth Choir; 6 pm

Toledo Kwanzaa House's Red, Black & Green of the Future Fashions & More: Collingwood Presbyterian; 3 pm: 419-243-3329 or 419-471-1912

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My View



By Jack Ford
The Truth's Political Columnist

Last week I attended a meeting called by the Obama campaign to get together with area ministers. Not one area pastor or minister showed up.

Instead, the speaker, a pastor from Massachusetts, spoke to a small group of activists at the Mott Branch Library on Dorr Street. The speaker explained for the first time that the Obama campaign would not use "street money." No paid staff for door-to-door on Election Day to get out the vote. Obama believes

in a bottom up approach where everybody volunteers to do things.

The Obama campaign believes that their campaign is more like a movement than a contest. The speaker mentioned the civil rights movement several times as the

paigned arrows to use in this fight?

The week before the preachers' meeting, I ran into the long-time Democratic mechanic Domenic Montalto at a local restaurant. I asked Dom what he was doing for Obama and he re-

Put your best team on the field.

I spoke on behalf of Obama, candidate for the Ohio Supreme Court Joseph Russo and several issues at Jerusalem Baptist Church last Sunday to a packed house. Folks there are fired up and

tee that you will have a chance to see Obama sworn in as president of the United States, I recommend that you make your room reservations immediately. You may not be able to get a room in November if he wins.

Did you know that there is only one police officer for East Toledo on certain weekend days? I hear that coverage has gotten down that low on occasion. That is not only dangerous for citizens but also hazardous to the lone officer with no quick back up.

Kudos to Alan Bannister. He is the newly-minted northwest Ohio representative for Governor Ted Strickland.

Bannister had been serving in a church-based role but has now moved up to the big time.

Alan is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Langston Bannister and the husband of Patekka, a chemist with the City of Toledo. Alan has worked with the governor of Kentucky, the mayor of Toledo and, now, the governor of Ohio. That's pretty impressive and it has not gone to his head. But, Alan, get the law degree.

When you get ready to vote, remember the Ohio Supreme Court. Russo and Peter Sikkora are two good men who will bring balance to a court long dominated by the insurance industry.

If you want to guarantee that you will have a chance to see Obama sworn in as president of the United States, I recommend that you make your room reservations immediately.

model he likened to this effort.

It is surprising that Obama would not use the tried and true method of "street money." Obama has set records for fundraising and broke new ground in reaching targeted voters. Why not keep a full quiver of cam-

plied nothing. I asked why not and he said that nobody has asked him to help.

Let me say that it is a mistake to be in a presidential campaign in Lucas County with Montalto on the sidelines. Forget about the golf outing and the strippers.

ready to vote.

If you want to guaran-

Why HIV and/or AIDS Is a Sociopolitical Issue YOU NEED to Do Something Substantive About!

By Ravi Perry
Guest Column

The new HIV infection rates, as reported by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) are simply devastating. Make no mistake - this is a political issue. It is a social issue. It is both a black community issue and a global issue. It is - for some - a moral issue. But beyond whatever label you put on it - it is a life and death issue. Either you do something about it or you don't. I hope you choose the former. Here's why you should.

First, in the United States alone, more than one million people are living with HIV and/or AIDS. So, it's not a silent epidemic. It's likely right in front of your face - whether it's your neighbor, your cousin, your brother, or your grandmother - HIV and/or AIDS' close proximity to you means that you have access and opportunity to substantively make a positive contribution to the lives of those who are HIV positive.

Second, your participation would create an opportunity for education. Among other things, you will learn from your entre into the science of the epidemic that HIV and AIDS are not medically the same. In terms of the field of medicine, HIV is a virus that attacks your immune system and can develop into AIDS. However, it does not have to. And, thanks to medi-

cal and antiretroviral advances over several years, many afflicted with the condition live 'normal,' healthy lives and potentially may never develop AIDS in their lifespan. True - for others, depending on the strand of infection, time of diagnosis and infection, etc. one's prognosis may differ. But, the point is, proper education is needed so we can become better equipped with the appropriate knowledge. For the purposes of this article, I deliberately refer to the epidemic as HIV and/or AIDS versus just AIDS or HIV/AIDS because of the medical distinction.

Third, the knowledge is needed to help stifle the stigma. This stigma is present nearly everywhere a person afflicted with HIV travels. While it is not as bad as it once was when, say, the Tom Hanks and Denzel Washington movie *Philadelphia* debuted (which is 'celebrating' its 15 anniversary this week) - the stigma, however, is still bad. If many feel they can not talk about it, how well do you think they are addressing it?

Frankly, we need to fight the stigma. It must be a topic of ministers' sermons - regularly (not just during certain holidays and events). It should have long become an issue of concern to the Urban League and the NAACP.

And by concern, I mean, a proactive method of attention that includes preventive methods and serious steps at intervention - intervening in the lives of those afflicted with care and support (financial and emotional). I don't see that. Many of our black organizations have simply failed. And, honestly, many churches are the main culprits. Ministers need to get beyond the sexual orientation doctrines that they attribute to the epidemic. Why?

Because, globally, more people contract the disease through heterosexual contact than through any other means. In addition, the last time I checked, God asks us not to judge but to love. You can still pray for someone with HIV, attend to someone with HIV and their needs, and hold true to your doctrine, without asking how they contracted the disease, if they're gay, etc. The fact is - you don't need to know to care for the individual. And given the statistic I just highlighted, they likely won't be gay, anyway.

Bottom line - HIV and/or AIDS and homosexuality are not synonyms and are not necessarily related.

While I will debate a minister theologically if he or she holds a position on sexual orientation that denies equal rights to those not hetero-

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Republicans' Attempt to Disenfranchise Voters Thwarted by Ohio Supreme Court

By Ohio Senator Teresa Fedor
Guest Column



United States Northern District Judge James S. Gwin ruled that Brunner was properly upholding Ohio election laws in stating that the Republican position "would lead to illogical results, potentially disenfranchising large numbers of voters."

Recently, the Ohio Supreme Court, in a four-to-three decision dealt a serious blow to the Ohio Republican Party's efforts to disenfranchise hundreds of thousands of voters and at the same time vindicated Secretary of State Jennifer Brunner's efforts to ensure that all Ohioans have equal access to the polls.

The Republican-dominated Supreme Court proved to be a check on Republican efforts to cause voter confusion with frivolous lawsuits. Additionally,

these courts have clearly rebuked the Ohio Republican Party for employing blatantly partisan tactics toward Secretary of State Brunner. With the presidential election fast approaching, Ohio Republicans have been ramping up their attacks on Brunner daily.

Such attacks have led to accusations of Brunner attempting to disenfranchise voters and allegations that she has and will continue to break state election laws unless stopped. This is the same Republican Party that purposefully challenged thousands of voters in 2004

based solely on undeliverable pre-election mailings and wanted to void new voter registrations not printed on 80 pound paper. The courts have now unveiled this blatant Republican hypocrisy.

This issue of same day absentee voting has appeared to enrage Republicans. Secretary Brunner's directive instructed local Boards of Election that during the five day overlap between the end of voter registration and the beginning of absentee voting, newly registered voters should be provided absentee voting ballots if requested.

In response, Republicans engineered lawsuits in a poor attempt to question Brunner's directive and to make the case that Secretary Brunner's effort to guarantee more Ohioans access to voting is somehow illegal. Despite challenging Secretary

Brunner's directive, it was reported by the Associated Press on September 29, 2008 that the GOP's own web site was encouraging their voters to take full advantage of the five day overlap to register and cast an absentee ballot. Apparently Republican hypocrisy knows no bounds.

Two courts validated Secretary Brunner's interpretation of the law to favor voter's rights. I am not alone in my perspective on this dispute. When asked about the Republican's law suit against Secretary Brunner, election law expert and Associate Director of Election Law at The Ohio State University's Mortiz College of Law, Daniel P. Tokaji, commented that "Brunner's interpretation of Ohio law is precisely correct and the Republican's position by contrast is in direct conflict with the laws they have

passed and in conflict with federal voting rights laws."

If the Republican's reading of the law were upheld there is no doubt that a large segment of the potential voters would be prevented from voting – directly in opposition to the ultimate goal of no fault absentee voting.

In responding to a question about the possible motivation behind the Republican's law suit against Secretary Brunner, Professor Tokaji stated, "This is voter suppression in as naked a form as we've seen in Ohio for years, Republicans are trying to manipulate the court to their own partisan ends."

The fact remains that the no-fault absentee voter law in question was in effect during the 2006 primary and general elections and during that time, Republicans never raised concern re-

garding the registration overlap. The purpose of this law was to make the voting process easier and more accessible to all Ohioans. In fact, no-fault absentee voting was introduced by Republican legislators and signed into law by former Republican Governor Taft.

I am proud of the Ohio Supreme Court for seeing the Republican lawsuit as frivolous, designed to cause elector confusion. Such Republican lawsuits represent a step back from voter inclusion and a step towards blatant voter suppression. Such attempts leave one question yet to be answered: Why are Republicans so afraid of fair and open elections?

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Latinos for Obama Host Fiesta and a Visit by New York Congresswoman

By Artisha S. Lawson
Sojourner's Truth Reporter

Over a hundred Senator Barack Obama supporters gathered on Sunday, October 5, 2008 at Teamsters 20 Hall for a Latinos for Obama Fiesta. The rally featured authentic Mexican foods, special entertainment by local youth dancers *El Corazon de Mexico* and guest speaker Congresswoman Nydia Velasquez (Dem-NY).

El Corazon de Mexico, which means the heart of Mexico, thrilled the audience as they danced to three

“What I’m hoping for from this event is that we can all work together, so we can be strong in numbers when we go to the polls,” ~Bob Vasquez

selections while dressed in traditional costumes.

The rally opened with Lourdes Santiago, president of the Latino Caucus, who explained why she felt that Obama was important

to the American family and the Latino community.

“Si se puede. We’re going to make it happen. We are all aware of the situation of our country, especially the economy. And also the Latino community, we have the opportunity to elect someone to help us begin job creations, immigration reform, healthcare and other issues that need to be addressed. The Obama/Biden ticket will get the job done,” Santiago said.

Mark Sobczak, president of Toledo City Council and Teamsters Local 20 vice



Local College Students



Councilman Mark Sobczak, Auditor Anita Lopez, Congresswoman Nydia Velasquez, Lourdes Santiago

president, then addressed the crowd about the importance of voting. He encouraged the supporters to inspire friends, family, neighbors and co-workers to vote in this election because that is the source of the biggest voting influence.

“You know Obama is right on every issue concerning working men and women,” Sobczak said. “This election is critical. We need to get our friends, family members, and our neighbors to vote. You know that you already have a small influence on people that we touch and see every day. These people that are close to us and see us around our neighborhoods. These people are the co-workers and church members that we see regularly. It’s very important to put the responsibility on us to get these people to get out and vote.”

Velasquez, the guest speaker, noted that she enjoys speaking about Obama and plans to speak in each

battle ground state before the November election. Velasquez stressed the fact that the sad state of the economy is everywhere and that she knows that Obama will work closely with Americans who are struggling to survive.

“I’m coming here to say to you, this is a deciding moment in our history. This is the moment, I say to Ohio ‘help us.’ It is important because where Ohio votes, goes the nation, goes the president,” said the New York congresswoman. “If you have been reading the newspapers then you know, I don’t have to tell you. You’re working hard to make ends meet, along with high energy costs, health care, insurance, and a jobless economy. In September 2008 alone, 159,000 jobs were lost. We can do it. My friends, the choice is clear. Senator Obama is the person who’s committed to working with you.”

Among the local Latino officials in attendance was

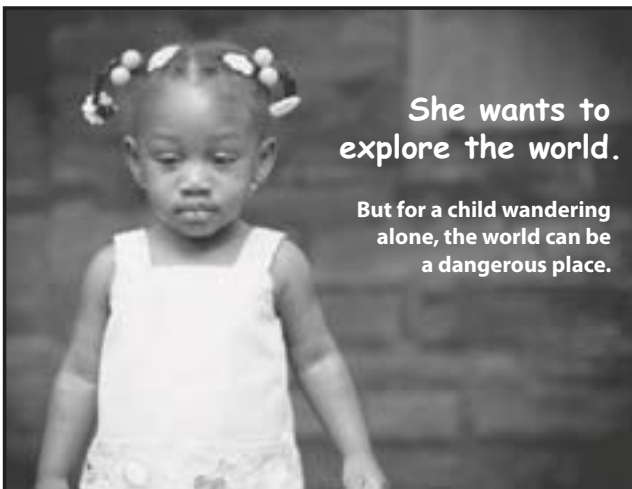
Anita Lopez, Lucas County Auditor, who noted her pride in having such a positive Latino role model elected to the Congress.

“Not only is it easier for a Latino to get elected today, but it’s wonderful when we have great role models on the national level, like Nydia,” said Lopez.

Many citizens and officials attended the rally, because of the historic nature of this election that will take place this November.

“I think that this will be one of the most important elections in my adult life. What I’m hoping for from this event is that we can all work together, so we can be strong in numbers when we go to the polls,” said Bob Vasquez, member of the Toledo Board of Education.

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Four New Appointees to Port Authority Board of Directors

Special to The Truth

The Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority Board of Directors will have four new board members at the next Port Authority Board Meeting on October 23, 2008. The new members are Jerry Chabler, Bernard "Pete" Culp, Dr. Lloyd A. Jacobs, and John S. Szuch. The new board members replace outgoing directors Bruce Baumhower, Doni Miller, Dennis C. Duffey and Dr. Jeri A. Milstead.

The Port Authority Board of Director appointments come from the city of Toledo and the Lucas County Commissioners. Six of the Port Authority's 13 board members are appointed by the county commissioners, six

are appointed by the city of Toledo, and one is a joint city-county appointment.

"The Port Authority Board of Directors is a hard working unit of volunteers. Our outgoing board members

served diligently and dedicated countless hours to the mission of the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority and, on behalf of the board, I gratefully acknowledge their leadership and service," said

William J. Carroll, chairman, Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority Board of Directors. "We look forward to the contributions that our four new members will bring to the board."

Appointed by the city of Toledo, Jerry Chabler of Sylvania, Ohio, was first appointed to the Port Authority board of directors in 1996 and was reappointed in 2001. Chabler was also appointed by Governor Ted Strickland to serve on the Ohio State Racing Commission in April, 2007.

Appointed by the city of Toledo, Bernard "Pete" Culp is the director of Planning and Development for the Economic Opportunity Planning Association of Greater Toledo. Culp also serves on the Toledo Lucas County Plan Commission.

Appointed by the Lucas County Commissioners, Dr. Lloyd A. Jacobs is the president of the University of Toledo. Prior to coming to Toledo, Dr. Jacobs was chief operating officer of the University of Michigan Health System, one of the largest systems in the country, and senior associate dean for

clinical affairs at the University of Michigan Medical School.

Appointed by the County, John S. Szuch is the chairman of Fifth Third Bank of Northwestern Ohio. Mr. Szuch was a co-founder and Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Capital Bank, N.A. until it merged with Fifth Third

Bancorp in 2001. Szuch is a Trustee of The University of Toledo and serves in leadership or trustee positions for numerous organizations in the region.

The Lucas County Commissioners also reappointed developer A. Bailey Stanbery to the board of directors.



Bernard "Pete" Culp



Dr. Lloyd Jacobs

UT Professor Fights Child Sex Trafficking in Lucas County

*By Nadean Hamilton
Sojourner's Truth Reporter*

Nearly three years after federal investigators broke up a major child sex trafficking ring with ties to Toledo and the Midwest, many residents are still perplexed as to how and why Toledo became a major hub for teenage prostitution recruitment.

Celia Williamson, University of Toledo associate professor of social work, attempted to answer these questions, and others, on Thursday, Sept. 18

believing that he is her boyfriend and that he has her best interests at heart.

Williamson says this type of "pimping" seems to be more respected in the world of child sex trafficking, because these pimps makes his victim believe that she is making all of the decisions affecting her life.

Unfortunately, once these teens fall prey to these pimps, they are taken to truck stops and "cat-houses" in various

the local FBI Task Force, she feels the Toledo Police Department has a way to go in terms of recognizing and preventing child sex trafficking in Lucas County.

Williamson also addressed the need to re-evaluate Lucas County's current system of social services in hopes of adequately addressing and meeting the needs of victims of domestic sex trafficking.

In the meantime, Williamson is doing her part to end child sex trafficking by offering girls at risk of being victims of domestic sex trafficking, free comprehensive services including intensive case management, advocacy, education and prevention and trauma treatment through one on one counseling.

UT brown-bag seminars are open to UT students, faculty, and staff, as well as the community at large, and provide a glimpse into the research being conducted across various disciplines university disciplines.

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during a brown bag seminar entitled "Protecting Woman and Saving Children: Fighting Child Sex Trafficking in Lucas County."

During the discussion, Williamson described various tactics "pimps" employ to bend underage girls to their will, the need to improve social services programs that address teenage prostitution and local law enforcement response to child sex trafficking.

According to Williamson, there are two types of pimps - "gorilla pimps" and "finesse pimps."

Whereas, "gorilla pimps" force underage girls into prostitution using brute force and coercion, a "finesse pimps" manipulates a young into be-

cities and states, in what appears an endless cycle of physical and emotional abuse.

And although Williamson praises the Weed and Seed officers, and is satisfied for the most part with the work done by

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Braden's 100th Anniversary: Reflections of the Past, Embracing the Future

By Fletcher Word
Sojourner's Truth Editor

Braden United Methodist Church is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2008 and this upcoming weekend – centennial banquet on Friday and Anniversary Sunday service – will be the culmination of a month-long series of events that has featured former pastors coming home to preach in the Braden pulpit.

"Braden owes its origin to a small group of dedicated Christians who became the nucleus to organize a Methodist Church in Toledo, Ohio sometime during the year 1908," proclaims the account that Braden historians have compiled.

The original group had met for some time prior to 1908 in various homes as a prayer band. During that year, the group found a home on Canton Street and named their new church the Canton Street Mission under the auspices of the Methodist Church system. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Allen, Beverly Harris, Bettie Williams, Charles Thomas, Anna Bland, Mary High, George Weatherly, Lela Harris and Mayme Smith were some of the persons in that founding group.

The Lexington Confer-

ence of the Methodist Church dispatched Rev. George Chinn of Columbus to pastor the Canton Street Mission.

As the black population of Toledo grew during those early years, so did the Mission. "From what I have heard, when people came here from down South, Braden was one of those churches that opened their doors to them," says Rev. Wynston Edward Dixon, who has been the pastor at Braden since 2005.

Rev. Charles Johnson followed Chinn in 1918 and in 1920 the congregation moved to a new location at the corner of City Park and Belmont Avenue. A new structure was completed on that site in 1924. During the dedication of the building, the church was renamed "Braden" in honor of Dr. John Braden, president of Walden University of the Methodist Church of Nashville, TN.

The congregation remained in that one-room structure until a new, more spacious church building could be found on Lawrence Avenue in 1956. The new building was purchased during the tenure of Rev. I.R. Shumer but the major



Braden's first 100 years.

Reed greatly increased the congregation numbers, implemented a variety of new programs and became a force in the community

fundraising had been started earlier under the leadership of Rev. George W. Sherard.

Of the many significant periods in Braden's history, certainly one of the most outstanding, and memorable, is that period when Rev. Albert L. Reed served as pastor – from 1966 to 1986 – the longest tenure by far of any pastor in

during a time when challenges to the nation's history of racial discrimination were at a peak.

In all, 18 pastors preceded Dixon in the pulpit. The first pastor, George Chinn, served for 10 years during a time of financial burdens and other seemingly insurmountable hardships, according to church history. But over the years, the congregation grew and thrived. The current membership, says Dixon is about 400 with close to 200 being active.

Dixon earned his bachelor's degree in theology from Cuttington University College in his native Liberia. There are no graduate schools in Liberia, so Dixon came to the United States in order to attend Southern Methodist University to obtain his master's of divinity. He was ordained as an elder in the United Methodist Church in 1990 and served stints in both Cincinnati and Columbus, OH before being assigned by the church to

Toledo – first Asbury United Methodist, then Braden.

For Dixon, the ministry has been his calling for about as long as he can remember. "I was always a boy who dreamed – from the sixth grade – of joining the ministry," recalls Dixon. "I was greatly influenced by my bible teacher and that helped answer the call I saw for my life. The ministry is something I've done all my life." In fact, other than a brief time with UPS during his SMU days, Dixon has held no job other than the ministry.

But even though much of his family is now in the United States including his daughter Wynlita, a 15-year old student at Whitmer High School, and his three brothers, who reside in Florida, Delaware and Maryland, Dixon has every intention of returning home to Liberia once the country has put its 14-year civil war behind it and has settled into peace and tranquility.

"It was my goal to come here, study and go home," he says of the original plan. "I left right after the coup but things never settled down. My ultimate, utmost goal is to return home and to continue a contribution. I can do some ministry there and my conference needs me in Liberia. The continent is so ripe for ministering and Christianity is growing faster than any other religion. They need qualified pastors."

Braden, meanwhile is reflecting on the past while embracing the future. The church of today has 19 ministry teams that involve congregants of all ages and interests.

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Political Pot Luck Helps Young Voters Get Informed

Sojourner's Truth Staff

A bi-partisan get-out-the-vote event organized by Lucas County Commissioner Ben Konop (D) and Toledo City Councilman Tom Waniewski (R) brought young voters out on a Sunday night to The Truth Gallery on Adams Street.

The "Political Pot Luck" forum enabled visitors to appreciate great local art and artists, get more information from representatives of the Barack Obama and John McCain campaigns, become educated about the issues facing young people in the 21st Century and get registered with the Board of Elections.

The event featured several national and local performing artists such as American Idol contestant Candice Coleman and local visual artists such as Terry Burton and Fusion419.

"Young people not only need to take the time to get



registered this year but also to get informed about the issues that matter most to them and to their communities," said Konop



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Ohio Once Again The Focal Point of a Presidential Campaign

Sojourner's Truth Staff

Rep. James Clyburn (Dem-OH), the third-ranking member of the congressional Democratic Party caucus as majority whip, was in Ohio campaigning last week in the wake of the House approval

of the Wall Street bailout plan. "I've seen tremendous enthusiasm," said Clyburn of the political atmosphere in the Buckeye State and around the country. "After the [first] debate, the rest of the coun-

try now sees assurances that [Senator Barack Obama] is ready to be president. He also looked like he was ready. The enthusiasm I see now in Ohio is not what I saw four and eight years ago. This is a level of enthusiasm I did not see before."

Certainly if the presence of Washington and Hollywood luminaries is any indication, the level of enthusiasm has indeed been ratcheted up in Ohio. According to estimates, there are 700,000 newly registered Ohio residents - Washington and Hollywood have gravitated towards the potential for Obama to win in Ohio.

No observer believes that the Republican nominee, Senator John McCain, can capture the presidency without winning Ohio.

Following closely on Clyburn's heels were veteran rock 'n roller Bruce Springsteen over the weekend and hip-hop impresario Russell Simmons.

Simmons appeared at an African American media forum and reception in Colum-

bus on Saturday and then, with hometown celebrity LeBron James, in Cleveland on Sunday.

"We have to change," Simmons told the roomful of journalists. "I resigned from the Hip-Hop Summit to work for this campaign and to tell young people you can't get unless you give."

And, on Monday, movie star and Academy Award winner Cuba Gooding, Jr. came to Toledo as part of his own Ohio tour to urge folks to get out and vote. Gooding spoke briefly to a gathering at the Laborers 500 Hall in the Bill Copeland Building on Ashland before leading fans and voters over to the EMS Training Center on Jefferson.

"I was so frustrated with what happened four years ago when Bush was re-elected," said Gooding. "I believe we have the opportunity with Biden and Obama to have a change."

The flood of celebrities has not been a substitute for campaign appearances by the candidates themselves. This week, Obama will make a tour of three southern cities - Dayton, Cincinnati and Portsmouth.



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sexual, (and I'd be happy to) - difference of opinion on religious scripture should not prevent all of us from making every effort to positively impact the lives of those who are positive - no matter their sexual orientation.

Do you know that some people with HIV hide their affliction from their friends and family, ignore treatment options, and consequently potentially shorten their mental and physical lifespan by years? Do you know that many of those individuals are black?

As Phil Wilson, the CEO and founder of Black AIDS Institute recently said, "AIDS in America continues to be a black disease as manifested by the numbers." Well, what are the numbers? According to the CDC, African-Americans accounted for 45 percent of the new HIV infections in 2006. Yet, we are only 12 percent of the population. Among blacks, black women are contracting the disease at alarming rates!

A number of issues are said to be the cause for high rates of infection among blacks - poverty, stigma, limited access to healthcare, drug abuse, etc. Well, thanks to Jack Ford - in respect to healthcare and drug abuse, he's help to create CareNet and SASI to deal with those. Contact CareNet if you're positive and do not have health insurance. See if they can help. If you're a drug user, I'd ask that you do the same with SASI and other organizations like it in Toledo.

And if you're a concerned citizen willing to help those afflicted, I beg of you to contact those organizations and others like it to see how you can.

Literally - our community depends on it. With black gay men ages 13 to 29 being twice as likely to

get infected as white and young Hispanic men - if you believe in that "the youth are our future," mantra - I ask you to ask yourself, what actions of yours help to make that belief a reality?

With black women being almost 15 times as likely than white women and four times more likely than Hispanic women to contract HIV and/or AIDS, I ask again, where do our beliefs meet our actions?

This is not just political. This is serious. With available mental and physical treatment, many with HIV and/or AIDS can live 'normal' (I hate that word) and productive life spans. However, without, many will not. *And, you play a role in that.* Your church plays a role. The Urban League and the NAACP play a role (whether they realize it or not). Black fraternity and sorority organizations play a role. Your small book club plays a role. Everyone does.

Now, I understand that a murder in the black community, for example, (especially by a white person, presumably) may attract our attention and touch our sensitivities. But, if these numbers as it relates to HIV and/or AIDS don't shake your faith, rattle your conscience, give you goosebumps, or at least make you think - I'll ask another question - would you pinch yourself? Because, you must not be awake nor paying attention!

Why is this political? Well, for starters - we need the votes of many HIV afflicted individuals to sustain a democratically-based country. We also need policies - in government, church bureaucracy, and groups' organizational structures - to change in

order to make it easier for persons with HIV and/or AIDS to receive the attention they deserve. It's also political because we can do something about it through collaborative social action.

Finally, this treatise is a plea for every human being - African-Americans, especially - whether individually and/or within our respective groups to make the issue of HIV and/or AIDS a major concern about which we devote serious time, energy, talent and other resources. I've argued that our community's livelihood is at stake if we choose to turn a blind eye. *I've gladly called out those who choose to support stigma and ignorance over and beyond truth and knowledge* - whether it's behind a pulpit or at the family dinner table.

But, of all of this, I ask that you remember that we are all human. I hope we will cling to the commonality we share as humans - whether male or female, rich or poor, black or white, straight, bi, gay, transgender, or some other label - as we work together to reverse these devastating CDC numbers, particularly as it relates to blacks and the issue of HIV and/or AIDS.

If we don't - if you don't - actively and willingly work to improve the quality of life of a fellow human being in need of help - what are we doing?

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Bone Marrow Drive To Benefit Bowsher Senior and Others

Special to The Truth



Marketing students in the Bowsher DECA I Chapter at Bowsher High School will host a bone marrow drive to benefit Chayla Wright. Chayla is a senior at Bowsher High School. She was diagnosed with aplastic anemia and is in need of a bone marrow transplant.

A primary focus of the drive is to recruit African-American and other minority donors, although people of other ethnic backgrounds will also be accepted. Since tissue types are inherited, patients are most likely to match someone of their own race or ethnicity. Chayla is African-American and there

are not a lot of donors on the registry from minority groups. This makes it especially difficult for kids like Chayla.

If you are a healthy student or adult between the ages of 18 and 60 and you are willing to complete a simple registration form and offer a tissue sample through a cheek swab you should plan on coming to the drive on Friday, October 10th between 8:00 am to 6:00 pm.

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“Made In Hollywood” Debuts in Producer’s Hometown

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The nationally syndicated weekly television series, “Made In Hollywood,” arrives in Toledo, Saturdays at 9:00 p.m. (ET) on WT05 (CW), airing each week in the same time period.

“As executive producer (also having created the series and franchise), I’m proud to bring the series to my hometown of Toledo as we celebrate not only our fourth hit season, but our new partnership with www.movietickets.com, owned by Viacom & AMC Theaters,” said Toledo native Cleveland O’Neal III. “I’m just happy that my mom, Mrs. Brunetta M. O’Neal of Ottawa Hills, can now see both shows every week in Toledo.”

The series focuses on how everything new on movie and DVD screens is “Made In Hollywood,” as the stars and directors introduce their own segments.

Now in its third season in national syndication, the spin-off series, “Made In Hollywood: Teen Edition,” an FCC friendly, educational/informational program, will air in Toledo every Friday at 7:00 a.m. on WUPW-TV (FOX).



This spin-off series (which O’Neal also created and executive produces) can also be seen every week on Saturdays at 1:00 p.m. on WKBD/Detroit (CW).

The E/I version of the franchise represents a fresh departure from standard E/I programming, which is dominated by silly animal shows and unoriginal animation. “Made In Hollywood: Teen Edition” has proven to be unique in this E/I category and yet it’s compatible with any and all of the weekend entertainment magazine series, while providing a career introduction and film industry education for its target audience of teens, 13-16.

Los Angeles Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa and the SBA honored O’Neal and his company, Connection III Entertainment Corp., as the 2007 “Arts and Entertainment Company of the Year” at the annual Minority Enterprise Development (MED) Week Awards. O’Neal was also inducted into the initial Ottawa Hills Hall of Fame in Q4’06.

Happy Birthday, Mother Sneed!



On September 28, a whimsical Sunday afternoon, with a hint of summer yet in the air and furtive clouds momentarily hiding the sun, family members and friends gathered on Pinewood Avenue in Washington Village to give hosannas to the long life of Lillie B. Sneed.

Some thought they were attending her 103rd birthday party, while others said it was her 104th year on earth. Social Security records state that she was born on September 23, 1905. According to her surviving first cousin, Clara Coleman, and family historian, niece Jeanette Lively, she was actually born a year earlier on that date.

Guests dined on a delicious food provided by caterer Ardella Cooks. The birthday cake though large couldn’t accommodate 103 or 104 candles. Decorations in the icing reflected the two numbers. Among those in attendance was son Abdullahi Bin-Yahya, sister-in-law Lillian Ewing, nephews William and James Sneed, nieces Carolyn Drayton, Jeanette Lively, Flora and Rosemary Scott, LaJuana Batey and family friends Sarah Booker, Minnie Cheney, Helen Cohen, Glorasteen Newbern and Ruth Sharp. The party was organized by Mrs. Sneed’s daughters Janis Sneed-Deahl and Jean Sneed.

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Dozens Participate in HIV/AIDS Health and Fitness Walk

By Nadean Hamilton
Sojourner's Truth Reporter

After publicly declaring herself HIV positive several weeks ago, Donna Hamilton has been on a non-stop campaign to educate the masses about the increased rate of HIV/AIDS infection in the African American community.

So it's not surprising then that on Wednesday, Sept. 24, Females Unveiling the Secret, a not-for-profit organization founded by Hamilton and several other women, held a Health and Fitness Walk at Walbridge Park, to shed light on the disproportionate rate of HIV/AIDS among African-American women.

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, in 2004, HIV infection was the leading cause of death for African-American women aged 25-34 years, the third leading cause of death for African-American women aged 35-44 years, and the fourth leading cause of death for African-American women aged 45-54 years.

During that same year, HIV infection was the fifth leading cause of death for all women aged 35-44 years,



and sixth leading cause of death among all women aged 25-34 years.

In 2005, of the nearly 127,000 women living with HIV/AIDS in the United States, African-American women comprised 64 percent of these cases, while

their white and Hispanic counterparts comprised 19 percent, and 15 percent, respectively.

Most of these women reportedly contracted HIV/AIDS through high-risk behaviors such as unprotected sex with men who have mul-

ti-ple partners, sex with men who sleep with men and injection drug use.

Although these statistics are not particularly surprising to Hamilton, considering what she calls a dearth of information about HIV/AIDS in the African-American community, she says women who participate in such high-risk behavior do so because they are looking for love in the wrong places.

"Everything else takes a backseat for that man, because [we are thinking] I want that man," Hamilton said.

Hamilton urges women to protect themselves by treating every potential partner as though they are HIV positive, and insist on using a condom.

Otherwise, "you have made the ultimate sacrifice when you lay down with that man without knowing his status, and your own," Hamilton said.

Females Unveiling the Secret will be supporting a HIV/AIDS testing event held on Saturday, October 11, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Planned Parenthood, located at 1301 Jefferson Ave.

The UT College Of Law Commemorates the 200th Anniversary of the Prohibition of the Importation of Slaves into U.S.

Special to The Truth

In 1808, the importing of slaves into the United States was prohibited by federal law. To commemo-



rate the 200th anniversary of this watershed development, a distinguished group of scholars will gather at The University of Toledo College of Law on October 24-25, to bear witness and discuss the significance of this important historical event.

The conference, "Commemorating 1808: Fighting for the Right to Dream," is free and open to the public. It will take place in the Law School from 6:30 to 8:00 on Friday, October 24 and from 9 a.m. to 6

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The Legs Are the Last to Go by Diahann Carroll

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Review by Terri Schlichenmeyer

The alarm clock is not the noisiest thing in your bedroom each morning.

Every day when you get up, your hips creak. Your spine groans. Your fingers clatter like piano keys in a Bugs Bunny cartoon. As you make your way to the kitchen for a cup of sustenance, your body protesting the whole way, you wonder what's next, according to author Diahann Carroll's new autobiography, *The Legs Are the Last to Go*. The memories, as you'll read, stick around, too.

Carol Diann Johnson was born in Harlem in 1935 to parents who seemed ill-prepared for a child. Still, little Carol was protected, coddled and encouraged to showcase her burgeoning singing and dancing skills as she eagerly mimicked her favorite big-screen glamour girls. Carol's mother, her biggest fan, demanded perfection and a ladylike demeanor from the young star.

Inspired by Lena Horne and other actresses from Hollywood's golden years, Carol went to college to study music and arts. She adopted the name Diahann Carroll and

began performing in front of appreciative audiences. She was photographed for magazines. She appeared on *Arthur Godfrey's Talent Scouts* TV show and was invited back several times.

Before long, Diahann Carroll was in high demand on stage and screen.

But while Carroll's career was blazing, her life was in ashes. Her first marriage was broken because of an ill-fated affair with another actor, despite the fact that Carroll had a new baby and a husband who still loved her. Her second marriage was a quick mistake. Her third marriage didn't last long either, nor did other love matches with men who were soul mates and some who were soul hates.

Incredibly, although her personal life was filled with drama, Carroll's career continued on an upward trend. Every time she began to believe that her performing days were over, another opportunity came along. Even now, at age 70-something, Diahann Carroll still performs for live audiences.

Feisty. That's the best word I can find for *The Legs Are the*

Last to Go but I think I would have liked it more if it had less chest-thumping in it.

Author Diahann Carroll gives readers pages and pages of delightful gossip on stars from decades ago and stars who grace the tabloids today. Even younger readers will be enthralled by tales of dining on the Onassis yacht, standing up to racism in Hollywood and blazing trails on-stage.

The distraction comes when Carroll waxes diva-like. She writes about conflict with other stars and how she confronted directors and producers when things didn't go her way. She repeatedly talks about "culture," "make-up, and luxury cars, saying that she can't live without them. Her blithely near-blameless attitude when writing about family problems made me cringe.

If you can ignore the bragadocio and focus on the fun in this book, it's a pretty good bio from someone who's walked an interesting path and optimistically looks toward the future. If you can't bear another Look-At-Me bio, though, *The Legs Are the Last to Go* is a book to kick to the curb.

Obama Delegate Revels in Her Denver Democratic Convention Experiences

By Sharon Guice
Sojourner's Truth Reporter

Walk into the office of Allen County Board of Elections at 204 North Main Street in Lima, Ohio and the third name you will see listed as a member of the board is that of Beverly O. McCoy.

McCoy, the current chair of the Democratic Party is a full-fledged Barack Obama fan who joined the Democratic Party in 1974. McCoy started her tenure as Democratic advocate working for different candidates, issues, and recruiting members of the party.

McCoy, serving her second term as chairman, was able to see all of her hard work pay off when she realized a life-time dream had come true. She did not believe it could happen in her life time until the end of August 2008 when she was able to cast her vote as an Ohio delegate for the first African-American nominee for president of the United States.

Speaking of nominees, McCoy had to run her own mini-campaign to become a delegate to attend the convention. McCoy gives much credit to Johnny Givand,

from the district office, for her success to making it to the convention. Holding several positions within the Democratic Party and learning the ways of politics helped her achieve the goal also.

As we spoke with McCoy on a sunny afternoon, her face began to shine as bright as the noon day sun as she started pulling out all of the paraphernalia from her visit to the Democratic National Convention. McCoy was like a little kid on Christmas morning pulling out all kinds of literature, newspapers, and t-shirts received while attending the convention saying "look what I got while at the convention."

She giggled excitedly as she pulled out each piece of information she had. McCoy had so much literature she had to purchase another bag to bring home all the materials received.

She saw the whole experience as great, even commenting on what an excellent deal she received for the bag she had purchased to bring all of the information back to share with the Lima

community.

Not only did McCoy buy another bag for all her goodies but she also boxed up information and shipped it back to her home. McCoy said that she only shipped a little box but she observed others shipping numerous boxes of information back home. There was so much information each day, tables and tables of literature to take for your own reading pleasure or to share with others.

Each day of the convention was unique within itself. Arriving in Denver McCoy was welcomed with Obama signs everywhere. Staying at the Curtis Hotel each floor was decorated with different Obama themes.

The Denver Post newspaper left at her door each morning carried the latest news of the convention attendees and a lot of the events going on in the city. One specific quote was from Mayor John W. Hickenlooper: "Barack Obama's ideas and leadership have electrified this region, appealing to our optimism, our entrepreneurial

spirit, and our rugged individualism." Another paper, the Rocky Mountain News, featured articles of Senator Hillary Clinton, Michelle Obama and others daily.

Due to lots of people and long lines, a daily schedule was printed of the convention activities. McCoy started early each morning as she had to eat breakfast and lunch before being shuttled to the Pepsi Center where convention activities were held and would last as late as 2:00 a.m.

After arriving at the convention hall, she would find long lines and thorough security, much as she experienced when she went through security at the airport. She could purchase Obama dolls, t-shirts, hats, etc. McCoy wore a green hat as part of her convention gear.

There were luncheons to attend with the Honorable Joyce Beatty, Ohio's first African-American female Democratic House Leader, and Senior Power 08 for retirees. Meetings every hour of the day for special interests, such as Democratic National Convention Caucus, The Ohio Senate Democratic Caucus and The National Education Association, just to name a few.

McCoy remembers Wellington E. Webb, former African American mayor of Denver and now president and CEO of the Colorado Black Chamber of Commerce, who was very confident and spoke how he was behind the building of the convention centers and there was no shame in his game to let the people know his accomplishments as mayor.

One of the more memorable functions attended by McCoy was the African American Committee 2000 and Beyond Soulfare celebrating the success of the Civil Rights Movement held at Buell Theatre. The co-chairmen for the event included Congresswoman Maxine Waters (Dem-CA), Tavis Smiley, Jackie Jackson and Daniel Halpern. Danny Glover was the master of ceremonies and the special live concert guest was Maze featuring Frankie Beverly.

McCoy spoke of Michelle Obama as a very gracious, compassionate, and articulate woman oozing with love for her husband.

The strangest thing McCoy experienced at the convention was seeing the people at the Mile High Center. McCoy states when she



got there people were snaked around two levels of the building. This reminded her of the images of South Africa where the people are forming a trail one down and another upper.

McCoy spotted actor/director Spike Lee and saw a lot of demonstrations and police looking evil. Her personal escort, Amanda, assured her that she was there to assist her in whatever she needed during her stay in Denver. Amanda's attention became even more special when she realized she knew McCoy's daughter Erin.

The energy of the young people to be boisterous, chanting, dancing, and shouting warmed her heart at the convention. Her daughter Kelly flew in to be with her and this was a once in a life time experience she would never forget.

The crowd was signaled to hold up signs that said "Strong Middle Class," "Change," "Unity" on one side and "Obama" on the other, "Common Values Common Purpose", "New Energy for America" as speakers came to the podium in support of Senator Obama.

Then came the night of all the nights at the convention for McCoy. She was seeing, hearing, touching and shouting as Senator Barack Obama was nominated as the candidate for the presidency of The United States.

People were crying, hugging, and slapping hands, as Obama strolled out to the

platform. Banners and signs waving like crazy as the crowd exploded into a thunderous applause. This was the most exciting time for McCoy.

This was not the first time McCoy had been in the presence of Obama. She actually had attended three other events where she met him as a delegate for Ohio in Cincinnati and Columbus. Once she had even gotten to shake his hand at a black caucus function and that experience left her beaming with joy.

McCoy has several of his books with *Dreams of My Father* being her favorite. Every magazine from Jet to Essence with his picture on it is in her possession.

But, none of the aforementioned, could top the emotions of being at the convention and knowing history was made that night. McCoy experienced a part of history that will be in the history books forever.

What would Martin Luther King think and say if he were here today. Somehow, another piece of the dream comes true.

Note: McCoy will be speaking about the convention experience at the Friends of the Library seminar on October 20, 2008 at 1:00 p.m., Lima Public Library, 650 West Market, Lima, Ohio. Topic: "What a National Presidential Convention Is Really Like"

Anniversary

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p.m. on Saturday, October 25.

The conference is co-sponsored by the Graduate Program in Policy History of Bowling Green State University.

The significance of 1808 might be found in the life of a slave in the United States. Barbary was born in 1787 in Africa and sold into slavery in 1800 in North Carolina to the Harrison family (of Founders and Presidents fame). In 1808, Barbary was enslaved, black and 21

years old. Conference speakers, an international and interdisciplinary group of scholars, will explore the question of how to keep slave stories such as Barbary's alive.

The conference will include discussion of other developments that testify to the significance of 1808. Those developments can be found in both large and small events throughout the 19th, 20th, and 21st centuries: in the founding of Liberia in 1847 and its subsequent history; in the

bloody Civil War in the United States; in Reconstruction, and in Jim Crow; in 1908, the year of birth for the late Justice Thurgood Marshall, the first African-American to sit on the U.S. Supreme Court; in the civil rights movements in the 20th century, and in the 1968 assassination of the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr.

The legacy of 1808 can also be found in quiet moments, such as one captured by a 1948 picture of

Ada Sipuel, an African-American woman sitting in a Norman, Oklahoma courtroom, dreaming of becoming a lawyer.

"Our goal is to honor the memory of people and events in this important year for all Americans and for the world," said Benjamin G. Davis, associate professor of law at The University of Toledo College of Law. "I was dismayed that no other law school in the United States had developed a program to mark this anniversary.

In working with my colleagues on this project, I have found increasingly just how special the role of Toledo and its environs has been in so many aspects of the issues of slavery and its aftermath — for example, in the Underground Railroad up to Buxton, Canada and in the co-authoring of the 13th Amendment by Toledo Congressman James M. Ashley."

Scholarly presentations, pictures, and an opportunity for persons in the au-

dience to bear witness in their own terms to the meaning of 1808 for them will be part of the day's events. A full agenda will be released prior to the conference.

The conference is open to the public and is free at the University of Toledo College of Law. For further information, please contact Benjamin G. Davis, associate professor of law, University of Toledo College of Law at ben.davis@utoledo.edu and/or 419.530.5117.

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
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


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- Art Program which will incorporate the Toledo Art Museum and the Toledo Public School System
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- 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.

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Oscar B. Griffith, Jr., better known as the "Big O", passed away peacefully on November 18, 2007. He had served as the executive director of the Economic Opportunity Planning Association of Greater Toledo for 31 years.

During his career, Griffith received numerous honors, awards and recognition for a variety of civic, cultural and social organization. He was a member of Masonic Order Unity Lodge #115F & A.M. Maumee Chapter #6, St. Matthews Consistory #24. He attained the rank of 33rd Degree Mason and was past potentate of Mecca Temple #43 and Honorary Imperial Part Potentate.

Griffith, a Toledo native, graduated from Scott High School, earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Southern California and eventually earned a doctorate in economics in 1975.

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