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Jamilah N. Jones, President
Greater Toledo Urban League Young Professionals

"No one is talking to our kids or helping them develop soft skills such as conflict resolution and peer pressure issues. Too many are getting into the juvenile justice system too early. We bring together community leaders and high school students and talk about issues relating to violence."

This Strikes Us ...

A Sojourner's Truth Editorial

The Sojourner's Truth Issues Endorsements

Statewide Issues

There are five statewide issues on the ballot this year. Issue number four was withdrawn by committee in September so they are numbered 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6.

These issues are all proposed amendments to the State of Ohio Constitution which is currently 72 pages long. Our view on these amendments is really pretty simple – keep the Constitution at its current length and vote “no” on all these issues

State Issue 1 proposes an earlier filing deadline. State Issue 2 authorizes the state to issue bonds to continue the Clean Ohio Program for environmental revitalization and conservation. State Issue 3 amends the constitution to protect private property rights in ground water, lakes and other watercourses.

Changing the deadlines does not guarantee that there will still be enough time to print corrected ballot – it's pretty much of a guess.

As for Issue 2, the authority to issue the bonds is not time-limited and publicly funded bonds may be utilized to benefit private entities.

Issue 3 asks the voters to approve something that is already contained in Ohio case law. Therefore there is no reason to amend the constitution since property owners' rights are already protected in such circumstances.

Let's turn our attention to the two big ticket items on the ballot.

Issue 5 proposes making changes to payday lending practices. A noble idea indeed.

A yes vote caps the annual interest rate on payday loans at 28 percent. Such lenders can currently charge up to 391 percent annually.

The problem with this amendment is that it represents the worst in government interference in private matters – nanny government run amok.

From a business standpoint, this is an amendment that will limit profits, that will force jobs to be lost, that will force businesses to be closed. This is certainly not a time for Ohio to become more anti-business than it already is.

From a private citizen's standpoint, this amendment will limit borrowers' choices, especially when there is a pressing need. The amendment further restricts the number of times someone may seek such loans each year.

Such loans are certainly usurious, but so are bank overdraft fees and credit card late fees.

Issue 6 is the casino amendment asking voters to approve the construction of one casino by a particular out-of-state casino operator on the Ohio River.

We aren't taking any view on in-state gambling in general, we just don't like this particular proposal because of the out-of-state component, the single casino component and the fact that the location is fixed in the southern part of the state.

When another casino is proposed, we will need another such amendment. There is a much easier way to introduce gambling to Ohio, if voters want it introduced at all.

Local Issues

Issues 34 to 41 are local levies. Issue 34 is a renewal levy for Toledo Public Schools for the purpose of providing for emergency requirements. It is a 4.8 mill levy for a period of 10 years. It is not a new tax and should be renewed. Vote “Yes” on Issue 34.

Issue 35 is also a TPS levy that reauthorizes the bond passed in 2002 to finish the school building and renovation projects. It will not cost voters any more than it when it was originally approved in 2002. Vote “Yes” on Issue 35.

Issue 37 is the Center of Science and Industry (COSI) levy that is an additional tax in order to re-open the facility at a rate of 0.17 mill. That rate is a minimal investment for the re-opening of a facility that measurably improves the quality of life for Toledo-area residents and visitors. It enlivens the downtown area, increasing business for other merchants, hotels and restaurants. We missed an opportunity to keep COSI open in the spring primary, let's not miss another such chance. Vote “Yes” on Issue 37.

Issue 38 is the Lucas County Children Services replacement levy in order to support the efforts of that agency in providing for the care and placement of children. Folks, this is a no brainer. LCCS can not continue to provide the level of services for abused, neglected and abandoned children without the funds to operate. Please, please, please vote “Yes” on Issue 38.

Issue 39 is a replacement tax for the Lucas County Mental Retardation/Developmental Disabilities Department. It will continue to provide financial support for the programs and services for disabled individuals and the operations of the facilities. Vote “Yes” on Issue 39.

Issue 40 is a replacement tax for the Lucas County Mental Health & Recovery Services in order to continue the operation of mental health programs and alcohol and drug addiction programs. Vote “Yes” for Issue 40.

Issue 41 is the renewal of a tax for the Toledo Lucas County Port Authority for all purposes, including economic and jobs development programs. Vote “Yes” on Issue 41.

Community Calendar

October 24

Toledo NAACP 83rd Anniversary and Freedom Fund Dinner: Pinnacle; Social Hour at 6; Dinner at 7; Speaker Rev. John Roberts: 419-244-3955 or 419-241-5776
Play Reading: Ms Lady Lincoln by Naomi Brown; Maumee Indoor Theater; 7 pm: 419-727-1112

October 24-25

2008 Ohio Young Black Professionals Conference: Park Inn Hotel; “Bridging the Gap in Health and Healthcare;” Registration starts on September 8; Luncheon keynote speaker Jeff Johnson of BET's “The Truth;” 419-243-3343

October 25

ASSETS Toledo Alumni Business Celebration: Bethlehem New Life Center; 10 am to 5 pm: 419-251-9870

Sight Center of NW Ohio White Cane Walk: 1002 Garden Lake Parkway; 9 am to noon; Learn basic elements of how to use a white cane and serve as a sighted guide: 419-720-3937 or www.sightcenterwhitecane.org

Citywide Christian Trustee Association: Monthly meeting; James B. Simmons Bldg; 10 am: 419-380-9477

Kwanzaa Celebration Workshop: Lighthouse Community Center; 5 to 7 pm; Principles, Symbols and when we celebrate

October 26

Women's Day at Macedonia MBC: “The Prize of Selfishness;” 10 am service
Greater St. Mary's Men and Women's Day: Men's service at 11 am; Women's service (“Women Making a Change by being Teachable, Reachable and Accountable”) at 4 pm: 419-244-2663

Women's Day Celebration: Center of Hope Community Baptist; Speaker April Hearn of New Prospect Baptist Church of Detroit; 11:30 am

Meet and Greet Kemba Smith: Presented by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and UT Africana Studies Program; 3 pm; UT Law School Auditorium; Address by Kemba Smith and panel discussion: 419-537-0760 or 419-476-5730 or 419-248-4254 or 419-530-4660

Men and Women's Day at Mt. Ararat MBC: 11 am service featuring Evang. Beverly Lyles from St. John's COGIC; 4 pm service with Pastor Gary Black and First Antioch Baptist: 419-936-3057

October 27

Look Good Feel Better: A program designed to help women overcome the appearance-related side effects of cancer treatment; UT Medical Center; 2 pm: 1-888-227-6446 ext 5105

October 30

Networking Economic Development by Thosefellas LLC: Fusions on St. Clair; 5:30 to 8:30 pm; For business owners, community organizers, gov't employees, artists, etc.

Evening of Rest and Rejuvenation for Women Incest and Child Sexual Abuse Survivors: 5:50 to 8:30 pm: 419-729-0245

November 1

Craft Show at All Saints Episcopal: 9:30 am to 4 pm; Deadline for entry is October 15: 419-866-1528

A Journey Through Healing 5th Annual Jazz Brunch: Navy Bistro; Silent auction: 419-531-1336

First Annual Caregiver Expo: SeaGate Centre; Sponsored by Toledo Free Press, 13ABC, Simply EZ Meals and Area Office on Aging; 10 am to 3 pm: 419-725-6957

November 2-7

Shiloh MBC Fall Revival: Services 7 pm nightly; Guest include Pastor Charles Emery of Pilgrim MBC-Gary, IN and Pastor O.J. Hudson New Era MBC of Pontiac MI: 419-693-6698 or 419-535-0615

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My View

By Jack Ford
The Truth's Political Columnist



Long-term inpatient treatment is rarely offered as an alternative to community treatment.

No one talks about interdiction or supply side intervention anymore. It is as though the drug problem quietly ended in Toledo. Of course, it has not.

Back in the 1910's Andrew Carnegie articulated the view that men of wealth ought to invest in society. Carnegie thought that rich guys had a special insight with the root causes of poverty and should fix the issues.

Carnegie proceeded to give a lot of his wealth away, particularly for education and library funding around the country. I thought of Carnegie the other day when I read that HCR Manor Care would receive \$30 million in state and city incentives to stay in downtown Toledo.

We hear lots of talk about Iraq and the economy but it is the War on Drugs and the impact on our daily lives which continues to foster the slide of middle-class living in the central city. There has essentially been no change to treating heroin and other addictions since the 1970's.

good for Toledo? And did not the City Council give Manor Care a sweet non-profit deal back in the 1980's so they could purchase the building?

The city deficit bodes ill for 2009. There will be more cuts in the budget based on the \$30 million Mayor Carty Finkbeiner claims needs to be cut this year. And, by the way, did the city's water reserve fund go from \$28 million down to around \$3 million? Doesn't an accounting firm report require a certain amount of cash in the budget?

Kudos to Bernadette Restivo. She is working as an assistant county prosecutor in Florida. She is the 11th member of the Restivo clan who has found a niche in the law.

I still think Obama needs a get out the vote effort in Lucas County. An effective GOTV effort can result in one to three percent more votes.

Remember to vote for the Supreme Court justices. We generally have a 30 percent fall off in votes for judges.

Speaking of judges, I have been selected as one of the judges for the 2009 Jefferson

Awards for public service. The Jefferson Awards go to outstanding community and public service noteworthy recipients. I hope we receive

a good number of diverse candidates to be considered for this nationally-renowned award. Any local resident can be nominated for extraordi-

nary work for others, their community, the environment or their nation. Please send nominations by 5 p.m. November 20, 2008 to The Blade's attention.

Another Yes Vote for COSI

As a stay at home mom of a three year old and blessed to have another one on the way, I strongly support the COSI Levi (Issue 37). In an economy that is seemingly unstable, education is certainly one of the keys to bettering our children's future.

We didn't even know how good we had it. Since I had a membership, I decided to check out the "Hands on Museum" in Ann Arbor. It is a really nice place, but after being there I realized how amazing our Toledo COSI truly was and can be again!

A Yes vote will only cost on average \$5.21/household/year. This is not a huge cost. Don't have a membership? All Lucas County Children under the age of 12 can get in for FREE on Saturdays! For more information see: http://keepcosi.com/blog/frequently-asked-questions/ Please, don't let us loose this great asset to our community. Vote YES on Issue 37.

Kim Conaway

NO NEW SOCIAL ORDER FOR AN OBAMA PRESIDENCY

I had the recent privilege of attending a hidebound meeting of the Order of the Coif which is an ages-old blue blood group of lawyers who only breathe the common air when required...otherwise with them, everything is by reservation only.

I was seated at the table with some of the newly-minted inductees (I was not one of them) and I was fascinated to hear that many of the lawyers and judges and their attending spouses were in an absolute snit or lather as to the now distinct possibility that Barack Obama could be the next POTUS (President Of The United States).

Their acute constipation was what would be the "new" social order what with an African-American president and what that would mean for their social

standing and long-held privileges.

The table conversation was animated and testy at times and just when I thought I could hold out until the benediction and make a run for the parking lot, Judge Voleen Cassiss out of the 8th District Court (Huron, Ohio), either speaking on the boldness of her third martini or simply a lack of manners, asked me, "Mr. Tolliver (gained from my nametag) if Obama wins, what happens to us?"

Needless to state, all eyes were on me and I tried to stall and hem and haw in order to avoid an answer but when Stella Lambrought, the editor of the Columbus Dispatch newspaper chimed in...."Yeah, what's in and what's out," I knew I was cornered.

From the looks of fear and confusion on my dinner

guests faces, I knew that I was now placed in the unenviable role of exalted interpreter of cultural norms and historian of gadfly information, so in I leaped.

With my most serious demeanor possible and with an impressive frowning of my eyebrows, I professorially took over the table discussion and made the following remarks, although not in this same order:

(1) During an Obama presidency, you do not have to curtsy to black people or move off of the sidewalks when we walk by. (2) There is no need to have your daughters go to boarding schools in England. Black men will not on the prowl for your daughters (3) You do not have to give hand jive handshakes or say..."what' up man" when

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Wednesday, October 29, 8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 30, 8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Friday, November 1, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.



You can reopen COSI for less than the cost of one lunch. (That's \$5.21 per year on a \$100,000 home.) Food for thought. KeepCOSI.com
COSI Kids Jobs Our Future vote for 37

Councilman McNamara Takes on Convenience Stores

Sojourner's Truth Staff

Early last week, Evan Morrison walked into the A & P Gas Station on the southwest corner of Central and Stickney – across the street from Woodward High School – and asked for a Black and Mild.

According to his notes – that Morrison read later in the week during a press conference organized by Toledo City Councilman Joe McNamara to protest the proliferation of convenience stores, especially those that sell drug paraphernalia close to schools – as the clerk rose to get his cigar, Morrison also asked for “a scrubber and a glass rose.”

The clerk placed all three items in a small black bag and charged Morrison \$5.90. Ironically, Morrison did not really receive the “glass rose” he requested. A “glass rose” is street parlance for a glass tube about four inches in length and about the thickness of a pencil. Typically the tube, with corks closing each end, is stuffed with a fake cloth rose.

In this instance, Morrison actually received a tube stuffed with incense rather than a rose. The clerk did not bother to tell him of the change before he placed it into the small brown bag. There would normally have been no need to do so because anyone requesting a “scrubber” (kitchen scouring pad) and a “glass rose” has only one thing in mind ... smoking crack.

The tube is the pipe and the pad is the filter.

Morrison, a University of Toledo student who managed McNamara's campaign for city council in 2006, had been asked by the council-



man to make the purchase, not for illicit purposes, but to strengthen the councilman's argument that gas stations should not be excluded from the Municipal Code spacing requirement that prohibits convenience stores from being located within 2,000 feet of each other or within 1,000 feet of a school, park, library or day-care center. McNamara calls the gas station exemption the [Toledo Council President Mark] Sobczak amendment.

“This is a very serious problem in our neighborhood,” said McNamara at his press conference on Thursday on the corner opposite the store. “It is a problem of saturation of convenience stores. I have proposed legislation to re-institute the spacing requirement that used to be a part of the Toledo Municipal Code. We have seen a proliferation of convenience stores in the central city.

“Some members of council feel that gas stations should be excluded. Well, I don't think that gas stations should be selling crack pipes next to schools. I want people to call city council members to reject the Sobczak amendment. We

have enough convenience stores in Toledo and we are debunking the gas-station-good myth now.”

Tammy Howard is the owner of the corner gas station. She and her husband, Herbie Hancock, joined the press conference to take issue with McNamara's proposed legislation.

Joe McNamara is speaking out of both sides on his mouth,” said Herbie Howard. “Growth is what the city needs most not shrinkage.” As to the question asked about whether or not he was aware that the store had been selling drug paraphernalia, Howard said: “It's a free market economy. It is legal to sell these items.”

An incensed McNamara shouted: “You better stop selling crack pipes at your store ... next to kids. You make me sick.”

The issue before council on the convenience store legislation is whether the law is too restrictive on businesses – particularly big gas station chains – that would want to locate within city limits.

At this point, Toledo City Council, is expected to take a vote on the ordinance in a couple weeks.

City Sluggish on Removing Unsightly, Asbestos-Laden Debris in Central City

Sojourner's Truth Staff



“This is as bad as it gets,” said Toledo City Councilman Michael Ashford last week as he stood before a pile of rubble from the demolition of the 20-unit apartment building on the corner of Hawley and Vance Streets.

“The City of Toledo has created a unique problem, the asbestos should have been addressed,” said Ashford.

The building had been demolished on October 6 after it had been virtually destroyed by a fire the previous day. Following Environmental Protection Agency requirements, the City of Toledo has delayed removing the remains until testing for asbestos is completed.

“This is way beyond reasonable,” said Ashford. Neighbors agreed.

“I have to breathe this in every day,” said Jacqueline Lothery, who lives next door to the site. “Neighbors have experienced dust from the building going into their windows.” According to Lothery, at least one such resident has moved from the neighborhood until the site is cleaned.

The owner of the site is Staged Steps Real Estate LLC. The building had been operating as a group home but had been vacant for about a year prior to the fire.

City spokesmen say that they anticipate the results of the tests will be available in late October or early November.



Issue 6 is a bad deal for Toledo.



NO jobs for Toledo under Issue 6. Just empty promises.

Issue 6 locks in a casino monopoly for one out-of-state company and one Southwest Ohio county. Toledo would be locked out – and would get NO jobs or any other real benefits.

Out-of-state owner gets millions. Toledo gets NOTHING.

There are loopholes in Issue 6 that could let the out-of-state owner avoid paying any casino taxes to Ohio. That means that Toledo gets NO jobs and NO guaranteed revenues from Issue 6.

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Obama Visit Stuns Workers at Chrysler Perrysburg

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Wayne Blanchard, president of the UAW Local 1435 (Chrysler Perrysburg), received a call last Monday evening at about 8:00 p.m. from a representative of the Senator Barack Obama campaign asking if an Obama surrogate could stop by the plant the next day. The surrogate, Blanchard was told, could possibly be Bill or Hillary Clinton, Joe Biden, Gov. Ted Strickland, Lt. Gov.

Lee Fisher or New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson.

Taking the initiative, Blanchard asked if Obama himself could stop by since he was in the Toledo area for three days preparing for the final presidential debate.

"They didn't think that it would happen," said Blanchard a day after the event.

It would.

At 2:15 p.m. on Tuesday,

Blanchard was pulled out of a meeting by two members of the Obama campaign to ask if the candidate himself could come by the plant at the shift change (3:00 p.m.) for a meet and greet.

"With your approval, I'll call Chicago," Blanchard was told by one of the representatives.

Blanchard, of course, did not have to think too long before answering in the affir-



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"The Senator can be here in 25 minutes," the Obama staffer said after he got off of the telephone with Chicago headquarters.

"It all happened so fast," Blanchard said later still astonished at the surprise encounter with Obama. "He pulled up at 2:57 p.m."

"Wayne Blanchard, president," said Obama greeting the labor leader. "You are the man I want to be like."

"We shook hands and hugged," said Blanchard. "He asked about how things were at the plant and I told

him of our struggles to hold on to jobs. He said he had heard that we had laid off 300 recently. I told him that we were going to lay off 100 more near the end of October."

"That's why I'm here... to get elected," Obama told Blanchard. "The UAW is one of our best labor unions ... we need to make changes to our trade laws in order to keep jobs here."

Blanchard and Obama walked and greeted the union members during the shift change, a sight that enthralled the workers, said Blanchard because usually

such high profile events occur at the Jeep plant or at Powertrain. "Everyone was ecstatic and glad to see him.

The member started chanting Obama's name as well as Blanchard's.

"Man, they love you out here," said Obama.

"They are only doing this because you are here," answered Blanchard.

Encounters with presidential nominees happen rarely, Blanchard noted when he told the story the sometime later.

"It was a great day out here!"

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Obama, FDR and Ordinary Citizens Like Me

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In 1929, the stock market crashed. The bottom dropped out of the nation's economy. Four years later, industrial production was cut in half. Agricultural production was even worse off. In 1933, people who managed to still have a job made less than half what they did in 1929. Thirteen million people (one in four Americans) were jobless. More than a million people were homeless. Five thousand banks collapsed. People were scared and insecure.

It was the worst of recent times. And, it was against this backdrop that Franklin Delano Roosevelt was elected and called upon to change the nation's course.

It was Roosevelt's words that bolstered the nation's spirit and gave hope to every American. It was his words 75 years ago on March 4 (coincidentally the date of the 2008 Ohio primary) that inspired and comforted us.

So, first of all, let me assert my firm belief that the only

thing we have to fear is fear itself... If I read the temper of our people correctly, we now realize as we have never realized before our interdependence on each other...

— FDR's First Inaugural speech, March 4, 1933

It was his words also that persuaded members of Congress to follow his lead and enter into a much needed New Deal for and with Americans. Thus, Roosevelt was able to create the Securities and Exchange Commission "to protect investors, maintain fair, orderly, and efficient markets, and facilitate capital formation."

He was able to get the Social Security Act passed and signed into law, guaranteeing a minimum level of comfort for workers in their old age. He created the Civilian Conservation Corps, which put hundreds of thousands of jobless men and women to work on flood control, road building and other infrastructure improvement projects.

He authorized federal government backing of the refinancing of private mortgages and other debts under the Homeowners' Loan Act, the Emergency Farm Mortgage

Act and the Farm Credit Act, saving about 20 percent of all of the nation's homes and farms from foreclosure.

President Barack Obama will make quality health care affordable and accessible to all. He will restore and ensure ethics in government. He will not allow the special interests of a select minority to come before the welfare, wellbeing and safety of the majority. He will listen carefully and be inclusive. He will make sure that teachers are rewarded for their critically important work and that students have the resources and support they need to succeed. He will make our tax system fair and efficient. He will provide relief to working families and reverse recent tax cuts for the wealthy. He will invest in our nation's infrastructure. He will secure our homeland. He will put an end to the war in Iraq. And for him, the use of military force will always be only as a last resort.

More divided than ever before — economically and socially — the people of our nation must come together if we are to succeed in the wars against terrorism and poverty, put an end to the proliferation

of nuclear weapons, win the battle against climate change, and effectively combat genocide and disease. Barack Obama is committed to bringing us together; and he has demonstrated his FDR-like ability to inspire us to do just that.

Obama is believable. He is smart. He is experienced. He is tough. He is creative, courageous and candid. He is energetic. For him, the presidency doesn't mark the end of a

career. It is the next logical step along the path of a lifelong commitment to public service, to improving the lives of ordinary citizens like me.

As it was in the early 1930s, today the nation is hungry for inspirational and eloquent leadership and an intelligent and passionate *new deal* for ordinary citizens. That is why I support Barack Obama for president.

Linda Early Chastang



VOTE Early ... Take a Friend The Ohio Democratic Party

Guest Editorial

There's still time to vote early!

Early voting continues through November 3 and mailed in absentee ballots must be post marked by November 4 to be valid and counted in the General Election.

We've got to get as many of our registered family members, friends, associates and acquaintances out to vote early as humanly possible. We've got to do it and we've got to do it now for a brighter future.

Ohio Democrats have registered close to 700,000 new Democratic voters.

With that number of newly registered voters along with committed democrats and adding those Republicans who have come to the side of our Democratic hopefuls, Ohio has an excellent chance of becoming a "blue state" and electing Barack Obama as the next President of the United States. But we've got to do our job and get the vote out early and on November 4.

It is important that we elect Senator Barack Obama as the next president is because of the current economic climate of the nation and the world.

Senator Obama has an Economic Rescue Plan for The Middle Class. It's a com-

prehensive four-part plan to deal with the immediate crisis that builds on proposals he has previously announced and includes several major new ideas. Here's a summary of the major new ideas in the four areas of Obama's plan:

1. **JOB CREATION:** A New American Jobs Tax Credit. Obama is calling for a temporary tax credit for firms that create new jobs in the United States over the next two years.

2. **RELIEF TO FAMILIES:** Penalty-Free Withdrawals from IRAs and 401(k)s in 2008 and 2009. Obama is calling for new legislation to allow families to withdraw 15 percent of their retirement savings — up to a maximum of \$10,000 — without facing a tax-penalty this year (including retroactively) and next year.

3. **RELIEF TO HOMEOWNERS:** 90-day foreclosure moratorium for homeowners that are acting in good faith. Financial institutions that participate in the Treasury's financial rescue plan should be required to adhere to a homeowner's code of conduct, including a 90-day foreclosure moratorium for any homeowners living in their homes that are making good faith efforts pay

their mortgages.

4. **RESPONDING TO THE FINANCIAL CRISIS:** A Lending Facility to Address the Credit Crisis for States and Localities. Obama is calling on the Federal Reserve and the Treasury to work to establish a facility to lend to state and municipal governments, similar to the steps the Fed recently took to provide liquidity to the commercial paper market.

Obama's plan also calls for temporarily eliminating taxes on unemployment insurance benefits; keeping all options on the table to help our automakers weather the financial crisis; having the Fed and Treasury prepare for guaranteeing a broader range of liabilities of the banking system; and instructing Treasury to help unfreeze markets for individual mortgages, student loans, car loans, loans for multi-family dwellings and credit card loans.

Again, we've got to get as many of our registered family members, friends, associates and acquaintances out to vote early as humanly possible. There are many other reasons to vote early and for Obama. The best reason is we need change in this country, and he is the choice for our nation's future.

INTERESTED BIDDERS: TOLEDO PUBLIC SCHOOLS – OLD McTIGUE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL DEMOLITION

Sealed bids will be accepted by the Board of Education of the Toledo Public School District until **1:00 p.m. on November 12, 2008**, at the Toledo Public Schools Treasurers' Office, 420 E. Manhattan Blvd., Toledo, Ohio 43608, for all labor, material and supervision necessary for the demolition of the Old McTigue Junior High School Bid as more fully described in the drawings and specifications for the project prepared by Munger Munger & Associates Architects, 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 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 **October 22, 2008** which can be purchased from **Toledo Blue Print, 6964 McMerney 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 **October 30th, 2008 at 3:30 p.m.** at the old

McTigue Junior High School, 5700 Hill Ave. Toledo, Ohio 43615. (The walk-through of The Old McTigue Junior High School will follow the pre-bid meeting.)

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

Bid Item No. 2 McTigue J.H., Demolition	\$ 436,987.00
Total Estimate:	\$ 436,987.00

Jamilah Jones: Young Professional Committed to Making Toledo the Best It Can Be

By Fletcher Word
Sojourner's Truth Editor

"I'm a little concerned about people's spirit in the giving of their time," says Jamilah Jones, doctoral candidate at The University of Toledo and president of the Greater Toledo Urban League Young Professionals.

Perhaps it's that concern that has spurred Jones to give so much of her own time. Or, perhaps what others do has little impact on her own commitment to give back to her community. Whatever the reason for that commitment, it manifests itself both in her professional aspirations and in her community service.

Jones has been a part of the Greater Toledo Urban League Young Professionals (GTULYP) since the organization's inception five years ago. This past spring, when former the GTULYP president, John Jones (no relation), was elevated to the presidency of the Greater Toledo Urban League, Jamilah Jones was elected to succeed him at GTULYP.

She landed in the position just in time to help organize

the Ohio Young Black Professionals Conference which will take place – for the first time in Toledo – this weekend, October 24-25, at the Park Inn Hotel. This is the third such conference and will draw approximately 300 participants from around the state of Ohio.

Certainly, for this weekend at least, there will be no dearth of people who share Jones' spirit about giving of their time.

The Young Professional chapter's mission is to engage young professionals from all industry backgrounds in the movement towards the achievement of social and economic equality by establishing and promoting high levels of ethical conduct, providing a broad range of community service opportunities and providing leadership training workshops for futures in community, business and political involvement.

The Toledo YP chapter was specifically born out of the concern for the development and retention of young



professionals in the city of Toledo and surrounding communities – to counter the effects of brain drain.

Now comes the biggest conference yet. The opening plenary session will start on Friday at 2:30 p.m. to discuss the importance of health and

healthcare on the national election and the role of young professionals beyond November 4.

The highlight of the conference occurs during Saturday's luncheon at 12:30 p.m. Jeff Johnson, host of his own talk show on BET and a graduate of UT, will be the keynote speaker for this event.

Workshops and plenary sessions will run all day Saturday at the Park Inn.

So what exactly do YP chapters do during the course of a year?

"We look at youth development, economic development, we organize and provide opportunities for young people in Toledo," says

Jones as she lays out the activities that the Toledo YP chapter has undertaken in its few years of existence.

The National Day of Service is geared towards teenagers and began as an effort to increase AIDS/HIV awareness. It has evolved into an event designed to also increase the awareness of financial empowerment.

PRIDE, which began in 2007, was created in response to incidences of violence at malls and in other public places.

"No one is talking to our kids," says Jones, "or helping them develop soft skills such as conflict resolution and peer pressure issues. Too many are getting into the juvenile justice system too early. We bring together community leaders and high school students and talk about issues relating to violence."

Those sessions, dubbed "Let's Talk," are designed to additionally address issues of job training and what Jones calls "reverse career planning" or "what you need to do now in order to have a job in the future."

And, of course, bridging the gap in health care is a frequent theme of YP efforts in community service as is the case in this weekend's conference at the Park Inn.

Certainly one way to lessen the impact of Toledo youth brain drain is for Toledo native Jamilah Jones to hang around town for as long

as she can.

Jones attended St. Ursula and during that time was a member of the Toledo Excel program. At UT, she majored in secondary education/social studies and earned her master's degree in higher education. She has just started her studies for her doctorate in higher education.

Jones is also the coordinator of graduate student recruitment for UT.

Her long range goal is to remain in college administration, but preferably for two-year colleges. "There are fewer levels of bureaucracy," says Jones. "I believe in youth, education and access. UT says it is accessible but two-year colleges are accessible and affordable."

"We have a workforce that is in need of retooling and a two-year school serves that purpose a little easier than a four year college."

Obviously with such a career path in sight, there can be no guarantees that Jones will remain in Toledo but she would have no problem in doing so.

"I believe that Toledo is a great place to live. It has a good community and a great feeling. I am committed to help make it the best place to be. I'm committed to working with kids here and I'm committed to working with the young professionals of the Urban League."



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neighborhoods in spite of what Rush Limbaugh may say (8) if you haven't given to the United Negro College Fund, do not feel pressured to do so now (9) If you haven't hired blacks for available jobs, do so but please do not make your janitor a vice president to over compensate for past years of hiring neglect.

(10) If you like skinny woman, please do not go out and talk about you are now dating a big booty black woman...that will not score

any political points with anyone. (11) Ebony and Jet are two black magazines...if you subscribe to Newsweek and Time...keep on reading them. Just add Jet and Ebony on to your reading list.

But most of all, please do not go out and try to get a kink in your straight hair and overstay your time in the tanning booths. Neither red nor works for anything.

After that speech, I hoped that I calmed and settled some of the fears of my table guests but was not sure until the benediction was given by Pastor Willie Jackson from Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Church.

When the pastor completed the closing prayer, a flustered white table mate to my left who was an aging millionaire from Shaker Hts, Ohio stood up and yelled out, "preach bro"...preach! Tell it like it is!"

I knew then that my impromptu remarks were in vain.
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Local Churches Celebrate Significant Anniversaries

In The Church's Own Words

United Missionary Baptist Church – 25th Anniversary

members of the council were Rev. John McKissick, Deacons William Collier and Charles Catching of St. Paul MBC, Rev. I.J. Johnson, Rev. Glenton Davis, Bros, Oliver Hemphill and Joseph Gains. The new church was named the New Mount Zion MBC and 150 members be-



In July 1983, approximately 100 members of Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church left the congregation in order to form a new church. That same month, several deacons held a prayer meeting in the home of Dea R.T. Jarrett in order to establish the new church and, thereafter, meetings were held in members' homes and upstairs in the Joseph Food Store located at the corner of Dorr and Secor Road.

On Sunday, August 21, 1983, the first official service was held at the YWCA office on Jefferson Avenue.

An Organizing Council was established with Rev. Lewis H. Newsom, pastor of Calvary Baptist, as moderator and Rev. Edward Hill of True Love as secretary. Other

came charter members of the new church.

The church began worshipping at the Parkwood Seventh Day Adventist Church in September 1983. After a number of months of anticipation, Rev. Paul Broaddus, of the Zion Temple Baptist Church of Akron, OH, assumed the duties of pastor in August 1984.

The church was incorporated on September 17, 1984 as United Missionary Baptist Church.

This Sunday, United MBC members and its current pastor, Rev. Robert G. Bass, who has served as pastor for the past five years, celebrated the 25th anniversary of the church. The proclamation of the word was delivered by the church's first pastor, Rev.

Broaddus, now of True Vine Baptist Church of Saginaw, MI.

Mt. Nebo Baptist Church – 78th Anniversary

In November 1930, a group



of soldiers met in the home of Bro. and Sis. Charles Johnson in order to organize a church. At that first meeting were Rev. Walter J. Johnson, Edna Johnson, Dora Simmons, Mary Goodlaw and Lela Mitchell along with Deacons Allen Humphrey and Jim Nail and Charles Johnson, W.W. Thomas and James Lathan.

Many members were subsequently added and they met regularly in different homes for prayer, meditation and spiritual guidance.

At a meeting in the home of Martha Davis, the hostess suggested the name of Mt. Nebo Baptist Church. The name was accepted.

The first location for Mt. Nebo – under the leadership of Rev. Johnson – was in the 500 block of Nebraska Avenue. From there the church moved to Ewing and Vance Streets and later to Belmont and Weiler. The church later purchased three buildings in the 700 block of Division Street that were restructured

for a dwelling of worship.

Rev. Johnson remained pastor for 16 years and was succeeded by Rev. Allen Lee Roach.

There were several building additions over the next years but in 1962, the city purchased the church properties. After looking at several sites, the congregation decided to purchase a building that had been a theatre at

pleted and property has been donated.

On Sunday, Mt. Nebo's members celebrated the church's 78th anniversary with the help of Macedonia Baptist Church and Pastor Clifford Mayes who preached The Word.

St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church – 90th Anniversary

St. Paul Baptist Church started as a mission in the home of Mamie Porter on Howard Street. The Westly Davises, Robert Christian and Sally McElya families met for worship on July 1917. A year later, the growing congregation officially organized and gave the fledgling church

the name St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church.

By this time the church was located on Hill Avenue and the first sermon was delivered by Rev. H.F. Fitzpatrick. By 1920, Rev. Robert Christian had assumed leadership and the church moved to Collingwood and Tesumseh. Rev. Green was the next minister and during his tenure the church moved to 654 Hamilton St.

Boy Scout Troop # 50 was organized at St. Paul in February 1921 – the first African-American Boy Scout Troop in Toledo.

In 1928, the congregation named one of its own to assume the pastorate – Rev. Joseph Smith.

During the 1940's the sanctuary at 654 Hamilton was improved and the house at 650 was acquired for educational purposes. St. Paul moved to its present location



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of 1502 N. Detroit in January 1958 and burned the mortgage on that property in just five years.

In 1969 Rev. John McKissick became the pastor of St. Paul and the church made numerous strides under his guidance. A Watch Care Program was established; a Department of Evangelism was formed; a credit union was started. Physical facilities were improved with the additions of air conditioning, paneling, carpeting, glass entry doors, a church bus, a parking lot and a lounge. Pastor McKissick retired in 1985 and was succeeded by Rev. Irece T. Bradley who served until 1990.

Rev. Floyd D. Smith answered the call to serve as pastor in 1991 and served until 1998. Rev. James Glover served in an interim capacity until November 2003 when current pastor, Rev. James H. Willis was named to lead the congregation.

Under the guidance of Pastor Willis, St. Paul has added a Young Adult Ministry, a Praise Team and has completed a number of repairs and restoration projects. The congregation

is growing steadily and many young members have been added.

This Sunday, St. Paul celebrated its 90th anniversary – “Building Through the Years” – with the help of Rev. Kevin Bedford, pastor of the Historic Third Baptist Church, who delivered the proclamation, the invitation to discipleship and the benediction.

Warren African Methodist Episcopal Church – 160th Anniversary

The Warren African Methodist Episcopal Church was heralded as the first African-American Church in northwest Ohio in the Ohio Annual Conference Minutes of the AME Church in 1847. There were eight members and it was part of the Sandusky Circuit with Rev.

G.H. Gillespie serving as pastor.

In 1852, when there were perhaps 300 African-Americans in Toledo, the annual conference decided that Toledo’s 22 members were enough to constitute its own



mission. Rev. J.C. McLaren was appointed pastor. The next year, Toledo was placed back on the circuit where it remained for nine years.

In 1862, a black minister, Rev. Henry Young, arrived in

Toledo from Kentucky via the underground railroad. He succeeded in raising funds with the help of Congressman James M. Ashley, to rent a frame building at the corner of Summit and Adams Streets – this would be the first black

Church of Christ congregation.

Rev. Lyman Liggins was assigned to Warren in 1968 and would become the longest-serving pastor. Under his leadership the church established the Warren Senior Citi-

zens Program, a Mental Health Clinic, the Methadone Clinic and the Christian Volunteer Tutorial Program.

The church also completed two parking lots and renovated the lower level of the building.

Rev. Otis James Gordon, Jr. was assigned as pastor of Warren AME in 2003 after 11 years of service at Grace AME of Warren, OH.

Warren AME, in addition to being the oldest black institution in Toledo, is the oldest black church in northwest Ohio and the third oldest black church west of the Alleghenies.

Warren AME Church celebrated its 160th anniversary this past weekend with a grand reception – “Celebrating the Journey – Embracing the Future” – on Saturday and service on Sunday with the help of guest Rev. Marvin McMickle of Cleveland, OH.



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institution in Toledo.

Rev. Charles W. Warren of Pennsylvania was named pastor of the Toledo church in 1865. He passed away in 1874 but not before overseeing the building of a church at 17 North Erie Street. That church mortgage was finally paid in 1915 and subsequent improvements continued to be made on the property.

For 81 years, the congregation worshipped at 17 North Erie before the need for a larger building facility prompted Rev. Otis Haithcox to purchase a church at 749 Norwood Avenue from the

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- Ada Sipuel v/ University of Oklahoma with Thurgood Marshall, 1948, Norman, Oklahoma (Courtesy of Photos by Griff Davis - Griffith J. Davis family collection)

In 1808, the importing of slaves into the United States was prohibited by federal law. To commemorate 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 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 audience 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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This Is Bigger Than Obama, We Are Fighting for Our Lives

By Michael Hayes



This is the most important presidential election in the history of our country.

But why? Oh, I know... "Because a black man has got a good shot of getting in the White House!" right?

Well... I have to admit that's a pretty big freakin' deal, no doubt.

But Barack Obama's blackness is not gonna put gas in my tank or food in my stomach.

If you are a black person and you support Obama solely because of his blackness then you aren't too much different than a white person who refuses to support Obama solely because of his blackness.

His ethnicity plays a part. No doubt, it plays a part.

But a part is not the whole. Understand this very clearly, people - numbers add

up. Numbers add up! There are roughly 300 Million people in this country.

If a certain major company cuts 20,000 jobs here and then another 12,000 jobs there.

And then thousands of other companies start laying off and downsizing all across the U.S.

And this state has eight percent of its workforce unemployed and this other state has 11 percent unemployment.

And then this bank goes under and the hundreds of thousands of people entrusting this institution with their money lose everything... and then another bank goes under.

And reports say that millions don't have healthcare, millions are in jail or under state supervision and even more millions are in poverty.

This is affecting an entire nation.

Numbers add up! I remember seeing some story very early on in the Iraq War (by war I mean invasion) saying we had lost 43 or so soldiers at that point and now look at it... the news rarely covers it but that number has swelled to over four thousand troops. Dead.

Oh... trust and believe people - numbers add up. Especially when you aren't looking.

Think about it. If this \$700 billion dollar bank bailout contains the fine print that instead of a bank owning your home but now the U.S. government owns your home and the economy doesn't improve to the point folks can pay mortgages... there is a slight but still reasonable chance that millions of working class Americans could potentially become homeless and poor in the blink of an eye.

We need a president who will fight against that.

And I believe that Barack Obama possesses the character and concern for the working men and women of this country it takes to stand up for us.

Things are worse than you think.

The U.S. dollar is not the most powerful currency in the world and is dropping in value each and every quarter.

Yeah... all that cash being chased is becoming more and more worthless.

Jobs are leaving. Crime is rising. Companies are failing.

The very framework of doing business is failing.

Hell... look at the roads, bridges, schools in the main urban centers of this country.

The infrastructure is failing!!

And you know when home

ownership is hard to come by... that so called American Dream has become a nightmare.

You have been used to thinking your money is safe, thinking your job is safe, thinking your home is safe, thinking your well being is safe - only wake up in a cold sweat lately and realize you've been tricked. Things ain't safe around here.

And then on top of all that... you got government Patriot Act bull that can make any law abiding private citizen seem like an enemy of the state.

Modern Day Slavery with city police officers dishing out lashes in the form of bullets with no regard for the difference between real criminals and the innocent people who just happen to live in an area where crime occurs.

You've got states with legal loopholes for doctors who do more harm than good.

Yo - I didn't even get a "stimulus" check because of student loans or whatever and I know plenty people who got an education but can't find a job that pays enough for them to sufficiently pay off their loans and still survive.

It's safe to say... there's a lot of effed up things about America.

But... this ain't no time to whine and complain.

Actually, I have pointed all of this out so you can stop whining and complaining.

With this election at hand... it's important to be passionate about change, but also be logical in reasoning through how things got to be the way they currently are.

You must see the difference between what we are doing to ourselves and what is being done to us.

Once you see what is being done to us... the questions then become

#1. Who is doing this to us?

#2. How can we stop it? If we are under attack... we need to recognize our enemy and strike back to the

point that they have no power to hurt us again.

It's not just about defeating John McCain because he's John McCain.

Defeating John McCain is our only shot at turning things around because trust and believe the ideology that has created America's current crises will still prevail if any Republican takes office.

MORAL MAJORITY?

If you are Republican, then you are an agent of the working double standard.

Acting as the moral authority for a nation with a multitude of people and beliefs is a futile enterprise. They don't have the right to impose their beliefs/judgments on us but it does expose the frailty of their own righteousness when the lies and hypocrisy starts to show.

Conservative Republicans will condemn Nas rap lyrics but will fully support a war.

These CEO's who sold fake shares of stock... or these bankers who knowingly put people in positions of financial ruin - they all need to go to jail.

But convicted felons are also an enemy of The Grand Ol Republican Party.

Even if you have paid your debt to society, guess what?

You aren't allowed to vote in some states.

But... you can still collect a check and go to work and pay taxes.

Republicans know that most ex offenders would likely be voting Democratic... so they just take away their right to vote all together.

That is not redeeming. That is not righteous.

Conservatives whine about not having government regulation when it comes to business.

They don't want Big Brother lurking around then, but when it's time to tell women what they can/can't do with their bodies or when it's time to hand down a judgment on alternative lifestyles - then these silly ass right wing

bigots have the nerve to go against their own policy and use government as a facilitator of their moral objectives.

McCain said it in the last debate... he wants to

"change the culture of this country" as he spoke about his views on abortion and women's rights. Where as Obama spoke a simple and awesome truth: No one is "pro-abortion."

Because to even consider that avenue means that some sort of crisis has occurred on some level. What people need is to be reminded that sex is a sacred act. But leave it to Republicans to want to judge you without even knowing your story. As a left wing/liberal/Democratic-minded Independent... I can tell you:

No, I don't like the fact our country sorts out its dirty family secrets on Maury.

No, I don't like how the institution of marriage and the nuclear family is becoming a distant memory.

No, I don't want moral depravity to run amuck to the point that I don't feel safe leaving out of my front door.

But guess what? Anytime I feel unsafe... it's not because of liberals or activists or moral depravity.

It's because of right-wing/Nazi-minded/trigger happy/self righteous conservatives who have the power to write laws and cover up conspiracies.

MEDIA.

Conservative Republicans claim American media is liberal, but that too is tricky.

If our media was so liberal, than I could watch the 6 o'clock news and find an anchorman openly dogging the Bush Administration. If our media was so liberal than people would be allowed to express anti-patriotic view points without any backlash.

Rev. Jeremiah Wright shouldn't have made things more complicated for Barack but I can't necessarily say that

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The African American Legacy Project's Fifth Anniversary Legends Luncheon

By Fletcher Word
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Robert Smith, founder and president of the African American Legacy Project presented the first Legends Luncheon in 2004. At that time LaRouth Perry, Ph.D., issued a challenge, or as

Smith says, "a call to arms." That challenge has been more than met in the ensuing years.

The luncheon, which honors members of the local African-American commu-

nity, has become one of the significant functions of the year mirroring the impact of the Legacy Project itself which, under Smith's direction, has had a important presence in recording and



Book Review

The Right Mistake by Walter Mosley

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By Terri Schlichenmeyer
Sojourner's Truth Contributor

So long ago, when you were young and filled with possibilities, you thought you'd someday make a difference and change the world.

You had ideas and energy, and you were going to put them both to use. Someday, people would remember the contributions you made.

And then, some time between the late morning of your life and now, making a living got in the way of making a difference and here you are, wondering if it even makes a difference if you show up for work or not.

In the new novel *The Right Mistake* by Walter Mosley, a man fixes something that's wrong in his community. In the meantime, he fixes what's wrong with the way he's been living.

Once upon a time, Socrates Fortlow killed a man, then raped and killed the man's girlfriend. For that, he spent half his life behind bars. Socrates remembers the day he was paroled and how the breeze felt on his arms as he looked out the warden's window and listened to the voice of a woman he couldn't see.

Once out, he sold aluminum cans to get by and lived in an alley until a compassionate patron gave him a tiny cottage, rent-free. That was enough for awhile. But then, Socrates began to think.

He heard Vanessa Tremont stole Freddy Bumpus' family home, and he knew the place would make something better than a love-nest for a cheating woman. Socrates took the silver-shingled building, cleaned it and set up a table. He invited a dozen of the smartest people he knew from all over L.A., and he started Thursday night meetings.

The Thinker's Meetings, they called it. A strong young killer from the 'hood, a griev-

ing elder, a lawyer, a Hispanic carpenter, a Jewish entrepreneur, an Asian teacher, all sitting around the Big Table, speaking their minds one at a time.

And as word got around that the Big Nickel was a safe place, gangs began meeting there to make peace. A neighborhood day-care was established. A soup kitchen sprung up. People began watching out for one another in a place meant to come together to make a differ-

ence. Socrates Fortlow never dreamed it would all make a difference in his life, too.

I didn't like this book at first, mostly because it seemed to meander and I couldn't figure out where it was going. About 35 pages in, it didn't matter any more. I was hooked, and author Walter Mosley had me rapt.

Right The Mistake is about class and race, male and female, religion and background and busting them all apart. It's a thoughtful story of a street philosopher who knows violence isn't the way, but has to keep reminding himself of it. And - at the core - it's a story about love and truth.

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the man is militant or off base with what he said about this country. Fox News, the real portal of evil is biased as hell. But they lie and tell you its fair and balanced, so then you won't question it.

I mean come on, maaan... there are de-classified government reports that admit that our government will use false media to wage propaganda wars and fear campaigns in order to achieve certain objectives.

That's what your mindset is to them... a place to put propaganda to complete an objective. 9/11 needs to be openly discussed... they need to play Loose Change and other documentaries that display striking evidence that our own government was behind the attacks... if our media was so liberal, then why can't I watch that on T.V.?

Our media is not liberal. It's restricted. It's limited to a few viewpoints.

It does not represent the ideals of real people.

ECONOMY

First understand that many rich Republicans are thinking globally.

Some of them could care less if Americans aren't working, they're too busy tapping into Asian markets. In many ways a weak dollar and struggling American economy could benefit the upper echelons of the rich business elite.

Republican/conservatives don't give a damn about you.

It's all about making life easier for their tax bracket, that's it.

So what about the 90 percent of America that falls outside of their tax bracket?

Well... you probably work at some of the companies they own.

See, Republicans think from the top down.

They hate taxes from the stand point of a business paying taxes to the government and capital gains taxes which hit people when they receive large lump sums of money.

Those are issues that upper income stock holders and CEO's face.

If healthcare and retirement costs skyrocket, the cost of employing a workforce becomes challenging and so layoffs happen... moving jobs overseas happen and so forth.

If you are an employee of one of these companies... finding out your company has downsized you right out the door and then closed its doors just to re-open in another country to pay another workforce a fraction of what you were paid you'd be devastated.

Think about senior citizens losing retirement funds and such.

They've worked their entire life to put money away for this time period

and this financial crisis is eating it all up.

Democrats and independents would never stand for that because they stand up for

the people.

If people can't work, things get drastic and ultimately a vast majority of the economy suffers.

We need a president who will represent the average American.

Not the upper tax bracket people who can't even relate to the people they employ.

We need a president who will give incentives to companies to keep them here so they can employ people right here at home.

USE OF FEAR AND PROPAGANDA

Look at John McCain and his robo-calls around the country.

Instead of detailing his own plans for change and improvement, he brow beats us with attack after attack after attack on Obama. Then using this robo-calls to influence Americans to think of Barack Obama as a terrorist due to his "connection" to Bill Ayers... that is the exact type of propaganda that neo-cons used in 9/11.. Cointelpro. Never underestimate the power of a well placed lie that becomes a full blown P.R. campaign.

Fear and propaganda divides a people.

George W. Bush told America that invading Iraq was necessary because they supposedly had weapons of mass destruction and somehow this was payback for the attacks of 9/11.

Propaganda and fear.

The Republican way of thinking is so corrupt that a blatant lie is acceptable if it results in a few bucks being made. And that's not righteous or Christian like.

Oh, wait.

Please tell me you aren't surprised to see me say that Iraq was about MONEY!

Hey, if it's one thing those right wing crooks know how to do... it's get rich.

WAR PROFITS

Neither of these wars have made anyone feel any safer from terrorism.

No Bin Laden, no retribution for 9/11 - nothing.

Just a bunch of government contracts, not a damn thing to do with terrorists.

See... when that fear and propaganda machine works on YOU and you get scared and then right wing politicians/Bush backing Republicans say "they, we need 160 billion dollars to go to war in Iraq" - you say "Sure! Go right ahead" and Congress writes a big fat check to cover 'the cost of war.'

The cost of war includes: uniforms, tanks, artillery, food rations, building materials, engineering firms, software firms... etc.

Remember - the high tax bracket of wealthy Republicans also includes the very people who own the companies making the damned uniforms, tanks, artillery, food rations, building materials, software, guns and etc. (that's

privatization)

This is business! And, of course, they are making a profit.

They get government contracts to make the weaponry that destroys Iraq.

Then they get government contracts on the back end because these same Republicans are paying themselves to also clean up and rebuild Iraq.

This war is costing you and your sons and daughters... costing tax payers billions

And the government we have that is dishing out the money is full of conservative, Republican war mongers who benefit financially every single minute these wars in Iraq and Afghanistan continue.

Companies Dick Cheney used to run before he became the VP, a few of those companies are the ones being paid to rebuild Iraq (Halliburton, Bechtel, etc.).

How heartless is that? Invade a country, send young Americans to the battlefield... all so you can become richer than you already are.

I think the real people in America would rather have a president who wants to end the war and concentrate on fixing our issues here at home.

I feel much better having a president and an administration where there is no conflict of interest that would make war profitable.

I mean... what the Bush administration has done

should earn them jail time. Period!

QUALITY OF LIFE

In all of the discussion about Obama and changing our current leadership and overhauling all that's wrong with this country... something has been lost.

Not nearly enough focus has been squarely put on how things in this country got to be the way they are and how the current administration purposely created the hot mess that is the current United States of America.

Heavier taxes on the wealthy aren't a punishment for succeeding.

That's some crybaby bull. It's just a measure to keep the playing field level and help the non-wealthy live without having one foot in the poor house. Republicans claim they are all about fair competition, but they constantly want to do all they can take more and more people out of a position to compete.

If healthcare was free... employers wouldn't have to cover the cost of insurance for their workforce and companies could be more profitable and maybe more jobs would stay here at home and people could work and contribute to society.

But nope. Republican/conservatives don't seem to give a damn about the greater good.

We are not fighting George

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Bush. We are not fighting John McCain (per se).

We are fighting the ideology. These are severe times, people.

Barack Obama is not here because he owes black people, or because America owes black people.

Barack Obama is not here to please democrats.

If you pay attention to his speeches, you hardly hear him rely on party allegiance the

way Hillary Clinton and John Kerry normally beat you over the head with what party they represent.

Barack Obama has transcended his color, his party and politics... to a certain degree. I repeat, to a certain degree.

Now we have to transcend our differences and really make sure that the right party, the right candidate and the right set of ideals prevails on No-

ember 4.

I was hesitant at first, I'll admit.

Inheriting this mess of a country at a time like this would make anyone re-think their childhood dream of one day being president.

I mean... this country is in a terrible place.

But... what is hope if not audacious?

So I say GOBAMA!
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BARACK... but know why voting for him means as much as it does.

Beyond your race... look at your situation and how it got to be this way. Do not just assume that we have this thing sewn up because everybody at your job has a Obama T Shirt.

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Legacy Dinner

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event were financial advisor Bill Harris, Dr. Frederick Cason, MD, of The University of Toledo College of Medicine and Jewell Lightner, corporate director of diversity for Pro Medica.

The guests enjoyed a dance performance by Sheila Gibson of Positive Force and heard remarks by Columbus Mayor Michael Coleman.

Appropriately enough, the keynote address was given by historian John Fleming, Ph.D., who is president of the Ohio Museums Association and the Association of African American Museums.

The honorees for 2008 were: Dr. Francis Duffy, Mary Gregory, Daisy Smith, Dr. Herbert Stockard, Donna Todd and Dr. John Williams.

Dr. Francis Duffy, BS, DDS, a graduate of Libbey High School earned an undergraduate degree from Michigan State University in agriculture and, after serving with the U.S. Navy in World War II, entered The Ohio State University where he earned a doctor of dental surgery degree.

Dr. Duffy's 45 years in dentistry in the Toledo area were highlighted by his service at the helm of a nationwide research team that studied the effects of fluoridation. His study, completed in 1966, showed that children using water fluoridation had a 55 percent decrease in tooth decay compared to those who did not.

Mary Gregory, RN, B.Ed., M.Ed., was the first African-American to graduate from the St. Vincent School of Nursing. Her career at St. Vincent's has included stints in operating room nursing, the instructor of surgery students, director of Manpower Development and Training Act Program for Surgical Technicians, instructor at the School of Nursing, director of

the Sickle Cell Program, education coordinator of the Outreach Program and manager of Health Promotion.

Along with Donna Todd and Daisy Smith, Gregory is a founder of the Toledo Council of Black Nurses.

Daisy Smith, RN, BSEd., graduated from the Medical College of Ohio as a registered nurse. From 1969 to 1975, she worked both as an assistant clinical manager at Mercy and manager at Parkview hospitals.

In 1980, Smith managed the Batavia Developmental Center and between 1988 and 1990, Smith co-authored 10 articles in various health journals on subjects such as physical fitness, prostate cancer, blood vessel diseases, weight among adolescents, and so forth.

In 1998, a portion of the Cordelia Martin Health Center was named the Daisy Smith Clinic which has since been changed to the Daisy Smith Pediatric Center.

Dr. Herbert Eugene Stockard, MD, is a native Toledoan and Scot High School graduate. Dr. Stockard earned a bachelor's of science degree from UT and his MD from the Medical College of Ohio. His professional training has included a fellowship in nephrology. He is currently chief of staff at St. Anne's Hospital.

Dr. Stockard co-authored eight publications between 1977 and 1994, has been recognized twice with the Ohio Kidney Foundation Medical Award, and four times as an Active Teacher in Family Practice.

Donna Todd, RNC, MSN and MS Ed/PH, graduated from the Medical College of Ohio as a registered nurse, a 3.9 grade point average and the award of "Best All Around Nurse." During her stellar career, Todd has been recognized as the first cer-

tified African-American childbirth educator and obstetrical supervisor in Toledo along with ongoing certification in inpatient obstetrics, smoking cessation instructor for the American Cancer Association, Breast Self-Exam Training Instructor, Lamaze Certified Childbirth Educator and HIV/AIDS instructor.

Todd is a member of numerous service and community organizations and the president of the Toledo Council of Black Nurses.

Dr. John Williams, DDS, is a graduate of Libbey High School and a former professional football player who won two Super Bowl Rings. In 1974, still in the middle of his football career, Williams returned to dental school earning his degree from the University of Maryland at Baltimore.

Dr. Williams has practiced dentistry in Minneapolis for nearly 30 years and is a member of a number of boards and associations. From 1996 to 2003, Dr. Williams published a newsletter, Pieces, which focused on human abuse and was a co-founder of PANDA (Prevent Abuse and Neglect through Dental Awareness).

In addition to the six honorees noted above, four posthumous awards were given to Toledo legends in medicine: Joette Clark, a 1956 graduate of the Maumee Valley Hospital School of Nursing who earned a bachelor's from case Western in 1960; Dr. Mayo Harris, who graduated from Meharry Medical School in 1921 and established a medical practice in Toledo that same year; Dr. Edward Hart, who graduated from Meharry Medical School in 1924 and started his Toledo practice in 1927 and Dr. J. Nathan Hobbs, who also graduated from Meharry Medical School in 1924 and established his practice in East Toledo and became the first African-American to be a regular staff member of a Toledo hospital—Riverside in 1938.



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