



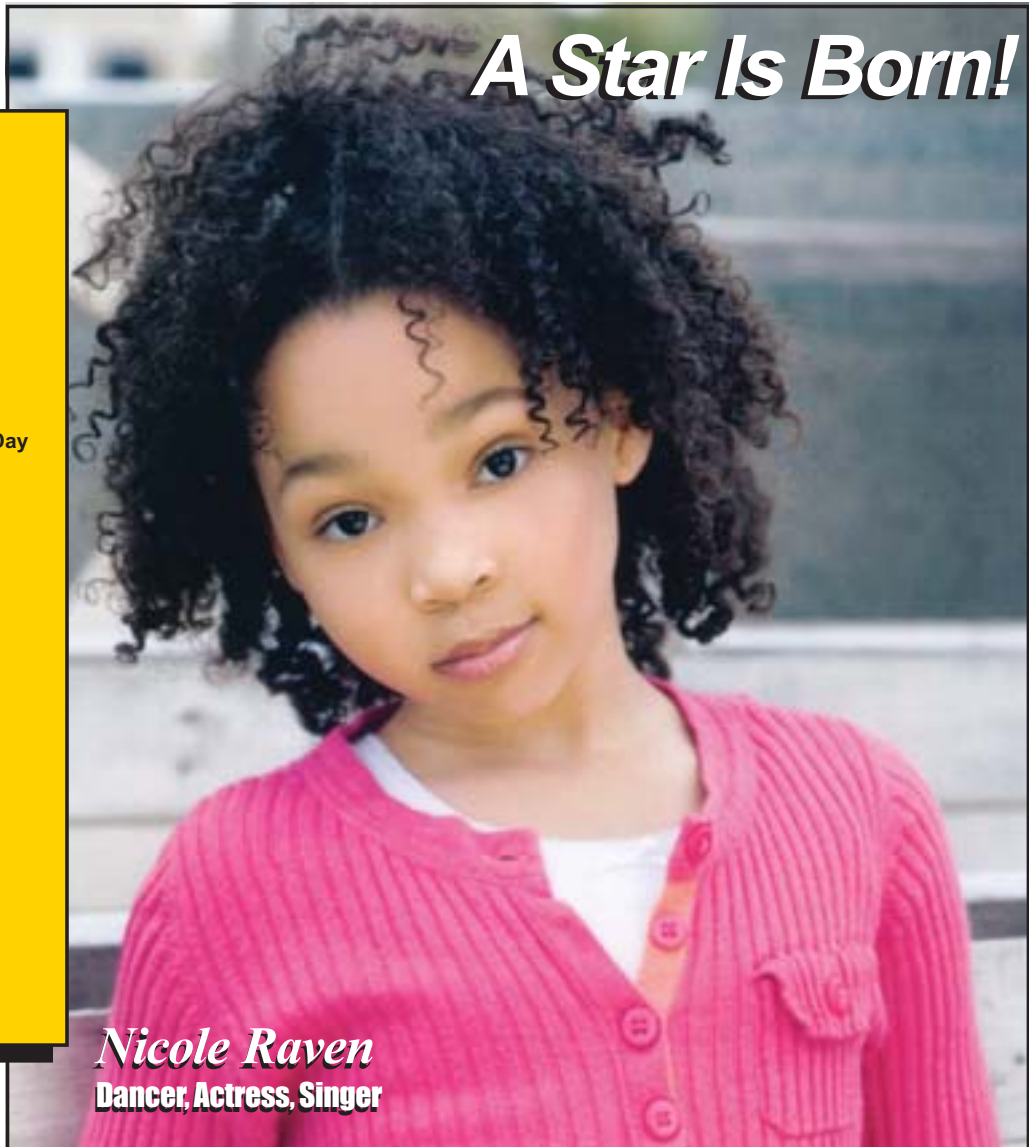
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## This Strikes Us ...

*A Sojourner's Truth Editorial*

Let's talk a little about wing nut conspiracy theories.

A national right-wing radio talk show host recently observed, as he does from time to time, that President Barack Obama has a chip on his shoulder – a racial chip on his shoulder no less.

Seems the host heard Obama comment on the Henry Louis Gates situation in Cambridge, MA when the good professor was arrested for disorderly conduct ... in his own home. Said the host – “You can see that Obama had a chip on his shoulder, he's angry at this country because of his mentors and other influences.”

This came just days after the same host noted that “God does not have a birth certificate and neither does Obama – not that we've seen.”

It's remarkable the way folks cannot connect the dots of their own nutty ramblings.

But that, ladies and gentlemen, is the conspiracy theory that is now, or still, making all the rounds – Obama can't produce his Hawaiian birth certificate and, what's worse, won't even properly address the issue.

The State of Hawaii has indeed addressed the issue and produced the birth certificate on numerous occasions but when a good conspiracy theory grabs us by the throat, especially fanned by the numerous Internet idiots, well ... the State of Hawaii can produce paperwork till the cows come home for all the good it will do. The conspiracy theorists will claim that it was all faked, forged, a huge fraud.

Not only has the State of Hawaii produced the birth certificate for public examination, researchers have also uncovered the announcement of Obama's birth in the Honolulu daily newspaper several days afterwards. The right-wing conspiracy nuts have called that announcement inconsequential.

There is nothing new about the Obama birth certificate conspiracy theory, of course. One of Toledo's conservative talk show hosts interviewed the Pennsylvania whack job who started the theory during the campaign season and who actually brought a law suit that went nowhere – probably because the U.S. Supreme Court is also in on the conspiracy. Our guy here said at the time that this is an issue that people really need to start talking about.

And they do.

A town hall meeting in Delaware conducted by a U.S. Congressman exploded earlier this month when attendees got all worked up about the need to “take our country back” from that Kenyan guy who doesn't honor the flag – not our flag at any rate.

And radio guy can't figure out how a black person could possibly have a chip on his or her shoulder, eh? Such a chip, he says, could only be the result of the actions of other black folks not a reaction to the loony tunes who cannot recognize their own dysfunctions.

But conspiracy theories flourish these days. What were once just unfounded rumors now have life and credibility, thanks to the Internet.

The other big rumor making the rounds these days is that the 1969 moon landings were faked. That's gaining followers in abundance from the same crowd who love the fake birth certificate rumors.

And the same crowd seems to like the story that the 9/11 World Trade Center disaster was perpetrated by people in our own government. Nothing like a good inside-job conspiracy theory, is there?

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Sometime this week, Harvard professor, Henry Louis Gates, and Cambridge police officer, Sgt. James Crowley, are scheduled to fly to the nation's capital in order to make nice in the presence of Obama. There will be a photo op, the guys will shake hands and promise to be BFF.

And then it's off to New York to ink a deal for a book about racial harmony in post-racial America and, after a press conference to celebrate their ongoing male bonding, it's onwards to LA to make the final arrangements for their reality show.

We just can't get enough of these two crazy guys. Fortunately, every time that their encounter seems on its way to disappearing from the headlines, something pops up and revitalizes our delight in knowing that we are eyewitnesses to an incident of a couple of guys yelling at one another. This is big, folks.

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Speaking of wasting time and resources ... the Ohio Supreme Court just ruled that the Lucas County Board of Elections “clearly disregarded applicable law” when it denied Mayor Carty Finkbeiner's protest that the recall petitions submitted by the Take Back Toledo group lacked a specific clause mandated under state law.

This means that the mayor will be allowed to serve through the end of the year – the recall effort, had it been successful – would have moved him out of office for about a month and a half.

It's may be impossible to accurately calculate the amount of private and public money and hours this ridiculous recall attempt cost the residents of Toledo and of Ohio.

## Community Calendar

### July 30-August 1

State of Ohio Conference 2009: Full Gospel Baptist Church Fellowship; “More of the Glory;” Friendship Baptist Church; Thursday at 7 pm – Bishop Simon Gordon, Friday at 7 pm – Bishop Edward Cook, Saturday at 11 am – Bishop Duane Tisdale; Saturday – Community Awareness Day – 8:30 am to 5 pm (vendors, food, health fair, auto show, blood drive, etc)

### August 1

Community Resources and Health Fair: Monroe St. Neighborhood Center; 10 am to 1 pm; Blood pressure screenings, cholesterol and diabetes checks; Healthy snack and kit provided

Community Fun-Day/Give Away: Sponsored by Learners for Life Child Development Center; Clothing, toys, books and household items; Noon to 4 pm  
Flea Market: Collingwood Church; 8 am to 4 pm: 419-461-2813

### August 2

Central MBC 4<sup>th</sup> Pastoral Anniversary: 4 pm service with guests Charity Baptist Church

### August 5-8

Interfaith Fellowship of Churches 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Convocation: 7 pm nightly; Day sessions start at 9 am; Bethesda Christian Center Cathedral; Musical guest Douglas Miller: 419-320-8571

### August 6

ASSETS Toledo First Annual Golf Outing: Ottawa Park Golf Course; 11:30 am welcome; Noon tee-off: 419-251-9870 or www.assetstoledo.com

### August 7

First Friday Fish Fry: People's MBC; 11 am to 3 pm: 419-389-9333 or 419-243-0854

### August 8

Frogtown Fair: Erie Street Market; 9 am to 3 pm; Exhibits by green organizations, energy-savings ideas, recycling, etc.: 419-936-3015

God of Our City Group “Praise in Promenade Park.” 10 am to 9 pm: 419-868-5949

### August 9

Center of Hope Community Baptist Church Men's Day: Guest speaker former Mayor Jack Ford; 11:30 am

### August 10-14

Discovery Canyon Vacation Bible School: Supper 5:30 to 6 pm; VBS – 6 to 8:15 pm; Holy Trinity Lutheran Church: 419-382-5644

### August 15

Josh Project's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fundraiser: Indiana Avenue MBC; Noon to 5 pm; Swimming lessons and water safety for youth; Food, activities, vendors, raffles, Gospel DJ: 419-973-1383

Mildred Gibson Center Flea Market/Yard Sale: 9 am to 5 pm: 419-810-5284

St Paul MBC Annual Rainbow Tea: 2 to 5 pm; 6202 Trust Drive

### August 22

Trulight Cathedral Well-Watered Women of Faith program: “Oasis of Hope;” 11 am – 1 pm: 419-537-8629 or 419-450-2950

### August 23

Central MBC 4<sup>th</sup> Pastoral Anniversary: 4 pm service with guests Mt. Ararat MBC

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My View

By Jack Ford  
The Truth's Political Columnist



surprise. The average voter pulls the lever for five or six candidates. Each vote gets counted equally. If you pull the lever for fewer candidates, theoretically, you help your favorite candidate more. So I am picking just three candidates, for example, hoping that I won't cancel out my top six.

But what if 10,000 voters voted for just two or three candidates? We would have an entirely different council make up.

We need a new line up on City Council. They really screwed up when they voted to pick up the pension costs for fire and police.

We welcome Brenda Hill to the Toledo Board of Education. She joins a board which is just beginning to come into its own. Bob Vasquez has emerged as a committed self-taught finance manager who spends a great deal of time on board business.

Lisa Sobocki volunteers to do everything and thoroughly enjoys public service. But I am most impressed with Darlene Fisher. Fisher comes prepared to every board and committee meeting. Yes, she is heavily influenced by Steve Flagg and his Urban Coalition group but they are not always wrong. We are still in need of transparency and other reforms at Toledo Public Schools.

We still are out negotiated by both by the Toledo Federa-

tion of Teachers (TFT) and the Toledo Association of Administrative Personnel (TAAP) union bargaining although Superintendent John Foley has slowed it down somewhat. So, I wish Ms. Hill success on the board.

However, I still plan to vote for Aji Green for the school board. We need his voice to provide a word for that urban youngster in need of advocacy. Green will do this better than most.

Larry Sykes is making a comeback. It will be interesting to see if he can work with the present board members if he is elected. This is a much different group than he worked with during his decade in office.

As a final thought, it is instructive to watch the manipulations of The Blade in the mayoral race. People are right to fight the power nakedly used to manipulate readers.

I do not see Mike Bell getting a fair shot in The Blade reporting. This will hurt him if the race is close. Nor does The Blade seem too keen on D. Michael Collins, the independent city councilman who just announced. If you like Bell or Collins, send them some money. Money is the best way to respond to shaky reporting by The Blade writers who are told how to report the story of a candidate.

Show them some money!

Open Season on Negro Voters ... Again!

By Lafe Tolliver, Esq.  
Guest Column



Well, the season to vamp on the hapless Negro voter is upon us. You would think that a license would be needed to stalk and hunt and capture the clueless Negro voter (if this does not apply to you...read no further) but I checked both the federal law and the law in Ohio and there is no legal prohibition to track down Negro voters and spring upon them a lot of election gibberish and jobs talk voodoo.

These political candidates must use the entire political off season to polish up their verbal skills so as to entrap

the trusting but political neophyte Negro voter in believing their hubris.

One must wonder: Why is the Negro voter in Toledo so enthralled and enraptured by the physical presence of politicians (black or white) in their midst that it sets them off to yelling and screaming and shouting a barrage of amen's and yes's when these politicians come to their favor lair...the black church.

It is an old-time, favorite ploy of politicians to visit once every two or four years the black church where they are allowed in the pulpit to show how liberal or how "down they are" with black people. And regrettably the way some black church people show out, you would think that someone was passing out packets of thousand dollar bills.

All it takes is for a politician, especially a white one, to go to a black church and promise them a job for Uncle Ed and summer jobs for the kids and paved streets and

BAM.....it's on!

Folks start shouting, jumping and crying and rushing the podium to try to touch the hem of the politician's garment so they can go home and brag that they know someone down at City Hall.

Are we as a people that gullible that anyone can grab our vote and allegiance and all we want in return is to have some politician look and smile upon us and tell us we are important and then we swoon and get all teary eyed?

And don't let them quote Martin Luther King, Jr. The place becomes pandemonium!

Are we that desperate for attention and affection?

Please notice the historical trend here. These same politicians, black or white, do not visit the Catholic churches or the larger white churches and commandeer those pastors and their pulpits! Why? Those priests and other white pastors would hustle those carnival barkers

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Poison, Poverty and Progress

By Rev. Donald L. Perryman, D.Min.  
Guest Column



correlates rapidly rising production of and exposure to industrial chemicals with a precipitous increase in women's fertility problems, miscarriages, preterm births, birth defects and children with learning and behavioral disorders.

For men, there is an alarming increase in male genital defects and declining sperm counts. When exposure is combined with inadequate health care and poor nutrition the consequences are devastating particularly for minorities who are affected disproportionately.

Also, and of particular concern, are the abandoned gas stations and other vacated industrial entities which dot our community and the risk from leaking underground storage tanks containing gasoline, diesel, heating oil or other petroleum products.

The contaminants in these products include benzene which increases the risk of cancer and other chemicals such as toluene which over long-term damage the liver, kidneys and central nervous system.

According to Joel Mazur, Division of Environmental Services at the City of Toledo, there are 57 abandoned

gas stations in Toledo which "need to be investigated" and another 16 locations that are "suspected" abandoned gas stations. Of the total, approximately forty (61 percent) are located in low-income neighborhoods with high poverty rates. These are only the ones that the city is "aware of." There may be many more sites with abandoned underground tanks.

My question is: "Is there an opportunity or policy framework for the poor or people of color when environmental hazards suggest that where one resides determines their life expectancy?"

According to an article in The Blade dated July 27, 2009, the State of Ohio is likely to receive an additional \$8 million share of the federal stimulus package to address underground storage tanks that leak gasoline and other petroleum products. The article also quotes U.S. EPA administrator Lisa Jackson as indicating that the funds will provide "immediate growth opportunities as well as long-term protection from dangerous pollution."

With poverty and poison being inextricably linked and the poor and marginalized disproportionately exposed to

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## Mike Bell Announces Nine-Point Program to Improve Toledo Public Schools

By Fletcher Word  
Sojourner's Truth Editor

On Thursday, July 23, independent candidate Mike Bell introduced a series of action steps he said were designed to help Toledo Public Schools become competitive with the best districts in the region.

"A school system is a key portion to our survival as a city," said Bell, Toledo's former fire chief during a press conference last Thursday to announce the proposal. "Education is the foundation of rebuilding this city and returning it to its greatness.

"We need to make sure our kids get the best education. I am not fixing blame on anyone, but there is something that needs to be fixed."

Acknowledging the fact that critics would say the school system is not part of the mayor's job, Bell said that "if it is a community priority, it has to be the mayor's job."

Bell offered three reasons why the mayor of Toledo can aid the school system even if he or she is not directly responsible or accountable for the district's achievements:

"First, as a highly visible public figure, the mayor can support school improvement and, when necessary, hold district leaders accountable for change; second, the mayor can link the City of Toledo and the schools with

the needs of our youth to support the educational process outside of the classroom; finally, the mayor can help focus a vast number of community resources – government, non-profit and private sector – on keeping young people in school and helping them achieve."

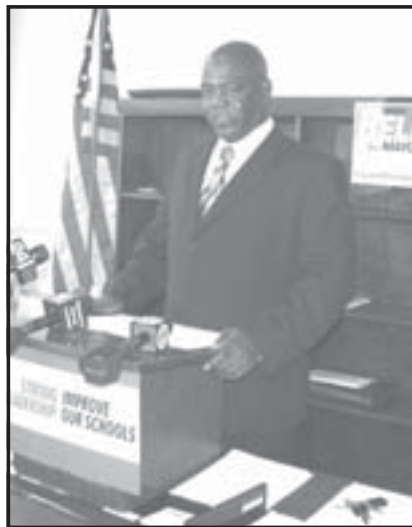
Bell touted his own background as a product of TPS and his engagement as a supporter in years past when TPS has found it necessary to raise levies or bring issues to public attention.

The Bell educational proposals are:

- Request quarterly meetings with the Board of Education and the superintendent to understand school improvement plans and discuss how the City of Toledo can help support them;

- Expect benchmarks for higher performance from parents, students, teachers, administrators and Board of Education members and measure progress on a regular basis;

- Promote accountability for student performance by parents and families, and work through churches, neighborhood organizations, professional groups, local media and other parents to show how parents and families can be more ef-



fective in helping their students learn;

- Advocate a joint City of Toledo-Toledo Public Schools program to identify and intercept "at risk" students at the junior high (grades 6-8) level and divert them into existing after-school community programs that will help them stay in school and off the street;

- Encourage the Board to extend to administrators the highly successful "Toledo Plan" to improve

classroom instruction by teachers;

- Support the collaboration between Toledo Public Schools and The University of Toledo and extend

collaboration to Owens College, Lourdes College and others;

- Support the business community efforts in Partners in Education to achieve enhanced involvement in the development of TPS;

- Make sure sufficient city resources are available to the New Schools New Neighborhoods initiatives to use new school buildings as catalysts for neighborhood redevelopment;

- Recognize school success by creating the annual "Mayor's Achievement Award" for contributions by faculty, staff, parents and students in the most improved elementary, middle and high schools each year.

Attending the press conference as an observer was Toledo Board of Education member Darlene Fisher, herself a candidate for re-election this year. "I am pretty excited that a mayoral candidate will broach this topic,"

she said after the press conference.

"A mayor can contribute a lot," she said when asked if she welcomes mayoral involvement with the school district. "I have spoken with both Keith Wilkowski and Mike Bell to suggest quarterly meetings. City Hall should support Toledo Public Schools and we can talk honestly about the challenges."

Bell noted that his focus on education if elected mayor would be specifically aimed at TPS rather than other schools within Toledo boundaries such as Washington Local or the various charter schools. "My focus is on the majority and they are sitting in Toledo Public Schools," said Bell. "Students in other schools have options, for [those in TPS] that is the only option and we need to focus there. That is the key."

## Open Season

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back to the parking lot.

But not black people. We will open the door, the pulpit and anything else so we can give the illusion that we are politically savvy and that we are on a first-name basis with the downtown politicians.

And you know what is pathetic? When all of this hubba-hubba is said and done, you will not see that politician back at your church door for years and, in the meantime, that pastor can not snare as much as one part-time summer job for any of his teenage church members! Some power.

It is all a one-way street. They come in with their empty platitudes and promises of jobs and goodies and benefits, we swoon and cry and weep and vote for them and when the day is over, the crater-sized pothole is still in front of the church, there are no summer jobs for the teens and all you have left is a cheap, grainy photograph of the grinning pastor shaking hands with the ever-grinning politician.

Translated...that grin from the politician means: "Gotcha...again!"

Wake me up when those politicians go to: OLPH, Cornerstone, CedarCreek, GESU, Emmanuel, Westgate Chapel, Calvary Assembly, etc., etc. and do their same tired song and soft shoe dance number.

No... these shrills like to vamp on the local black churches because they believe black folks vote in a block and that you can catch a bigger number of them on Sundays rather than taking the time and effort of going through the black community and buttonholing small groups of potential voters.

How many times I have been in a church when, lo and behold, up to the front of the sanctuary saunters some grinning politician and his handler (normally a member of the church or someone who knows the pastor) who wants to shake your hand and bamboozle you with some trite nonsense of what they are going to do for you and why

you should vote for them!

Regrettably, black voters are derelict in not holding these fat cats accountable for their past lies of giving us the promised land. No one keeps a tally sheet of their half truths and when nothing happens, we simply say... "Oh well, that's politics!"

No. That's stupidity and you selling yourself for a "dollar and fiddy cents" to the highest bidder who has learned to tell you what you want to hear and then they go onto the next black church and run the same voting scam.

Come on, black people... and especially some of you black pastors! Quit playing this same, tired game and, instead, make a demand list and if these fat cats won't pledge to it, show them the door. The past decades of acting child-like in the political/power/money arenas were cute but they should be over with by now. It's time to move on from the milk saucer to the meat platter.

Grow up!

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All events are free and open to the public:

**Wednesday, July 29 Neighborhood Housing Services, 704 Second St.**

**12 - 5 p.m. One-on-One Help on the Bus:** Mortgage finance and refinancing, first-time homebuyer, account options, small business support

**2 - 4 p.m. Health Screenings: Glucose, Blood Pressure, Body Mass Index**

**Thursday, July 30 Cordelia Martin Center, 430 Nebraska Ave.**

**11 - 5 p.m. One-on-One Help on the Bus:** Mortgage finance and refinancing, first-time homebuyer, account options, small business support

**Friday, July 31 Fifth Third Bank - Byrne-Glendale Banking Center, 3428 Glendale Ave.**

**12 - 6 p.m. One-on-One Consultations on the Bus:** Mortgage finance and refinancing, first-time homebuyer, account options, small business support

**3 - 5 p.m. Health Screenings: Glucose, Blood Pressure, Body Mass Index**

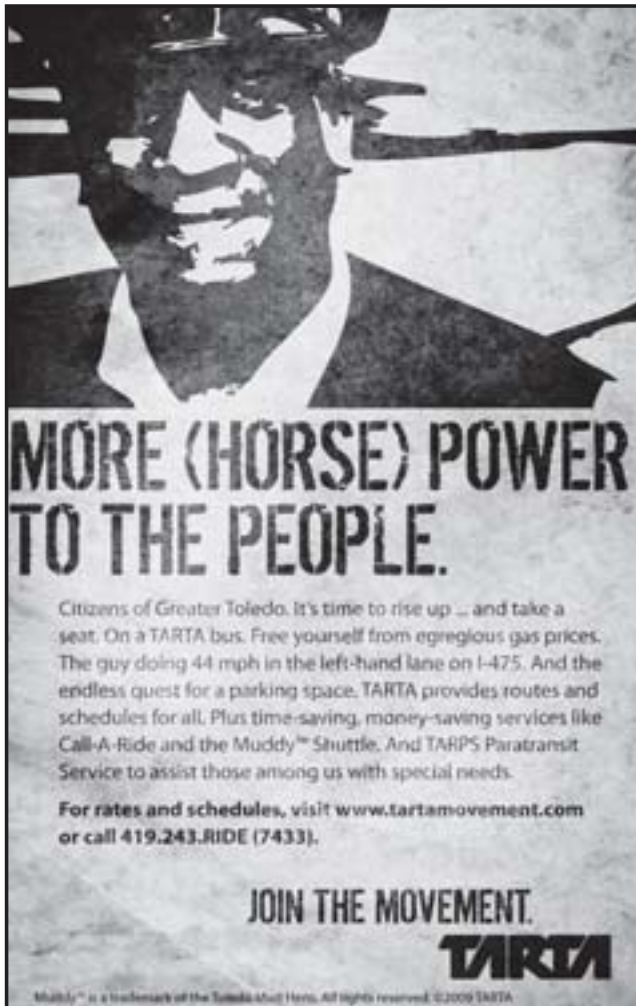
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## National Minority Donor Awareness Day

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**Saturday, August 1, 2009 marks the 13<sup>th</sup> anniversary of National Minority Donor Awareness Day.**

It is a day that highlights the importance of organ and tissue donation and inspires people from all racial and ethnic backgrounds to consider becoming donors. The nationwide observance also increases awareness of the behaviors that may lead to the need for transplantation, including smoking, poor nutrition and alcohol and drug abuse.

Organ, tissue, marrow and blood donation can save and enhance the lives of people living with diabetes, hypertension, heart disease, hepatitis, blood disorders, glaucoma and other health conditions. These conditions disproportionately impact minorities. Currently, more than 102,000 people are waiting for an organ transplant. Minorities account for 54 percent of those waiting for this life-saving gift. Since patients in need of a transplant are more likely to find a genetically compatible match within their own racial/ethnic group, particularly for kid-

neys and bone marrow, increasing minority donations is crucial.

For minorities, the shortage in organ donation is particularly significant. Some diseases of the kidney, heart, lung, pancreas and liver are found more frequently in racial and ethnic minority populations than in the general population. African-Americans and other minorities are three times more likely to suffer from end-stage renal disease than Caucasians. Some of these diseases are best treated through transplantation; others can only be treated with a transplant.

One way to ensure that your decision to be a donor is known and carried out is to join the Ohio Donor Registry. There are three ways for Ohioans to enroll. Most people register their decision at the BMV when obtaining or renewing an Ohio driver's license or State I.D. Card by simply saying "yes" when asked about becoming an organ and tissue donor. You may also enroll in the registry at [www.DonateLifeOhio.org](http://www.DonateLifeOhio.org) or by completing an Ohio Donor Enrollment Form.

Life Connection of Ohio

(LCO), the local organ procurement organization, is asking all individuals to talk with their families about their decision to become an organ and tissue donor. Sudden and unexpected death is tragic and painful. Many families receive comfort in knowing their loved one's wishes have been met and that an untimely death can bring life to so many others. Donation is a selfless act of love and compassion that can save up to eight lives and enhance the lives of up to 50 others. In 2008, LCO coordinated the recovery of organs from 63 donors, providing 218 lifesaving transplants.

Of the 2,969 Ohioans on the National Transplant Waiting List, 212 are waiting for a life-saving kidney transplant at the University of Toledo Medical Center. The shortage continues to grow as someone is added to the transplant waiting list every 11 minutes whereas 18 people die each day waiting for a donated organ that doesn't become available.

## Council Candidate Touts Facebook Tour

*Special to The Truth*



Toledo City Council at large candidate David "P.R.E.Z." Washington, has announced his Facebook Tour taking place on August 6-8, calling it an extension of his commitment to public service.

"Normally on the campaign trail, you go door to door pretty much unin-

vited. Well, our approach is slightly different," said Washington.

Through the online social media network Facebook, which boasts over 147,000 members in the Toledo area alone, P.R.E.Z. will be giving personalized door to door service. By going to his Facebook page (which

can be found under the name Prez Washington), those who become his friend will be able to specify a local issue they'd like to address and he will come to their residence to spend time listening to their concerns.

"There has to be some kind of rapport with Toledo citizens. In this manner, they know they have our ear and I know I'm not interrupting their evening," said the candidate. "Our job as elected officials is to represent the citizens who vote for us. You can't represent someone if you don't communicate with them. Politicians talk. Public servants listen."

P.R.E.Z. will also try to accommodate those who are not able to meet on those dates. "We have a lot of work to do but we'll do our best to serve the people who genuinely want to be heard," he said.

## Library Cuts Necessary Due to State Budget Reduction

Special to The Truth

In response to Ohio Governor Ted Strickland's recent signing of the state budget, the Board of Trustees of the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library on Thursday, July 23, approved cuts needed to address an estimated 35 percent reduction in state funding for the local system.

During their regular meeting held at the Sylvania Branch Library, board members were informed about reduced budget estimates for 2009 and 2010. The board unanimously approved several cost-saving measures to address the \$1.4 million reduction to the TLCPL system.

- Eliminate page hours (Library pages perform manual duties such as sorting and shelving materials).

- Eliminate Sunday hours, except for the Sanger Branch Library, which will maintain Sunday hours year-long.

- Reduction of the Materials budget (books, DVDs, videos, CDs, etc.).

- Reduction to Information Technology budget.

- Reduction in new furniture and equipment purchases.

- No pay increases for Exempt staff.

"We desperately wish that we would not have to make any cuts or changes, but these recommended reductions are necessary cost-saving measures in response to the significant slash to the Public Library Fund in the state budget," said Clyde Scoles, Library Director.

"As the revenue continues to decline in 2010, additional cost-saving measures will be instituted," added Scoles.

Both the Board and administration repeatedly thanked the hundreds of thousands of library patrons who were the

real heroes during the "Save Our Libraries" campaign and rallies when TLCPL and other public libraries across the state banded together to object to the Governor's initial proposal of a \$227 million reduction to the Public Library Fund.

"Although the recent state budget cuts are not as deep as initially proposed, it is still not a good story for our local system nor for Ohio public libraries. That's why we are so thankful to our supporters and patrons for their understanding during these difficult economic times," Scoles said.

Scoles added that he was overwhelmed by the media support locally and across the state. Editorials were written in full support of public libraries and against any cuts to library funding.

## Suzette R. Cowell Joins Lucas County Children Services Board

Special to The Truth

The Lucas County Commissioners have appointed Suzette R. Cowell to the Lucas County Children Services (LCCS) Board of Trustees. She will serve the remainder of the unexpired term of former LCCS board member Dr. David Krol, which runs through December 2010.

Cowell is the president, board treasurer and a founding member of the Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union (TUFCU). There, she has designed and implemented a variety of programs to improve the quality of life of Toledo's urban population. She has served on a number of area boards, including the Economic Opportunity Planning Associations of Greater Toledo, Woodlawn Historical Cemetery and the National Federation of Community Development Credit Unions. A foster



parent herself, Cowell has encouraged African-Americans in the Toledo area to become involved with foster care and adoption. A Toledo native, she attended The University of Toledo. LCCS board members are appointed by the Lucas County Commissioners and elect their own officers. For the 2009 calendar year, the

protection of children at risk of abuse and neglect. This is accomplished by working with families, service providers and community mem-

## Hip Talk is "Juice Talk" in Toledo

### Hip-Hop / R & B Public Affairs Show Celebrates Five Years on the Air

Special to The Truth

July 25, 2004 was a day that forever changed radio for hip-hop and R&B lovers in the Toledo area. On that date the first installment of Juice Talk took to the airwaves at WJUC, FM107.3, Swanton/Toledo. Now, more than 240 episodes later, the show marks its fifth year anniversary broadcast this weekend. This popular weekly call-in talk show is hosted by on-air radio personality and television political analyst Schylar Meadows.

Meadows describes the show: "We discuss the issues and concerns that matter to the Juice Listening Community." Subjects range from the serious, i.e., voter education, health issue awareness, and expert interviews, to the peculiar.

A guest once recanted a dream about his version of the end of the world, during which the studio lights and telephones mysteriously began to malfunction!

The Juice Talk concept was developed by WJUC's owner Charles Welch, and the late Billy Jo Smith, broadcast advertiser/co-founder of the Ebony Construction Company, Inc. The media veterans saw natural talent in Meadows, who had no prior broadcast experience. Her media career actually began as a volunteer (off air) for

WJUC and NOBMA (Northwest Ohio Black Media Association).

"To date, the youngest caller was nine years old and the oldest said they were 70ish" says Meadows with a smile. "When a consistent listener base develops extending beyond the natural station demographic, you

know the show is effective." The community is invited to join in celebrating this milestone by tuning in to the show, and weighing in on the issues!

**Juice Talk airs Sundays, 10:30 a.m., on WJUC, FM107.3. The fifth anniversary show will be broadcast on Sunday, July 26, 2009.**

## The mission of Lucas County Children Services is to lead the community in the protection of children at risk of abuse and neglect.

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chairman is Gordon Barry; vice chairman, Kenneth Roach and secretary, Dee Talmage.

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# Owens Community College Names New Student Government Officers for 2009-10 Academic Year

Special to The Truth



Aurelius (Chris) Taylor of Toledo and pre-nursing major Jessica Platz of Delta

Twenty-eight Owens Community College students were named to new Student Government leadership positions for the 2009-10 academic year. Each individual will serve a one-year term and represent the Owens student body as Student Government officers.

Owens business management major Aurelius (Chris) Taylor of Toledo and pre-nursing major Jessica Platz of Delta received the majority vote for President and Vice President, respectively.

"Owens Community College's Student Government has made great strides over the last several years, and as this year's Student Government President, I would like to put a smile on the face of students and offer additional student-focused opportunities," said Taylor. "One of my goals is to increase student involvement,

making Owens an even more active and exciting campus."

Other individuals elected to the College's Student Government include Aaron Auzins of Napoleon (Toledo At-Large Representative), accounting; Donney McMullin of Toledo (Toledo At-Large Representative), business management; Megan Finch of Perrysburg (Toledo At-Large Representative), registered nursing; Penny Patterson of Pemberville (Toledo Non-Traditional Representative), associate of arts, general concentration; Lorraine Makay of Toledo (Secretary), psychology; Hesbon Ombong of Toledo (Treasurer), mathematics; Heather Franks of Findlay (Findlay Non-Traditional Representative), radiography; Katie Zimmerly of

Findlay (Findlay At-Large Representative), pre-occupational therapy assistant;

Rachel Wismer of Toledo (Toledo At-Large Representative), communication art technology; Richard Bethel of Toledo (Toledo At-Large Representative), business management; Nikyle Fitzgerald of Toledo (Toledo At-Large Representative), pre-business administration; Harpreet Singh of Findlay (Historian), pre-professional engineering; Debra Morales of Toledo (Toledo At-Large Representative), social work; Sarah Burgess of Toledo (Toledo At-Large Representative), accounting; Dina Carrisalez of Holland (Toledo At-Large Representative), communication art technology; LaToya Young of Maumee (Toledo At-Large Representative), pre-physical therapist assistant; Marshall Sirmans of Rossford (Toledo At-Large Representative), criminal justice technology; Alisha Bell of Toledo

(Toledo At-Large Representative), pre-culinary arts certificate; Jennifer Brobst of Toledo (Toledo At-Large Representative), automotive technology; Patricia Zeigler of Toledo (Toledo At-Large Representative), psychology; Cindy Klinger of Toledo (Toledo At-Large Representative), business management; Shalisha Russell of Toledo (Toledo At-Large Representative), photography; Anthony Doherty of Toledo (Toledo At-Large Representative), occupational therapy assistant; Barb Brotzki

of Maumee (Toledo At-Large Representative), pre-business administration; Nicole Lance of Bowling Green (Toledo At-Large Representative), pre-business administration; and Rita Perkins of Toledo (Toledo At-Large Representative), medical office support.

The purpose of Owens' Student Government is to represent the student population on both the Toledo-area and Findlay-area campuses and engage in various social, political, academic and administrative initiatives that are in the

best interests of the College's growing and diverse student body.

In addition, Student Government acts as a liaison between the student body and the College administration, the overall Owens community, governmental representatives and organizations, and other individuals and organizations. The ultimate responsibility of Student Government is to address the needs, problems and concerns of the student body and to carefully listen to their suggestions.

## Poison

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environmental hazards, will African-Americans in Toledo have a voice in deciding how and where these funds will be spent? And who will receive contracts?

Shane Cartmill, spokesman for the State Fire Marshal's office, in consultation with the acting Fire Marshal and Assistant Director of the Ohio Department of Commerce indicates that Ohio will disburse the stimulus funds according to criteria for selecting specific sites as outlined in EPA document "EPA-510-R-09-003 "Guidance to Regions For Implementing the LUST Provisions Of The American Recovery And Reinvestment Act 2009" and depending on whether the selected sites scored highly based on contamination or pollution risks.

In other words, the

chances that Toledo's high poverty areas are addressed will depend upon if the suspected areas have been discovered, reported, analyzed and scored high priority. Cartmill also invites individuals to submit a recommended site or list of sites through the State's website (<http://www.recovery.ohio.gov>) for possible review. Not all sites obviously, will be addressed with this grant.

The City of Toledo's Mazur, meanwhile, plans to apply for funding to receive a portion of these funds to address underground storage tanks (USTs) in our community. "Let's assemble the team," Mazur states. "I'd like to get input from the CDCs and the nonprofit community in order to prioritize the sites that need more immediate attention," he adds.

Is it possible that the African-American community will get the short end of the stick or get dumped on while others escape once again? Perhaps. Yet it is imperative to still give voice to the ecological or environmental justice concerns of the poor and people of color. The cries must not go forth and soon after become muted as in the past, but must reach the legal or legislative decibel level needed to address the tragic consequences of our abandoned communities.

For too long the African-American pulpit in Toledo and our traditional local civil rights organizations have been absent from the policy formation process and "only approached by policymakers and politicians to be showcased and never participating as legitimate partners." These unequal power arrangements and interests have always left us disadvantaged.

Whether the community goes from abandonment to opportunity, develops a framework for progress or at least receives protection from a policy standpoint will depend upon whether we have the will to advocate for the diligent monitoring and systematic examination of the community for environmental health risks.

We will also need to begin to educate poor and marginalized families regarding the hazards they face from toxic poisons and to demand fair treatment and meaningful involvement in the development, implementation and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations and policies as stated in U.S. EPA's Guidance for Incorporating Environmental Justice. That's progress!



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## A Star Is Born: Nicole Raven Hits the Big City and the Bright Lights

By Fletcher Word  
Sojourner's Truth Editor



In June of 2008, Margaret O'Brien's Starbound NYC talent scouts stopped in Toledo and took in a show – Sheila Gibson's Positive Force Christian School of Dance's annual recital. There they discovered two Toledo youngsters whom they invited to come to Hollywood or New York to audition for managers and agents from all over the world.

Last week, 10-year-old Nicole Herndon – who has adopted the stage name of Nicole Raven (Raven is her middle name) – followed up on that offer and went to New York along with 4,000 other youngsters from around the country ranging in age from five to 18. It looks

like the young Toledoan may soon be heading to Los Angeles and stardom.

During her week in New York, Nicole participated in six events: TV Real People, Theatrical Headshots, Monologue, Cold Reading, Sitcom and Dancing.

In her dance category, Nicole finished first runner up among the 2,500 entrants. She was actually the top girl in the group.

In the theatrical headshots competition, Nicole finished as the first runner up among the 4,000 entrants. She also received a modeling award.

She was called back by no fewer than eight talents agencies, all of whom re-

quested tapes of her performances with an eye to representing her to their West Coast clients.

It was, all in all, a life-changing experience for both Nicole and her mother, Janette Herndon, in the first visit for both to New York.

"It was very hectic, very busy, exciting, overwhelming," said Janette Herndon. "It warmed my heart that everyone loved her dance. 'Your daughter was wonderful, she was beautiful, I've never seen someone so small dance so well,' they told me."

The trip to New York is an indication of just how far Nicole has traveled in her short life, but well before she undertook that journey, she had already come a long way.

Nicole was born prematurely and had a learning disability. She did not start talking until the age of four and then, at five, was diagnosed with diabetes.

"She went through a lot of trials and tribulations,"

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Star

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Janette Herndon told The Truth about a year ago. "She started school a year late because she had so much catching up to do. This kid has been through the wringer."

The Herndons moved to Toledo four years ago and Sheila Gibson's father,

Novarro Gibson, happened to meet them and noticed how much Nicole moved around. He suggested they contact his daughter and enroll the girl in dance school. Nicole has been a featured performer with the company for the last several years.

And, finally New York,

where the 4' 2" dynamo charmed over 400 agents and managers from around the country and from places as far away as China, Japan, Africa, Europe and South America.

In the next few weeks, Nicole will be taping her performances and forwarding

them to folks in Los Angeles. Then, presuming all goes well, she could be following the tapes shortly thereafter, along with her family - mother Janette, father Barry and sister Jade.

"I think the sky's the limit for her," said Janette after the pair had returned from the Big Apple this past weekend. "Whatever she wants to do, her dad and I will support her. So if she wants to go to California, we will go to California."

Much more work is ahead for the youngster. She will be expected to take vocal and tap dance lessons along with continuing her drama studies and ballet. She's positively bubbling over to take on that responsibility. She recalled her audition with a Broadway director last week who had her sing an impromptu tune and went away impressed with the girl's vocal ability.

Don't be surprised to turn on the television a year from now and see the up-and-coming star on Nickelodeon or in a Disney project. We'll keep you posted.



Team Raven: Sheila Gibson(r), Nicole, Janette Herndon



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**In the Studio with Michael Jackson by Bruce Swedien, forewords by Quincy Jones and Rod Temperton**

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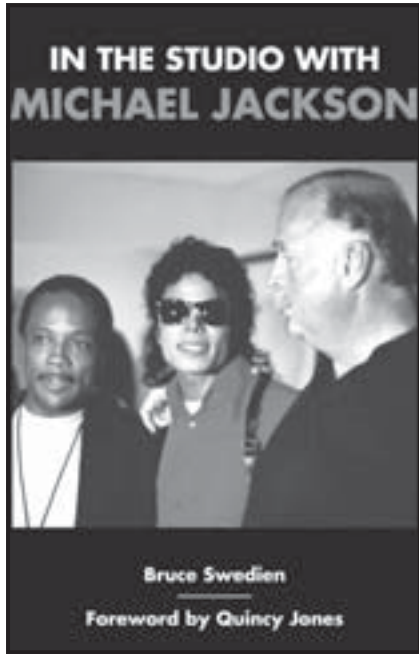
By Terri Schlichenmeyer  
The Truth Contributor

You know it by the first five notes.

Within three seconds of hearing that beat, you know you're listening to "Billy Jean" or "Thriller." There's no doubt "Off the Wall" has started or "Beat It" will make you want to dance.

And there's no doubt that Michael Jackson had talent. But while he sang those songs and made up those moves, he didn't do those million-selling albums by himself. In the new book *In the Studio with Michael Jackson* by Bruce Swedien, you'll find out how those blockbusters happened and who was involved.

Studio engineer Bruce Swedien met Quincy Jones in 1959 and he considered Jones as a brother. So when Q called Swedien one Sunday in 1977 and asked if he'd like to go to New York to work on a musical, Swedien jumped at the chance.



It turned out to be a career-altering decision.

The movie Jones was working on was *The Wiz*, starring Michael Jackson, Diana Ross and others. Swedien's work there began a long-time friendship and eventual partnership with Michael Jackson, whose music Swedien recorded and enhanced.

Swedien recalls, for instance, working on *Off the Wall*, which he believes was Michael Jackson's first grown-up album.

"Michael is always totally prepared!" enthuses Swedien. (Note: because this book was penned before Jackson's death, everything is written in the present tense).

Swedien answers fans' questions (the sob at the end of "She's Out of My Life") was an accident-on-purpose and he gives insights (Jackson always said "please" and "thank you").

Swedien also writes about the technical aspects of recording with Michael Jackson, including his brainstorm of putting microphones around a wooden platform on which Jackson would dance, thus recording taps, snaps, and sounds that made every Michael Jackson song so memorable.

Let me start out by saying that, despite the scattershot way in which this book is presented, I liked it.

I liked it a lot. But I had issues with it, too.

First of all, despite the title of this book, much of it is about author Bruce Swedien: his methods, praise from pals, kudos from people who learned from him, his studio equipment, his discographies, and so on. This is all quite interesting (particularly if you're a sound engineer), but it doesn't totally match

the title and it's probably not what readers will be looking for when buying this book.

Secondly, while the first half of *In the Studio with Michael Jackson* has some wonderful stories and delightful little memories of working with The King of Pop, the latter half of this book is often identical (sometimes word-for-word) to the first half.

Lastly, while Swedien's writing is sweet in a star-struck-fan sort of way, I found the! overabundance! of exclamation points! to be!! extremely! distracting!!

And now that I've ranted, let me say this: if you're devouring every smidgen of Michael Jackson information you can find, you must get *In the Studio with Michael Jackson*, too, because it's a peek you won't get anywhere else. For you, this book is definitely worth noting.

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## The Go Clean Family Fest – Hosted by Drugs Bring Death

By Vickie Shurelds  
Sojourner's Truth Reporter

**Drugs Bring Death: Spiritually, Emotionally, and Physically.** "But, there's so much more to life!"

Jesse Lowe II was in action once again following a predestined path that leads to helping people get their lives back on track. Sunday afternoon, Lincoln Park in Lima was the host site for the inaugural "Go Clean Family Fest."

Drugs Bring Death worked its cooperative magic once again to bring together positive groups from around the city for this free event that was open to the public. Booths with valuable information on how to pull your life together were in place, as well as lots and lots of activities for children.

"It's a free family event," said Lowe. "There are a lot of people who can't afford anymore to take their family out for a full afternoon of fun. Gas prices, feed-

ing everyone and finding something to do that everyone will enjoy that's affordable in this time in history is a challenge. Well, we're here to help families meet that challenge – at least for today."

Lowe and members of the organization had organized this event to encourage fathers in particular to spend time with their kids.

"I'm a working dad myself, and especially since this organization has come into my life, I have to remind myself to make sure the message we are giving is the same message we are living: spend time with your kids, spend time with your wife or significant other, together you have strength to battle a lot of the problems that people are facing," he said.

Lowe works two jobs, heads Drugs Bring Death, and is for the first time, running for political office. He has tossed his hat in the ring to represent the First

Ward on Lima City Council.

The Family Fest brought together the diverse population that can be witnessed throughout Lima. Neighbors sat together, ate together and laughed together. The firemen opened up their firehouse to allow access for public inspection.

The sheriff's department brought out the children's favorite unit: the Mounted Deputies. The horses that serve this unit always get a lot of attention from both the youngsters and the adults.

The free food was the result of several organizations pitching in to be a part of the event. The entertainment was also a volunteer effort.

"As soon as the word started leaking out about this event, I started getting calls from local entertainers who wanted to be a part of the day," said Lowe. "Our message is reaching the

people. We've got a lot of support, because drug use, abuse and misuse has brought a lot of pain to a lot of families, and people need to hear how this can change." Lowe has been the invited speaker for a number of events but, more importantly, other cities and states have taken up the battle cry: Drugs Bring Death. Units similar to the one in Lima are starting in several states, and the local group goes to meet them and gives them the current structure and tips to make their organization a viable part of their own communities.

Lowe is quick to point out: "This isn't the only answer. It's one of the ways we can help put people back on track. Giving them guidance on getting clean, staying clean, then helping them find employment so they can help themselves and help their families. It takes a lot of

Courtesy Richard Harris



Courtesy Richard Harris



community, to families until everyone gets the message and drugs are no longer such a strong part of the community," said Lowe. "We want to be everywhere so people don't forget – we're here for you – for you and your family. We're on billboards, facebook, myspace and other social networking places.

"Drugsbringdeath.us is another resource for people. We want to be accessible when we are needed. Our website gives the locations of our targeted areas and what is being done in regards to rehabilitation efforts, our job finding efforts and more. People who are immersed in the world of drugs sometimes feel as though they are out there on their own without a safety net, and without someone to talk to without judgment. When they feel like they might fall, or they are done and want out of their situation whenever that happens – we've got to be there for them; they can connect with us at a time when they need us to be there. I don't want them to have to track us down; I want them to know we're here. We want to understand, and we want to help them get what they need to survive and take back their lives."

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support to pull someone back from drugs. Drugs can take the soul. It's hard work to get that back."

It was obvious a concerted effort had been made to demonstrate how much life has to offer when you're clean. Families enjoyed playing volleyball, spending time with friends and neighbors and watching the kids play outside.

"You don't see that much any more," said Aggie Moore who came to the park to take in some live entertainment. "Kids don't play much outside, they're all into those videogames and only their thumbs get a work out! This is nice. This brings back childhood memories for me. This is a nice event."

Rounding out the program was entertainment featuring a variety of tastes.

The Kidz Drama Klub from Grand Lake Theatrical Community Theatre in St. Marys excited audiences with their enthusiasm, talent and impressive rendition of Michael Jackson's "Thriller". The group members are between the ages of five and 18.

The Lima Police Department's Band SYREN is a community favorite. The band gives law enforcement officers an opportunity to show a different side of their lives to the public, and to share one of their hobbies with kids. Rock and metal bands, mime ministries, puppet ministries and more provided four solid hours of entertainment for everyone in attendance.

"We'll continue to hold events like this, and we will keep reaching out to the com-

## Bash At the Bay Weekend 2009

By Michael Hayes  
Minister of Culture



### FRIDAY

T.J., Hutch and D.J. Big Lou The Mayor held it down at Hot Peppers for the Jackie O party so downtown Toledo had it poppin.

Then heading to the northwest side of town to Twisted Lizard, the Ohio Hip Hop Awards Showcase went ham n cheeze! (thats my new ish, goin ham is so six months ago...).

Notable artists from all over the state took the stage as D.J. Lyte N Rod held it down on the 1's and 2's. One of the performances I caught was Cy Harp, and his posters were all over the place. Any label with a budget and manpower to do a product drop near the tens of thousands range, this was the weekend to do it.

I saw a few other performers from out of town but didn't catch their names.

U.G.E.'s T. Diamond and Thee Untouchable (along with Dante) were out with me and we just wanted to take it all in.

We saw those twin Dodge Magnums wrapped in Lo Fat promo designs, but never saw dude rock. Kept missing him all weekend but I wanted to see him perform.

Friday at Twisted Lizard, Embrace Ent artists were out... and we left bumpin that B. Wills mixtape hosted by D.J. Big Lou The Mayor.

### SATURDAY

The next day was the Bash At The Bay Car & Bike Show in Promenade Park.

It took a minute to get started but once underway it was a complete success.

Only twice in my humble life have I seen a Maseratti Quattroporte on the street out in public and that day was one of 'em. The Hummers, the old schools, one or two donks, a little of everything was out that day.

The Please Believe Me Girls did their thang, helpin the whole atmosphere keep the sexy alive. I mean soon as you walked into the park they were all around. As if that wasn't enough eye candy, Strapped Magazine had its own promotional team of models. So if you weren't there, you missed

out on about

Five or six dozen of the finest women you have seen all summer just walking around.

Those Strapped Magazine girls were friendly, quick to chop it up with dudes from the T.

Big P.I. from Hustlehand Ent. performed. My label U.G.E. had to recover from a slip-up but Aye Dee and Darron Scott performed. Huey (remember "Pop Lock & Drop It" from a couple years ago, still goes hard in the club!)—he was out there.

Overall it was a great day and the first every urban car show right in the heart of downtown on the bank of the Maumee River.

\*\*\*\*I love when my city feels alive with activity like this.

I mean you had baseball games, you had dragon boat races, you had the Jehovah

Witness conference in town PLUS all this Bash At The Bay stuff.

See, the hater mentality would say 'who wanna see all that different stuff goin on, this is aint nothin but Toledo'. But them real peeps see my point.

If our city is to become anything greater than what it is, we have to have more weekends with so much buzz, so much energy, so much to do for so many different walks of life.

Thats what makes life in other cities the very thing Toledoans envy...so why not support when it does happen here!

Anyway tho, Hutch Daddy wasn't done yet because Saturday Night was the Tank concert at The Omni. Okay, I wasn't at that either... but I heard about it and I heard good things.

The next day though,

Bash At The Bay 2009 was by far the greatest attendance by my estimation. I could be wrong, but last year it took until about 4 p.m. for the crowd to swell over one thousand strong and then it ballooned.

This year there seemed to be just about one thousand people already seated by 2 p.m.

Sound continues to be an issue for this event however.

But I'm not going to blame the person, because I think the man responsible is skilled at what he does but the technical difficulties presented by the equipment proved to be a problem for the entire day.

Mz. Nicky from Cincinnati went on right before us and her show was great.

A female rapper, she spit lyrics that were club-ready but rough all at once and her show was well thought out

entire right hand side of the system.

Out of town artists Kalyko and D Rob got down for theirs.

I think the first major moment I witnessed was the Tracy/Flip n Flex portion of the show where Magic Juan, 2 Way and Young Chuck all gave amazing performances that the crowd passionately responded to.

S Jay Rush gave a good performance as well and had the crowd singing his hit "I Aint Even Mad." I'm not sure if Jay Rush can still be considered local because I'm told he does so much nationally, but I know he's from here so that's a good look.

Shirts promoting his single were everywhere (our "Haterz Get Mad" shirts for T. Diamond order was postponed, but we will have them) and he just proved that he was seasoned in this music

Ohio Hip Hop Award Nominee (and Toledo household name) Cuntry was all set to perform "Look At Me" and "Ay Yi Yi" but the demons in the sound system attacked his portion of the show the hardest.

Somehow he still was able to connect with the audience, dude is good!

Our crew respects him and ww were looking forward to see him rock but the love from the audience was still there even with the technical difficulties.

Grand Hustle artist and southern rap mixtape kingpin, D.J. Drama brought his artist La The Darkman to bless the Bash At The Bay Stage.

Huey also had a good set that reminded you he might have some staying power in this game, definitely trying to escape that one-hit-wonder tag that plagues rappers who make it big off one single.

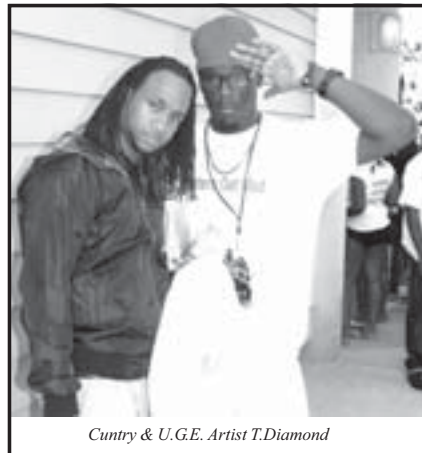
Cleveland's Britni Elise is another act who might as well be considered major because she has super producers behind her and she has major market radio play. Her show was great!

She sang the beginning of Mariah Carey's "Vision Of Love" and tried to get the crowd into it, but it kind of fell flat. Not for lack of trying, people all day had been trying to get the Toledo crowd into it.

When we got up, it was just under one thousand people.

By this time the acts performing closer to the head-

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Cuntry & U.G.E. Artist T. Diamond

with signage, multiple hypemen and choreography.

We had a very early slot so as usual, we are up there as all the bugs are being worked out with the sound but U.G.E.'s T. Diamond debuted his Diamond Girl entourage (shouts to the Diamond Girls) and had Aye Dee rock with him on his set.

We hope it went over well because we worked hard on it.

The sound at one point just stopped working on the

thing by controlling the crowd.

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## Bash At the Bay

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Lyfe Jennings

liner enjoyed an amazing sight of what had to be nearly 4,000 urban music lovers filling the stands/ hillside at Maumee Bay State Park amphitheatre.

So it wasn't for lack of people, but maybe they couldn't feel her Mariah Carey reference.

But they certainly felt it when her single "Satisfied" came through the speakers.

Her show was worth the wait and I was satisfied fa sho!

All week we had been preparing for our half of the show but I really wanted to see some of my hometown peeps rep, and I wanted to see Britni

Elise, Cheri Dennis and Lyfe Jennings especially.

I have been a Cheri Dennis fan since "Incomplete" (the original one without Diddy's rap). I have always loved her voice, then the Ryan Leslie joint "I Love You" came out a couple years ago and I was hooked. Peeps don't even know that in a few of those seasons of Diddy and M.T.V.'s Making The Band, at the beginning of each episode..that "Oooh..La La La" you were rocking to that you thought was the girl group Danity Kane as it was being made, nope..that was really Cheri Dennis.

She is now a Toledo resident but a Cleveland native.

I tried to interview her last year it didn't go down, but it's all love.

I'm still a fan. Lyfe Jennings, the multi-platinum Toledo-born soul singer... didn't perform either.

Time management and just normal event planning proved to undermine most of our hopes of seeing the two acts we were all waiting on.

It's a delicate balance. You don't want to start an event until you have enough people there to really make the event what it

was supposed to be.

But the later you wait, the clock keeps ticking down.

Deputy Sheriff says 7:30 p.m. is when it all has to end, regardless of who hasn't performed yet so Hutch and his organizers must comply.

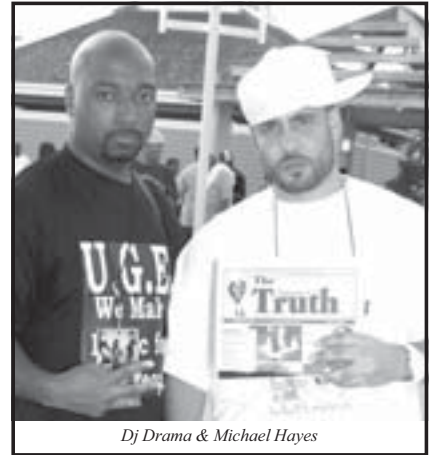
There were after-parties at Omni, Eclipse and Hot Peppers.

All in all, this weekend was a total success.

People behaved themselves.

Hutch... I don't care what people say, bro, you have brought a truly original event to this area and you support local talent without you even being local yourself.

It says a lot, and you need



Dj Drama & Michael Hayes



Britni Elise

ing-est dude ever...that boy be everywhere!)

Shouts to Icee B. Johnson (maybe you do still love us...a little..LOL)

And to our team. U.G.E. - we had a good weekend, right? Tired but back to the grind. Darron Scott (helpin out on all ends, thanks), Aye Dee, Thee Untouchable,

T Lynn and close friend of the crew Na'Reze Denise, The Diamond Girls,

T. Diamond (u ready dude, even if they aren't), Leigh Ashley (the leading lady) and my partner in grind... Adonis (shouts to T. Rist and Domo Phreek).

Oh yea ... shouts to my lil niece, Ava Jayleigh Lynn, who celebrated turning one this past weekend. Okay ... HOT PEPPERS THIS FRIDAY LADIES FREE GUYS \$10...

back to the grind people!

glasscitytruth@yahoo.com - facebook search me or email me.



William Lucas  
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to know we all appreciate it, fam.

Speaking of appreciation, let me shout out everyone whom I saw this weekend and give SPECIAL recognition to those who always look out for me or U.G.E. in some way... know that our whole team appreciates the support.

Shouts to Chief, Cuntry, B. Wills (hot mixtape dude!).

Shouts to D.J. Lyte N Rod (thanks for the knowledge, bro ..always) Shouts to D.J. Big Lou The Mayor and D.J. Kausion (Both of y'all always look out for our crew ... share ya wisdom and just extend that real humble helping hand, it's much appreciated). Shouts to D.J. Wreckless, D.J. Dow Jones, T.J., Kahla Neal, Embrace, D.J. Mpress (u know we got respect for u bro), D.J. Scott Smoove (\$1 Wednesdays @ Jalepeno's people, get up in there!), Kameron Kyser, Gutta Dave, D.J. Reese Wormely (y'all bro's already know...)

LOL - can't wait til the plans unfold) - Gutta...words of wisdom meant alot.

Shouts to Spade, Big P.I., Tracy.

Shouts to Lil D, E.B.,



Jive Recording Artist Huey



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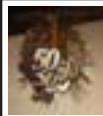
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# Ian English Fundraiser at The Melting Pot

*Sojourner's Truth Staff*

Lucas County Assistant Prosecutor Ian English, a candidate for judge on Municipal Court who is endorsed by the Democratic Party, held a fundraiser on Monday at the Melting Pot restaurant. In attendance were dozens of colleagues – local attorneys and judges – offering their support for English's candidacy.

"I have the experience, I have the judicial temperament," English told his appreciative audience.

"A judge needs to have compassion – for the accused and the victims," he said.

English has been with the Prosecutor's Office for eight years. A Toledo native, he graduated from Macomber High School where he stud-



ate and law degrees from The University of Toledo.

Monday's very successful fundraiser will allow English to now start planning his television ad campaign. His other costs are covered as a result of his campaign's previous efforts.



*Vallie Bowman English and Judge Denise Cubbon*

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ied auto mechanics. His long-time desire to become a lawyer appeared to be stymied by the low expectations he had of himself during his formative years. No one in his family had ever attended college.

He was encouraged to pursue his education by an older brother-in-law and then earned both his undergradu-



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