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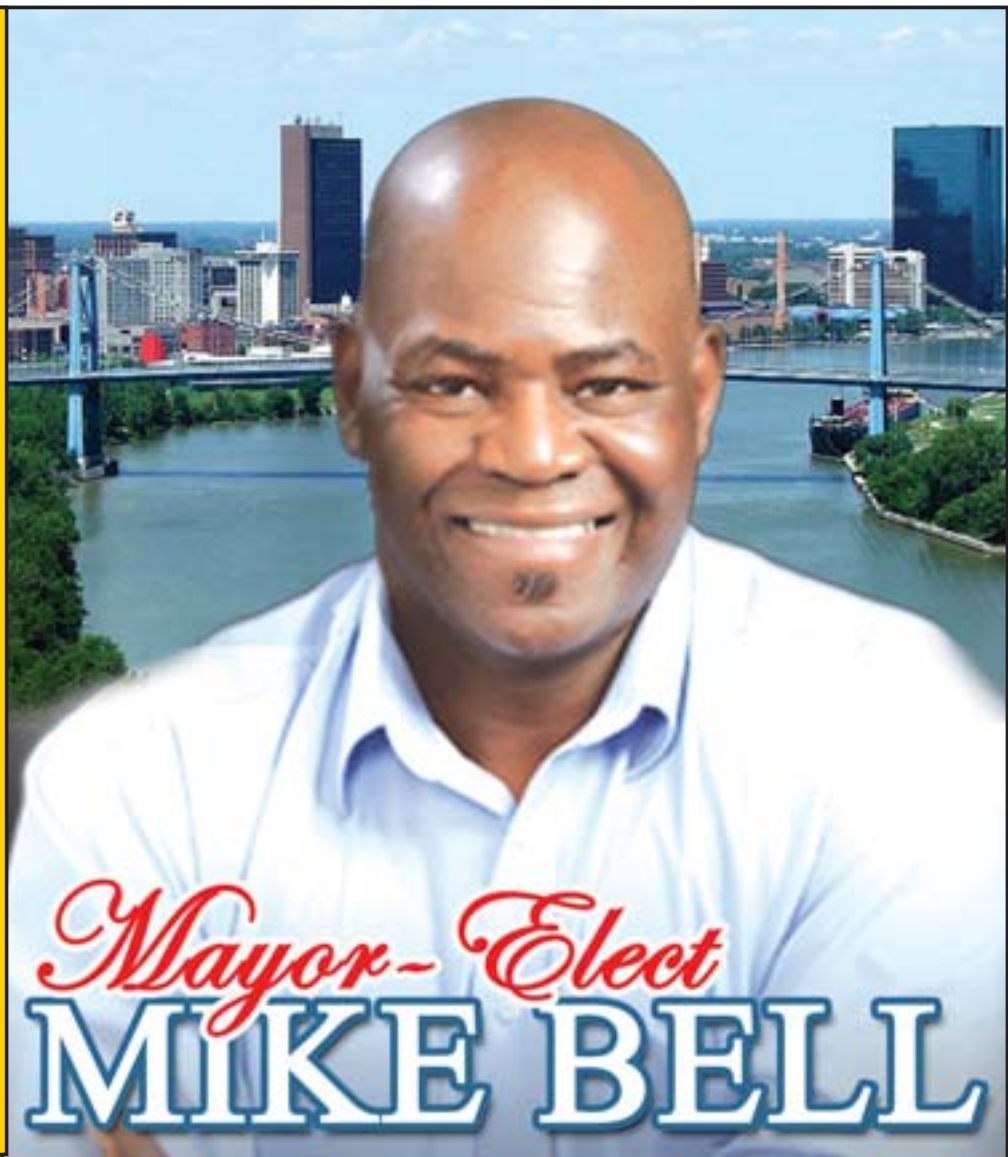
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This Strikes Us ...

A Sojourner's Truth Editorial

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed it is the only thing that ever has." Margaret Mead

That's a lesson for elected officials charged with leading their constituents. It's a philosophy that those campaigning for office ignore at their peril, particularly those who campaign on a platform for change.

Take, for example, our president, Barack Obama. To the extent that his first year in office has been a bit of a bumpy ride, certainly one reason for the unevenness is the conflict between his strategy of trying to bring about change and his stated philosophy of bringing everyone together in the decision-making process.

Obama campaigned on a platform of change – health care, the economy, foreign policy such as lifting sanctions on Cuba, seeking rapprochement with regimes such as Iran – and, to his credit, he has been plugging along during his first year trying to make a number of those things happen.

His health care initiative has been forged with the notion of getting as much Republican help as possible. The only problem is – the Republicans don't want to help and never will.

The Obama folks are in a quandary trying to decide whether it is more important to have a strong bill that really covers as many folks as possible with the maximum amount of protection or to have a bill that just inches up the scale and has enough loopholes to give the big insurers protection – the type of bill that a few Republicans and some conservative Democrats could embrace.

Forgotten in this "big tent" approach are the lessons that history gives us, as noted in Margaret Mead's famous quote, that the world changes as a result of the actions of a few thoughtful citizens. We need look no further than the American Civil Rights Movement for validation of that idea.

The handful of preachers and their allies did not have the luxury of reaching out to northern or southern elected officials, the mainstream press or the big corporations in their push to put an end to legal segregation. Most courts were unsympathetic, most law enforcement officials were antipathetic.

And, as Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. noted in his correspondence from his Birmingham jail cell, even many of those who should have been on the protestors' side, those who would benefit from the freedom fighters' actions, were opposed to the struggle or, at least, the way the struggle was being conducted.

Now comes our own newly elected mayor, Mike Bell. We believe that Bell has all the makings of a very good mayor, even in these trying times. He brings a wealth of appropriate experience, as well as, a wellspring of good feelings, to the job.

But here is the dilemma for the incoming mayor.

Bell campaigned on a platform stressing his commitment to a strategy of change and his philosophy of bringing everyone under the tent in the decision-making process. We want to remind the mayor-elect that change, real change, requires bold, decisive action and bold, decisive action does not emanate from under the big tent.

What happens under the big tent is compromise and an embrace of the status quo ... a drift to the middle.

There are some huge challenges for the next mayor of the nation's eighth poorest city, chief among them balancing a budget and creating an atmosphere in which jobs creation can be facilitated. Balancing the budget will make it necessary to take a hard look at the expense side of the ledger and that will mean challenging – if we really want change – the assumptions that union benefits are untouchable or cannot be re-negotiated.

Real change means that we have to take a look at restructuring city government to reflect the realities of a shrinking population and tax base.

Real change means that we have to reach out for new types of businesses, not just the standard manufacturing industries that have been so much of our past.

Real change means that the educational deficiencies that plague this city and prevent us from competing for those new types of industries must be faced head on and comprehensively.

The starting point for the Harlem Children's Zone is the womb. Geoffrey Canada's Harlem Children's Zone has created a network of programs that reach almost every child in a 97 block area of Harlem that begin before birth and end with college education. It's a program that Obama wants to place into 20 cities. It's change you can believe in.

Or, we can encourage a few partnerships to raise test scores a little in a few schools. That's the sort of idea that will come from under the big tent.

Community Calendar

November 13

Beulah Baptist Choir Musical Service: 7 pm: 419-283-1028
West Kinship Club: Sponsored by the Area Office on Aging; Sylvania Senior Center; Noon: 419-382-7060

November 13-15

Indiana Avenue MBC Annual Men's Day Activities: Friday from 4 to 7 pm – Fish Fry, men's clothing giveaway, Fellowship Hall; Saturday 9 am – breakfast, 11:15 am guest speaker from Northwest Ohio Kidney Foundation; Sunday 11 am service with Dea. William Harris of Cleveland, 5 pm service with the All Male Chorus Musical: 419-320-0919

November 14

Pilgrim Church Angel Food Distribution: 8:30 to 10:30 am: 419-478-6012
West Toledo Bereavement Support Ministry: Bethlehem Baptist Church; "Blessed Are they That Mourn; For They Shall Be Comforted;" 10 am: 419-867-2122 or westtoledobereavement@email.toast.net

November 15

St. Paul MBC: Ordination service for Bro. Darryl Reed; Acknowledgement of Sis. Augustine Abbott as a deaconess; Guests are The Gethesemane Christian Discipleship Church

Beulah Baptist Choir Anniversary: Guest preacher Rev. Marvin Crittenden from Refuge Holy Tabernacle; 4 pm: 419-283-1028

Tree of Life Memorial Program: Phillips Temple CME; 4 pm; Guest speaker Min Darrin McCormick: 419-243-7906

November 18

South Kinship Club and Newgiver Welcome: Sponsored by the Area Office on Aging; Hunt Senior Center; 5:30 pm: 419-382-7060

November 20

Third Baptist Church Community Outreach Concert: "Music: A Feast for the Soul;" 7 pm; Rebecca Eady, Monique Young, Jennifer Wenzel, Errin Brooks, Franklin Brewer and Greg Ashe – solos and in small ensembles; Bernstein, Mozart, Gershwin, Weill, among others: 419-494-9745 or 313-718-9653

November 20-21

Dance Auditions for Toledo's Best Dance Crew: Collingwood Arts Center; Friday 5 to 8 pm; Saturday Noon to 6 pm; Ages six to 13, ages 14-19: 419-244-ARTS

November 21

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

3rd Annual "Well Watered Women of Faith" Program: "Oasis of Hope;" Trulight Cathedral Global Ministries; Noon to 3 pm; Tamaron Country Club; Speaker Evang. Natalie Caldwell and Psalmist Dorethea Nemeth: 419-870-6026 or 419-344-7673

November 22

Music for the Soul: Musical celebration hosted by the Naomi Ministry of Tabernacle of Praise Christian Church; 5 pm: 419-794-8671

November 26

Thanksgiving!!

November 28

Maumee Bay's NANBPWC, Inc: Holiday Bazaar and Rummage Sale;" 10 am to 4 pm; Westside Community Church; Vendor opportunities available: 419-841-3318

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Bell, Hill, Martinez Surprise; Casino Issue Wins

By Fletcher Word
Sojourner's Truth Editor

Defying the odds, running on much less money than his opponent, eschewing tradi-

tional party ties, independent mayoral candidate Mike Bell, former Toledo Fire Chief, won

his first bid for elected office decisively over Democratic opponent Keith Wilkowski—52.3

percent to 47.7 percent.

Mayor-elect Bell, who had resigned his Ohio State Fire Marshal post to return to his hometown and enter the race, conducted a campaign based on promises of bringing people together, forming coalitions and ending politics-as-usual.

A popular fire chief during his 16-year tenure, Bell entered the race in the spring riding a wave of good feelings and, despite the handicaps of lack of money and party support, ended on top on Election Night.

Wilkowski and Bell had finished one-two in the September primary.

In the race for Toledo City Council, five of the top six vote-getters in the September 15 primary pushed through in the general election. However, Democrat Adam Martinez, also making his first run for elected office, edged past the primary's sixth-place finisher, Polly Taylor Gerken, to gain an at-large seat. For Gerken, the circumstances of this loss was a repeat of history. She had finished sixth in the at-large council primary in 1997 only to be eventually overtaken in the general election by primary seventh-place finisher Luis Escobar.

Democrat Joe McNamara, president of City Council, garnered the most votes in the council contest, followed by Republican incumbent George Sarantou; Republican Rob Ludeman, former president of council; incumbent Democrat Phillip Copeland and Steve Steel, former president of the Toledo Board of Education and a Democrat who was appointed to council earlier in the year.

The big surprise on the Toledo Board of Education was the second-place finish for Democrat Brenda Hill, a retired teacher who was appointed to the Board to replace Steel. Hill, endorsed by both the Democratic Party and the Toledo Federation of Teachers was also making her first political run.

In first place in the Board contest was Democrat Robert Vasquez, current president of the Board, for whom the third time proved a charm. Vasquez, who was also appointed to the Board to complete the term for former Board member Robert Torres, had run for elected office twice before, unsuccessfully.

And Larry Sykes is back! The former school board member who declined to run for

election several years ago, finished in third place edging his former nemesis, incumbent Darlene Fisher, who lost her bid for re-election.

Sykes, a 10-year member of the board, and Fisher, a member of the Urban Coalition, a TPS watchdog group, clashed repeatedly during the two years they served together on the school board.

In the sole judge's race on the ballot, long-time Lucas County prosecutor Ian English, a Democrat, lost to Wood County prosecutor, Republican Bill Connelly, Jr.

All of the issues on the ballot won—the three state issues and the local Area Office on Aging replacement levy.

The issue that drew the most attention – Issue #, the casino issue – received a 53.1 percent approval from Ohio voters. The constitutional amendment will bring casinos to Ohio's four largest cities—Columbus, Cleveland, Cincinnati and Toledo.

The Toledo casino is expected to add 3,000 to 4,000 permanent jobs to the local economy in addition to 4,000 to 5,000 temporary construction jobs.

Reconnecting the Disconnected

By Rev. Donald L. Perryman, D.Min.
The Truth Contributor



that Bell received 60 percent of the African American vote which means that a sizable number, 40 percent, did not vote for him and that a higher percentage of blacks in the poorer inner city wards tended to vote for the mayor-elect than in the outlying areas.

What does this mean?

The point is not so much (as discussed extensively on local blogs) that the voting patterns indicate a racial divide between whites and blacks in Toledo – of course there is. But equally or more disturbing is the growing separation within the African-American community which threatens its collective voice and lessens its political power.

A new social class—many of whom are unemployed or unskilled, uneducated and hopelessly trapped in poverty – has emerged that unlike previous generations does not aspire to climb the class ladder to achieve a higher standing. This group, according to scholars, is growing faster than that of African-Americans who have been able to achieve some measure of economic success.

Too often, the underclass is viewed, M.K. Asante, Jr. points out, as in the comedy of Chris Rock who asks, "Who's more racist? Black people or white people?" He answers, "Black people. Because we hate black people too. Everything white people don't like about black people, black people really don't like about black people."

Rock goes on to say, "I love black people, but I hate n###s. There's a civil war being waged: There's black people, and there's n###s and n###s have got to go."

As this group of mostly black urban poor faces the disappearing prospects for an improved life they are increasingly cut off from the rest of society and institutions as many in the black middle and upper classes have abandoned the notion of community interrelatedness in order to look out for their own interests.

Amid the recent economic, educational, health and wealth setbacks in the community and the numerous calls for black unity, the ques-

tion becomes will there ever be a return to African-American solidarity?

The reality is that times are different in the 21st Century and the golden age of black unity has passed. Mayor-elect Bell, while known as a uniter, will have his hands full unifying the dysfunctional local Democratic and Republican parties as well as the tall task of mediating large, diverse interests in an era of economic scarcity and uncertainty.

What is certain, however, is that conflicting black political and personal agendas will need to be set aside if we are to avoid the "further dismantling of black people's power by those whose allegiance to political ideology supersedes a commitment to protect the most vulnerable in society."

It is principally African-Americans who live in poverty, have the highest mortality rates, are jobless, homeless, and physically and mentally ill. One in four of our children do not have a father present in the home. Our youth have the highest suicide and homicide rates, are not being adequately educated and are those most harshly affected by urban poverty.

While individuals bear the bulk of the responsibility for how they live their lives despite the obstacles faced and the amount of resources they lack, in the end a disconnected African-American community hurts those both at the upper and lower rungs of the socioeconomic ladder.

The overwhelming challenges faced by all of us today demand a coordinated, grassroots approach therefore we must be about the business of becoming a connected people by uplifting ourselves and not "about the business of destroying ourselves."

Some final lessons: No man, woman or child is an island. We are our brother's (and sister's) keeper. I am because we are. The poverty and problems that affect one of us directly, also affects all of us indirectly.

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There are several lessons to be learned in the aftermath of our local municipal elections held on November 3, 2009. Some of those that come quickly to mind are:

- 1 It pays to come out of your shirt, tie and dockers and get down and dirty in order to identify with everyday grassroots core Toledoans.
- 2 Bullet votes are an effective equalizer and awesome weapon for the under-represented.
- 3 Sometimes there is no rhyme or reason to explain certain results.
- 4 It is possible for a candidate to be defeated not because he or she is not good enough but because "their engine is too large for the transmission."
- 5 There are perils to playing "not to lose," "prevent defense," not to offend or play it safe. (to use Bell-ese or a football analogy)
- 6 Never count out the ability of an ailing, aging superstar to come off the bench at crunch time to lead his or her team to victory one more time.

However, the most vivid lesson brought to light by the elections is that there exists a widening chasm of disconnectedness within the African-American community that could make it increasingly difficult for the community to come together in mutual support for future common undertakings.

In the traditional African-American wards, more blacks, by margins ranging from 10 to 17 percent, voted for Keith Wilkowski in the 2009 general election than for Carty Finkbeiner in 2005 and by equal corresponding margins fewer blacks voted for Mike Bell than previously for Jack Ford.

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Mayor-Elect Mike Bell Plans to Be a Leader for All Toledoans

By Fletcher Word
Sojourner's Truth Editor

In late March 2009, Ohio State Fire Marshal Mike Bell tendered his resignation, effective April 10, in order to return to Toledo and make his first run for elected office.

Seven months later, after winning the race for mayor against his long-time friend, Democrat Keith Wilkowski, Mayor-elect Bell is faced with the task of making the transition from campaigning to governing. That transition will test the incoming mayor and what he called the primary task of his administration back in March.

"Communication is the key," Bell told The Truth back then. "Being able to communicate is vital if we are going to be a business-friendly city and region, if we are going to grow jobs and stabilize the economy."

Last week, as he analyzed the keys to his victory, Bell said he had been successful in communicating at least during the campaign phase.

"People like me; I carried a pretty good message," he

said during a day-after chat with The Truth in his campaign office.

That analysis was confirmed by Weldon Douthitt, longtime Democratic Party operative, who signed on to the Bell campaign.

"The key on the ground was getting Mike's message to people – to churches, to ministers," said Douthitt. He also spoke of the challenges the campaign had had to overcome, particularly in the African-American community.

"The Republican myth was a hard nut to crack," said Douthitt of the Democratic Party's linkage of Bell, when he was the Toledo Fire Chief, to former President George W. Bush. As Ohio's top security manager in the post 9/11 days, said Douthitt, Bell was naturally in contact with the president of the United States. It was a label that had to be overcome in 2009.

The other big challenge for the Bell camp, said Douthitt, was the impression



created by the Wilkowski campaign that he had brought candidate Barack Obama to Ohio. Wilkowski was the founder of the Toledoans for Obama movement in early 2007.

"Wilkowski did not bring Obama to Toledo," said Douthitt. "We had to overcome that perception and that the African-American community would vote for Wilkowski because of that."

For Bell, who did not have either the money or the organization to match his oppo-

the message out."

Now, of course, it's time for the candidate to turn his attention to governing. He said that he plans to get together with some of his close advisors from the campaign – Douthitt; John Irish, a Democratic Party operative; Joe Walter, former safety director – and start putting a transition team in place. At the present time, he and his advisors have not identified any future members of his administration, said Bell.

Once he assumes office in January 2010, Bell said his first task will be to "sit down with [city] employees and let them know what the expectations are."

Then he will reach out to the business community "to

eliminate hurdles to becoming competitive."

And, of course, he wants to get a handle on the budget.

Long-term, Bell said that his major priority will be to develop partnerships within the four-county region in order "to prepare shovel-ready sites" for development.

But, above all, as Bell, and then Douthitt, reflected on the victory and the job ahead, the theme returned to working together with as many people as possible.

"Mike wants to work in a unified manner," said Douthitt. "Mike Bell will be a mayor for all of Toledo, not just the Democrats or the Republicans or the independents. He will be a mayor for all of us."

Adam Martinez: Council Newcomer Ready to Start Plugging His Ideas

Sojourner's Truth Staff



Toledo City Councilman-elect Adam Martinez's great grandfather helped build Toledo's railroads. So when Martinez announced his candidacy for Council last spring he did so, fittingly enough, in the MLK Amtrak Station, promising to be "pro-business, pro neighborhoods, pro Toledo."

Now, after finishing sixth in last week's November general election and climbing past the primary's sixth-place finisher Polly Taylor Gerken, Martinez, a Democrat, is poised to take elected office for the first time and start working on those parts of his platform that helped propel him into office.

So how did he manage to snatch victory from the jaws of defeat? After all,

Martinez finished more than 1,700 votes behind Gerken in the primary, yet topped her by more than 1,300 in the general. To do so, he had to overcome the obscurity that often accompanies a first-time candidate.

Gerken, on the other hand, had run for office before – only to fall victim to an eerily similar fate in 1997 against Louis Escobar – and is married to Pete Gerken, long-time office holder and currently a member of the Lucas County Board of Commissioners.

Gerken, in other words, started the campaign with a sizeable advantage in terms of name recognition and fundraising ability.

"I won for a lot of different reasons," said Martinez from New York City where The Truth caught up with him a few days after the election. "There was the community support we generated and I had a diverse coalition behind me of African-Americans and Latinos. Of course, The Blade and Toledo Free Press endorsements helped – it was really a combination of things."

Also in Martinez's corner was former Mayor Jack Ford who introduced the newcomer to lots of voters in the central city and praised him in his column in The Truth.

Martinez's next challenge is the daunting task of helping to govern a city recently called the eighth poorest – of the top 300 in population – in the nation.

His first priority, said Martinez, will be to push his plan for revolving loans for small under-capitalized businesses. Along those same lines, he said, will be monitoring what happens in the construction of the new casino in order "to make sure that small minority contractors" get a fair share of those contracts for that project.

His second priority will be working with the new administration to start creating mentor/mentee relationships within the city government in order to help retain qualified individuals.

Martinez was a Keith Wilkowski supporter during the campaign but he noted that he is eager to work with Toledo's newly elected mayor, Mike Bell, to craft the plans to help small businesses and retain Toledo's talented individuals.

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Port Authority Provides \$35,000 Grant to Warren AME Church's Vision Empowerment Board for Senior Services Center

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The Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority Board of Directors has granted Warren AME Church Vision Empowerment Board \$35,000 for predevelopment costs for an 11,300 sq. ft. Senior Services Center housing the J. Frank Troy Senior Center and the Warren Adult Day Center. The award comes from the Port Authority Community Economic Development Initiative grant and loan program.

The grant funds will be used for predevelopment costs including engineering, architectural and environmental services. The construction phase of the Senior Services Center will create 50 to 100 construction jobs and the operations of the completed center will create 15 to 20 fulltime equivalent jobs.

The Senior Services Center plans to serve up to 150 Lucas County senior citizens each day. The project is anticipated to be completed in the spring of 2010 and the total project cost is close to \$1.2 million. The overarching goal of the Senior Services Center is to allow seniors to "age in place" in their homes or the homes of family members, thereby avoiding the cost and trauma of long-term care.

The Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority Community Economic Development Initiative funding comes from tax levy dollars. This grant and loan program is designed to assist community based organizations in creating new or revitalizing existing commercial structures that will attract or retain businesses in Lucas



Otis Gordon

County and facilitate new employment opportunities.

Grants and loans are awarded to economic development projects undertaken by eligible, neighborhood-based organizations. Grant or loan recipients must be 501(c)3 organization in good standing and must demonstrate the capacity to manage funds and develop real estate and must operate within Lucas County. The Community Economic Development Initiative grant and loan program is currently

accepting applications. Applications and additional information are available at www.toledoportauthority.org.

"This project is ideal for the Community Economic Development Initiative as it not only meets the needs of the community but also creates economic opportunities and, most importantly, jobs," says Laurie M. Cantrell, Loan Program manager for the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority.

"We thank the Toledo-

Empowerment Board, will develop the Senior Services Center which will be constructed on vacant property owned by the Warren AME Church, located at Indiana and City Park in Toledo, Ohio.

The Senior Services Center will house two separate but collaborative programs,

Lucas County Port Authority for this predevelopment grant and for their commitment to help revitalize the Collingwood and Dorr Street area." says Reverend Otis Gordon, D.Min, chairman of Warren AME Church Vision Empowerment Board.

The grant recipient, The Warren AME Church Vision

a senior center, called The J. Frank Troy Senior Center and an adult day center called The Warren Adult Day Center.

The J. Frank Troy Senior Center, which will be relocated from its current site a short distance from the new Senior Services Center, will continue to provide the same range of recreational, social, and community services that it now provides, but in an expanded and improved space. The Warren Adult Day Center will provide the full range of supportive and care services typical of an adult day center, including monitoring of health conditions and needs, daily exercise, discussions of current events, arts and crafts, recreation, transportation and meals.

The Senior Services Center also will contract with the Lucas County Senior Nutrition Program to serve as a Title II Nutrition Site.

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TOUR TO!EDO Preview of Homes

Sojourner's Truth Staff

The City of Toledo's Department of Neighborhoods conducted its first ever Preview of Homes last week with an opening VIP tour on November 5.

The event started at the newly-built Lucas County Arena and then onto the buses to see five houses that have been rescued from foreclosure thanks to funds provided to the Department of Neighborhoods by the federal stimulus package's Neighborhood Stabilization Program.

"The foreclosure situation is presenting an opportunity for some families," said Mayor Carty Finkbeiner in his opening remarks.

"The purpose is to stabilize neighborhoods that are going strong," said Mike Badik, commissioner, Housing and Administrative Services, the Department of Neighborhoods. "To encourage and enhance curb appeal in those neighborhoods, to enhance the sense of space and to provide decent housing for those of all levels of income. It is not just a typical government program to help the poor."

Each of the properties had



Terri Parker and Rhonda Sewell

been purchased by a third party – either non-profit or for profit entity – said Badik, and had been rehabilitated to make the home as cost efficient as possible. Each house is also eligible for tax abatement and potential buyers are able to apply for down payment assistance.

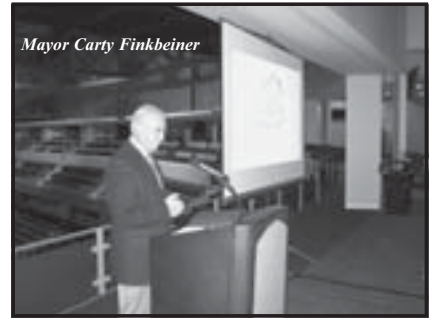
"These homes are in tip-

ping point neighborhoods," said Badik. "They need attention so that they don't slide into distressed areas."

The buses then took about 100 investors, developers, city officials, lenders, builders and potential buyers on a tour conducted by Greg Miller, librarian and city historian with the Toledo-

Lucas County Public Library. As a bonus, the riders also had the opportunity to view the Dorr Street Brownstones before returning to the Arena for a light dessert, coffee and jazz entertainment.

The Tour To!edo was organized by Terri Parker of Parker & Co, LLC



Mayor Carty Finkbeiner



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Businesses, Organizations and Volunteers Honored for Outstanding Contributions at the Annual Meeting for Partners in Education

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Toledo area businesses, organizations and individuals were recognized at the Partners In Education of Toledo Annual Meeting held on October 29, 2009 at the Partners In Education new offices in downtown Toledo. Area educators, as well as businesses and community organizations, were recognized for their service to urban schools.

A total of five awards were presented to honor outstanding efforts made by individuals and organizations that, through their partner schools, assist Partners In Education in their mission to promote student success through community involvement.

Specific awards presented at the Annual Meeting were:

* Innovation in Partnering – Sunoco Toledo Refinery for their partnership with the Oakdale Elementary School fourth graders, through email correspondence. They utilize email with specific topics and then the year culminates with the students and their email partners meeting at the end of the school year.

* Outstanding Partnership Award – Mercy St. Anne Hospital – working with Mary Immaculate School providing medical screenings, financial support for families and gifts to the



Clifford Gordon with 2009 Award

graduates. Mercy St. Anne's utilizes many departments for implementation of the partnership and all students at Mary Immaculate are im-

acted by the partnership. * 2009 Outstanding Volunteer – Jennifer Duffield who is the business connection at Brooks Insurance Agency and is the connection to Walbridge School. Duffield is such a proponent for tutoring, she leads the employees to initially tutoring, then engages them in sponsoring families for the holidays, making scarves for many students at Walbridge and engaging employees for annual field days. She is not only the outstanding volunteer, but has made a commitment to be the contact for last three years.

* 2009 Outstanding Organization – Jones & Henry Engineering for their dedication and service to

McKinley Elementary School for over the past 10 years. Jones & Henry have provided partner tutors, volunteers for the school activities and over all financial support when the school requests.

The final award of the evening is presented to Joanne McElheney, who is awarded the Board of Trustees Award for exemplary service to Partners In Education. McElheney has distinguished herself for selfless dedication to 7 years of the Dragon Boat Festival, leading the mark for teamwork recruitment and participation. She has been the Captains Captain for several years. McElheney believes in making the students' priority number one and lead

the cause for Uniform for U collection in cooperation with the local Burger King restaurants. This is only the third Board of Trustees Award that has been presented in the 15-year history of the organization.

In addition Keyser Elementary and Queen of Apostles were recognized with achievement honors for having the most volunteers hours logged at their schools. Keyser Elementary logged 795 hours and Queen of Apostles logged 594 hours of volunteers.

"This year's honorees serve as examples of the variety of ways that, when the community engages in schools, each of us has an impact on student success," according to Mark Rasmus, president of the Board of Trustees of Partners In Education.

In 2009 Partners In Education celebrates fifteen years of service to the community, and offers additional programs that enhance learning opportunities for Toledo area students. Information on these programs may be found at the Partners In Education website:

www.partnerstoledo.org

For additional information, please contact Executive Director Eileen Kerner at 419-242-2122.

Notre Dame Academy and Junior Academy, Open House, November 15

Special to The Truth

Be Who UR at NDA! Chinese, Engineering, the International Baccalaureate Program (anticipated Fall 2011), and more await your daughter at the Notre Dame Academy and Junior Academy Open House on Sunday, November 15 from 12 to 3 p.m. at 3535 W. Sylvania Ave. Find out if single-sex education is the right choice for your daughter's junior high and high school experience. Notre Dame offers an exceptional educational experience and leadership opportunities for young women in grades seven through 12.

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"An all-female environment allows young women to build relationships, to experience leadership roles, to enhance their communication skills, and to build on their natural strengths," explains Kim Grilliot, principal of Notre Dame Academy.

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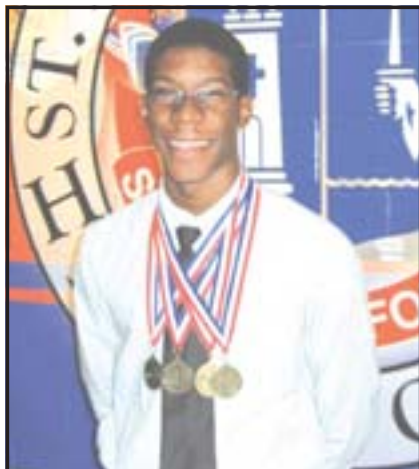
St. Francis Knight Excels in All Areas

Special to The Truth

Keon Pearson is one of those outstanding individuals who finds time to do everything and do it well in the spirit of St. Francis de Sales whose motto was 'Be who you are and be that well.' Keon has taken this philosophy as his own. He currently has the highest

grade point average in the junior class at St. Francis de Sales High School.

At the recent Fall Honors Ceremony he was awarded medals for having the highest grade point average in his class and for having the highest grade, the second semester of last



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year, in the subjects of science, English and social studies. He also finds time to play the trumpet in the school's pep, concert and marching bands. He has studied the trumpet for six years. He is also a member of the "Singing Blue" which is the men's chorus. He is an accomplished chess player having placed 10th individually out of 204 players in his division at the National Chess Tournament last spring in Nashville Tennessee.

He is the president and three-year member of the Junior State of America group at school which meets regularly for informal discussion on current events and to debate various political viewpoints. He is a three-year member of the quiz bowl team, and hopes to find time to join the mock trial team this year. He graduated from Deveaux Junior High and says he came to St. Francis for the "strong academics and its fine reputation for being college preparatory."

At the suggestion of his honors chemistry teacher, Rich Uram, Ph.D., Keon applied and was accepted into the highly competitive Project Seed Program at The University of Toledo. "Project Seed has been operating for over 40 years as an outreach division of The American Chemical Society. The goal of Project Seed is to invigorate and encourage young and intelligent students to pursue a career in the sciences and in particular, in chemistry." Keon explained. He was accepted into the bio chemistry lab of Dr. Bellizzi.

Keon says the objective of his experience in the lab "was to determine the crystal structure of a protein called CIP (clock interacting protein circadian). My job in the lab was to make

constructs of the protein using methods such as PCR (polymerase chain reaction), gene splicing, immobilized metal affinity filtration, and various bacterial cell protocols."

Following his lab experience he had to write a full report to the ACS detailing all that he had learned to do and to complete a survey of his experience in the lab. "I know that my experiences have prepared me for my future in biochemistry and medicine." Keon plans to attend college, go on to medical school and eventually practice medicine as a cardiothoracic surgeon. In addition he wants to be a real estate investor. Dr. Uram says, "Keon will be very successful in whatever he decides to do."

Keon is the secretary of the school's Afro-American Club and feels strongly that "the club is here to encourage and empower the Afro-American students at St. Francis to be well represented in all aspects of the school community and to achieve 100 percent retention for all of his fellow Afro-American students."

Keon gave the following responses when asked about some of his favorite things: School subject-Biology; Extracurricular activity - Band; Car - BMW SUV; Musical artist - Yundi Li; Movie - *Miracle* at *Santa Anna*; TV Show - Jeopardy; Cafeteria food he must have - salad; Last book he read that was not required - Mary W.G. Shelly's *Frankenstein*; Person he most admires - any rational, compassionate person; Person he would like to meet - Barack Obama; His first job - Toledo Botanical Gardens Outreach Program (ToledoGROWS)

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Owens Community College Celebrates International Education Week, Nov. 16-20

Owens Community College will celebrate International Education Week with a series of events and activities highlighting multinational experiences, Nov. 16-20. All events are free and open to public.

The week's events will kick off on Monday, Nov. 16, with a community celebration focused on the importance of international education from a global perspective. The celebration will commence with remarks from Owens Executive Vice President and Provost Dr. Paul Unger and Owens Vice President of Student Services Dr. Bill Ivoska.

Additionally, Owens' international students will share their higher education experience from an international student perspective as part of the event. The International Education Week kick-off event will begin at 10 a.m. and occur in the College's Audio/Visual Classroom Center Rooms 125-128 on the Toledo-area Campus. Owens is located on Oregon Road in Perrysburg Township.

From 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. in the Audio/Visual Classroom Center hallway that same day, International Education Week attendees will have the opportunity to visit several international student booths and experience different cultures and nationalities as part of an "Around the Globe" fair. In addition to the "Around the Globe" fair, attendees will have the chance to participate in an international quiz contest and international scavenger hunt to test their knowledge about world geography. Both activities will occur from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. in the Audio/Visual Classroom Center hallway.

On Tuesday, Nov. 17, individuals can "Test Drive a World Language" as the College's Department of Communications, Humanities and Languages provide an interactive language lesson from 12-2 p.m. in College Hall Room 100. Languages which attendees can try include Arabic, French, American Sign Language and German, among many others.

Additionally, an international café will be available for individuals to sample delectable delights from around the globe from 11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. in conjunction with a second "Around the Globe" fair, international quiz contest and international scavenger hunt

from 12-4 p.m. The international café, "Around the Globe" fair, international quiz contest and international scavenger hunt activities will take place in the hallway outside of College Hall Room 100.

International education

week activities will continue on Wednesday, Nov. 18, with area residents and Owens employees and students having the opportunity to view and purchase an array of handcrafts from around the world presented by 10,000 Villages, an organization that

promotes international fair trade by marketing products from diverse cultures made by artisans. The display will be located in the hallway outside of College Hall Room 100 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. The 10,000 Villages will also make their

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In early September United Parcel Service volunteers blessed Women Blessing Women through the United Way's Day of Caring. They provided landscaping services for their special project. Other UPS volunteers ventured inside to paint the kitchen and bathrooms.

UPS volunteers pride themselves in doing the job right. So the group decided to come back in October to remove the wallpaper, fix some cabinets and complete the painting projects that they did not get a chance to complete on that day.

Becky Henderly, (UPS employee and volunteer) corresponded with Glenda Brown, interim director, regarding a date to return.

On Friday, October 30, 2009 UPS volunteers arrived at Women Blessing Women to complete service projects for the day and to present grant dollars. In addition Henderly informed Brown of the opportunity to receive grant money for special projects for the organization. The maximum dollar amount was 5,000. Henderly also told Brown that UPS would be bringing some money to present to the organization on that day.

The women thanked God for blessing Women Blessing Women with volunteers and donors who allow the ministry of Women Blessing Women and the empowerment programs to continue. Immediately following the prayer UPS representatives entered the room and informed those in attendance that UPS Grant Committee decided to award the organization with \$5,000. The students were off to a spiritual retreat following the presentation and UPS volunteers changed their clothes and starting working painting the kitchen and cleaning carpets.

Women Blessing Women staff, volunteers, and students say "Thank You to UPS!" for their gift of service, time and grant dollars. The funds will be used for a deserving project that is well over-due to help keep the women safe while focusing on their goals.

Website: www.womenblessingwomen.org

Upcoming Fundraiser: Chili For Change – Soup for Success Cook Off! \$6.00 Donation @ 4025 Indian Rd. 11:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Funds go to support Women Blessing Women.

Education Week

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handcrafts available for purchase in the Student Health and Activities Center from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 19. Also on Wednesday (Nov. 18), individuals interested in showcasing their dancing skills are invited to participate in an instructional program which will teach the steps to the Oscar award-winning Best Achievement in Music Written for Motions Pictures, Original Song "Jai Ho" in the film "Slumdog Millionaire." The dance instruction will be taught by the College's Dance Express Team student organization from 5:30-7 p.m. in the Student Health and Activities Center.

In addition, Owens will have the honor of welcoming area residents and witnessing them become United States citizens at the Toledo-area Campus on Thursday, Nov. 19, as the College will serve as host to a U.S. Naturalization Ceremony. The public ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. in the Audio/Visual Classroom Center Rooms 125-128. That same day, individuals will have the opportunity to listen to the unique rhythmic sounds of an Owens

student percussion ensemble class and their Assistant Professor of Fine and Performing Arts Michael Sander as they perform an international percussion demonstration from 2-3 p.m. in the College Hall Atrium.

International Education Week activities will conclude on Friday, Nov. 20, as Owens hosts an international documentary film and discussion event from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. in College Hall Room 100. Attendees will have the opportunity to view the film "God Grew Tired of Us: The Story of the Lost Boys of Sudan" followed by an interactive discussion about the three boys and their arduous journey from the Sudan to the United States led by Owens Instructor of Social and Behavioral Sciences L. Scott Deaner.

The College's International Student Services is also hosting an international photography contest in which Owens employees and students can submit photos taken outside the United States that exhibit significance in the areas of culture, heritage and landscape. Choice selections from the

international photography contest will be on display within Owens' Student Health and Activities Center during International Education Week.

International Education Week was established as part of a joint initiative with the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education to support programs dedicated to preparing Americans for a global environment and to attract future leaders from abroad to study, learn and exchange experiences in the United States.

Owens continues to serve as a leader in providing higher education to international students. Over 135 students from 39 countries are pursuing a higher education at Owens during the fall term. Countries represented in Owens' international student enrollment are Kenya, Egypt, China, Korea, India, Venezuela, Brazil, Uruguay, Germany and Turkey, among others.

For additional information about Owens' International Education Week activities, call (567) 661-2773 or 1-800-GO-OWENS, Ext. 2773.

Notre Dame Academy Announces 2009-10 Hip Hop Squad

Notre Dame Academy announces the 2009-10 Hip Hop



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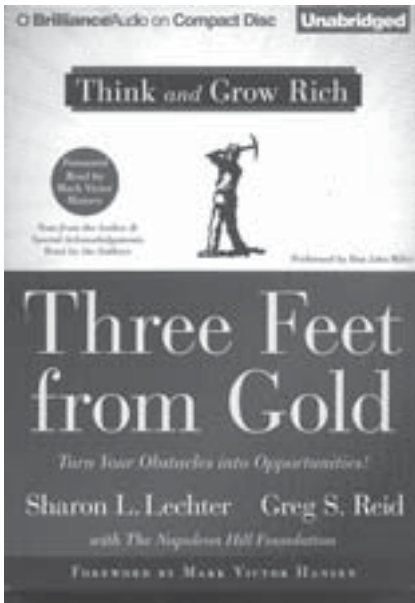
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Book Review

Three Feet from Gold by Sharon L. Lechter & Greg S. Reid with the Napoleon Hill Foundation, performed by Dan John Miller

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By Terri Schlichenmeyer
The Truth Contributor



You're sick to death of this economy.

You're sick of beating your head against closed doors. Sick of hearing "no" everywhere you try to sell. Tired of making goals and falling short of them. You're sick to absolute death of working harder than you've ever worked before and getting nowhere faster than usual.

And you're about to quit. Plain and simple.

But in the new audiobook *Three Feet from Gold* by Sharon L. Lechter and Greg S. Reid (with the Napoleon Hill Foundation), you'll see that it might not be time to quit. It might, in fact, be the best time ever to fearlessly move forward.

Nobody would have ever accused Greg of being a nice young man. Unhappy, brash, brusque, and

impatient, Greg only thought of himself and it showed: he was irritated by every little thing and was rude to everyone in his path.

And he was not always honest: when Greg was accidentally given the wrong jacket at a coat-check – which turned out to be a better jacket than his own – he thought briefly of keeping it.

Then he read the card that was in the pocket. The jacket belonged to business tycoon Jonathan Buckland, whom Greg longed to meet. Under the guise of returning the jacket, Greg called Buckland's office and made an appointment.

Though Greg was typically rude from the start, Buckland saw something in the young man, a "diamond in the rough" in business, and he decided to take Greg under his wing. With a few

phone calls, Buckland sent Greg on a journey of self-discovery and business learning that went around the world.

From banker Don Greene, Greg learned that before success comes, one will meet with great defeat. From businessman Ron Glosser, he learned that never to make a major decision in a valley. Motivational speaker John St. Augustine said that to garner success, people should replace wishbone with backbone. Athlete Ruben Gonzalez told Greg that great people have two courageous moments: the courage to get started and courage to persevere. And throughout his journey, many reminded Greg of the story of a miner who quit digging in his claim, just three feet from gold.

I hate fables.
So let's cut to the chase, because you're a busy per-

son: *Three Feet from Gold* seems to be a thinly-veiled, very long commercial for the Napoleon Hill Foundation and Hill's *Think and Grow Rich*. Based on a "real life experience" in which "some license has been taken", it's a tale of a young man's Forrest-Gump-like adventures with (mostly male, mostly white) movers and shakers of business around the world. Yes, there are some motivational nuggets buried within, but you have to wallow through a silly "fable" to get them.

I think story-time is for kids, not businesspeople and entrepreneurs who have mortgage-as-motivation. Give me facts, not fable.

If you can possibly keep your eyes from rolling and you're desperate for motivation, give *Three Feet from Gold* a listen. But if you're serious about business, dig up another book instead.

OMNI ARTISTS of TOLEDO PRESENT SILENT ART AUCTION THIS SUNDAY



On Sunday November 15, 2009, Omni Artists, a newly formed local arts group, will host a Silent Auction from 6pm to 9pm at The Truth Gallery, 1811 Adams Street in Toledo next to the Ottawa Tavern.

Featured will be the artwork of its diverse founding members who range from seasoned visual artists to new artists, collectors and other supporters of the Arts.

Paula E. Fullilove, director and founding member of

Omni Artists, describes this new organization as one being dedicated to building a community of artists whose focus is to encourage, educate and support the interests of all persons involved in all forms of art.



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WJUC 107.3 Tribute: A New Station In Toledo!

By Michael Hayes
Minister of Culture



Fresh out of Jesup W. Scott, my high school sweetheart and I had a place over by Nathan Hale Elementary. Most nights, we played CD's and sometimes we would listen to the radio. I'll never forget one night we were in the kitchen and I was trying to get some Detroit stations and I turned the radio all the way to the end and WHOA!!! It was "Hypnotize" by Biggie...and it was on a local station!!

Don't remember hearing a DJ but I remember hearing so much music that night that me and my girl cleared out the pile of CD's we had gathered near the radio because now we didn't need them as much. Toledo's urban radio legacy includes 1520 WVOI, 1470 and right before 107.3 was 95.7.

In all honesty, many of us in the 80's were being raised by Detroit's WJLB as well, but the signal would come and go and that's not TOLEDO! WJUC 107.3 came along at a crucial time if you were a teenage hip-hop head in the 90's who could appreciate Luther, but really wanted to hear some Fugees. Really wanted to hear some Tupac, really wanted to hear some R. Kelly and it was

Not a far-away signal. It was clear as a bell because it was OUR station. Right here in our backyard. Early on air personalities included many notable people, among them Nikki G and Kelia Carson. In the late 90s, Kelia Carson's night time slot on The Juice was ... I mean, there was nothing better. Her way with callers, everything she played and just the aura she brought to the city was amazing!

I was about to start as a freshmen majoring in communication at The University of Toledo as the 90's were ending and an internship placed me in a capacity to work with Kelia Carson on a nearly daily basis at another local media firm. And all day I would just ask her what her job at The

Juice was like.

INDEPENDENT

Toledo was in love with 107.3 and so was I. Everywhere you went people had that pride, especially most of us that wanted to be in the music industry. People come here now and see a thriving entertainment scene with damn near 10 night clubs, two FM radio stations, graphic companies, and a host of businesses and personalities that all cater to rap music/hip-hop culture...and NONE of that would have popped off to this extent if not for The Juice.

Chopping it up with my Dad and his friends, I found out that The Juice's founder, Charlie Chuck (Charles Welch) was a major on air personality here in Toledo on a station called WKLR



Charlie Chuck

before my time. Legend has it that he left Toledo and spent nearly 10 hard years getting the funding, the groundwork and all the necessary federal communication

licensing in order just so he could come back to The T and have his own FM station.

That's a labor love! Producing music has forced me to learn how various parts of the music industry work and I found out years ago that the United States has approximately 3,000 or so radio stations. Of all those stations, there are three companies that own most of them - Clear Channel, Cumulus and Radio One.

Those are multi-million dollar media conglomerates that own hundreds and hundreds of radio stations in all formats across the continent. Charlie Chuck made sure that WJUC was inde-

pendently owned and in the music business, that is HUGE!! When I tell people out of town that we have a major FM station that is locally-owned and operated right here in Toledo, they are usually in shock because it is unheard of. A black-owned business at that!

IMPACT ON THE CITY

As the early 2000's fell upon Toledo, The Juice was a part of the fabric of this city. Hang It or Bang It (the early version of Battle of the Beats), The Top 7 at 7, Blues on Saturday and Gospel on Sunday... all of these different facets of WJUC kept you glued to the radio week long. Back when The Juice was beginning... acts like Dirty 30 (what up, cuzzo Dave!), Sporty Kev, and Mr. International (Walt B. thanks for everything!) and more

perform... never been to a concert. The Juice made it so that the concert came to you, and it was free!

Years ago, The Glass City Expo was the pre-eminent event of the summer. National acts like Ciara, would be right here in Toledo... for free! For years that would pack out places like Walbridge Park, Ottawa Park and Promenade Park because so many music lovers saw this as their only chance to see some of their favorite stars live. In recent years local artists such as Ray Stone, Princess Keiyara, Dasit, Prophet, Taylorman, Magic Juan, Cuntry and more have all benefited greatly in their careers from having rotation on WJUC.

The Juice fam currently starts out with Tisha Lee, J. Roc and Charlie Mack in the morning... Kaj Boogie (and sometimes J. Roc) in the afternoon.

Sidebar right quick:
D.J. OneIXTyme ruled

college radio in this city when i started at UT.

He is one of the few people here that has been involved in the real music industry on a national level for years!

His show on Monday's on W.X.U.T. had a legion of followers near and far and when The Juice brought him on board with his Danger Room show Mondays & Wednesday nights at 10, it just felt right. Martini Rox, Cuntry and Schylar Meadows (superstar!) are all part of the fam too holding the weekends down, and mix shows from D.J. Lyte N Rod and others can be frequently heard on air as well.

IMPORTANCE OF A LEGACY

I had to do this because this local music scene has exploded to the point you can't tell the difference between whose following the trends and whose setting them.

As much as people claim to be promoters or labels or want to be some type of artist and pass out music all over this city

...there's a protocol for everything...there's a legacy you have to be made aware of.

In my circle, we keep that honor alive like that...but this is for any readers who may dig the local scene but are unclear on how it got to be the way it is now.

Paying homage to WJUC is a no brainer, and even though I'm sure The Juice fam is looking forward to much continued success... I at least want to shift attention to how much 107.3 has meant to Toledo. I'll never forget that night in that kitchen when I found this station on the dial. This city gained a pulse for it's young urban music community and when you look at our music scene today please know it would NOT have happened without The Juice.



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INVITATION FOR BIDS

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

JOB NO.: 29096

PROJECT NAME: Northern Heights Concrete Replacement

WALK-THRU DATE: Thursday, November 5, 2009 @ 10:00am

BID OPENING DATE: Tuesday, November 17, 2009 @ 11:00am

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

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Ms. Moore Goes to Washington
Enjoys White House Musical Series Classical Concert

Sojourner's Truth Staff

The call early last week from Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur's Washington, D.C. office was a total surprise for WilliAnn Moore, chairman of the ONYx Community Development Corporation Board and president of the Toledo Chapter NAACP.

Would Ms. Moore be able to come to the White House - to part of the audience for the President and Mrs. Obama's Music Series on Wednesday, November 4? The Congresswoman's office would make all the arrangements?

Moore gleefully accepted, the arrangements were made, the flight was taken and on Wednesday night, Moore found herself in the East Room of the White House to hear "A Celebration of Classical Music." She was one of an audience of perhaps 200 and was Kaptur's only guest for the evening.

"I was ecstatic - I was in the

frontrow, our congresswoman and I had front row seats," she exclaimed. "The president came over and thanked me for coming and asked if I had had a good time. I indeed felt special, my heart was beaming. I felt as if I had taken Toledo and everyone here along with me."

President and First Lady Obama are presenting a series of concerts in the White House fea-

turing every type of music. It's a push to promote the arts and offer a platform for "the best and the brightest America has to offer," said the White House in a press release earlier in the year.

Last week's classical music event featured violinist Joshua Bell, who has released more than 35 CDs and has been the recipient of an Avery Fisher Prize, a Grammy

Award and the Mercury Prize; Sharon Isbin, who has been described as the "preeminent guitarist of our time," by Boston Magazine; Awadagin Pratt, violinist and pianist, winner of the 1992 Maumburg International Piano Competition and recipient of the Avery Fisher Career Grant and Alisa Weilerstein, a cellist who has been called "Yo Yo Ma's heiress apparent as sovereign of the American cello."

Following remarks by the president, the artists' performances included selections from Bach, Kodaly, Ravel, Paganini and Mendelssohn.

Weilerstein was joined by eight-year old Sujari Britt, who studies at the Manhattan School of Music, for a Boccherini duo for two cellos.

The evening's concert was the



Moore and Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric Shinseki

climax of a day filled with musical activities at the White House. Earlier Mrs. Obama had welcomed a group of 120 students from community music schools around the country for a workshop during which the evening's four featured

performers played for and with the students.

For Toledo's Moore, the evening was also just a part of an event-filled trip. She was given a tour of the nation's capital by the congresswoman's staff and a tour of the White House by Kaptur herself.

She returned to Toledo floating on air, enthralled by the White House staff's hospitality, the first couple's graciousness, the musicians' artistry and the magic that Washington D.C. can offer.

"I have died and gone to heaven," she said recalling the events of her whirlwind trip to America's most famous domicile.



Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur and WilliAnn Moore



Actors Alfie Woodward and Kerry Washington with Moore and Kaptur

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