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“Fear on the part of doctors to collaborate means that minority patients may never get proper treatment or medication. I am trying to develop an understanding and a rapport with patients. If you can make a more educated guess, you can better treat this or that patient.”

This Strikes Us ...

A Sojourner's Truth Editorial

For a minute or so, we entertained the notion of writing an opinion piece about the recent Rev. Floyd Rose/Carty Finkbeiner dust-up. But as you will see on the next several pages, quite a lot has been written about that already so ... let's go national again.

Illinois Senator Barack Obama just won the South Carolina presidential primary in grand style. It was the first landslide, in fact, of this very young primary season.

Obama won 80 percent of the black vote, even though he was very far behind Senator Hillary Clinton among African-American voters just a few short weeks ago. He won about 24 percent of the white vote even though polls, on the day of the primary, showed that only 10 to 18 percent of the likely white voters would pull the lever next to his name.

In all, his percentage of the vote was more than twice as much as the second-place finisher, Clinton.

In the most amazing turn of events, Obama, and his fellow Democrats, brought to the polls more than 525,000 voters, up from about 290,000 in 2004. And Obama himself piled up more than 290,000 votes and won this very important contest in the state that led the charge to secede from the Union a century and a half ago.

And while Obama seems to have turned conventional wisdom on its ear regarding the difficulty he might have with white voters voting for him once they get behind closed curtains, it appears that his growing support among African-Americans has become a virtual tsunami. For Obama to gain 80 percent of the black vote against two candidates with solid credentials of being friends to the black community is an eye-opening occurrence.

Even now, dozens of black leaders and elected officials around the country are hedging their bets about whom to support, having been convinced that Obama could not win in either the black or the white communities. It appears that many of these officials are out of step with their communities, doesn't it? "This is pride, not prejudice," said one pundit on Saturday night as he watched the numbers roll in for Obama.

The Obama phenomenon is so impressive that even conservative pundits such as Bill Bennett, the self-appointed virtue czar and former Secretary of Education under Reagan, and New York Times columnist David Brooks are waxing poetic and wiping tears away as they talk about how great this is for America.

But if you're looking for sour notes, you don't have to look very far. America's first black president, Bill Clinton, has once again demonstrated that virtually nothing is out of bounds in the pursuit of a political victory. For years the Clintons have been savaged by conservatives in this country for deeds that Clinton supporters have pooh-poohed. Now, former Clintonians who have switched their allegiance to Obama are beginning to understand what all the fuss on the right was about.

Clinton, Bill Clinton, that is, has taken on the role of bad cop in this particular scenario and has stooped to playing the race card. At every turn in South Carolina, the man who has his office in Harlem reminded his audiences that this was a contest between his very experienced wife and a black man. He tried to lower expectations for the Clinton campaign by intimating that it would only be natural for a state, with such a heavily black pool of voters, to carry an African-American candidate to victory. And when the results were in, Clinton, Bill Clinton, that is, compared Obama's victory in South Carolina to Jesse Jackson's victory in that state in 1984 and 1988.

Now, let's face it, Obama, the politician and elected official, has much more in common—in background, in education, in policies—with the Bill Clinton of 1992 (who also happened to win the South Carolina Democratic Party primary) than he does with Jesse Jackson. What he does have in common with Jackson, as Clinton was so eager to point out, is the color of his skin.

We can shrug our shoulders and say, well, that's just Bill being Bill, but where do we draw the line? At this rate, voters in America, even the staunchest of Hillary Clinton supporters, have got to ask the question of just how much more we want to see of Bill. Hillary Clinton supporters might just have to ask the candidate, in fact, what happens if she does indeed win this whole thing? Will she be able to find a closet somewhere in the White House and lock this guy away for a while?

Like, say, for about four years?

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February 1

BGSU Black History Month: Ninth annual Black Issues Conference; 7-11 pm; Kreisler Quadrangle

February 2

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. 100th Anniversary Celebration: Bowling Green State University; 11:30 am: www.zetaalphaomega.com

Second Annual Shynerra Grant Memorial Cheerleading Competition: Presented by the UT Black Student Union and the Shays for Life Foundation; Health-Education Building at UT; Noon; Kick off of National Dating Violence Prevention Week

BGSU Black History Month: Conference "Black Is; Black Ain't" continues; 10:30 am to 4 pm; 101 Olscamp; Guest speaker Dr. Na'im Akbar, clinical psychologist

University of Toledo Africana Studies Film Festival: Center for Performing Arts Lab Theatre; 10 am to 5 pm

February 3

Annual Super Bowl Pampering Party: Bibleway Church; Big screen TV while manicures, pedicures, hair styling, Mary Kay facials and makeovers in classrooms; Food served; 5:30 pm

Indiana Avenue Baptist: 62 Annual Church Anniversary celebration; "Standing on the Promises of God"; Guests Rev. Johnnie Hobbs and St. John C.O.G.I.C.; 4 pm afternoon worship: 419-246-3850

February 7

BGSU Black History Month: Open forum "Fade to Black"; Exploring relationships between black Americans and Africans; 7 to 9 pm; 308 Bowen-Thompson Student Union

February 9

Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Inc: 21st Annual Founders' Day Luncheon; 11 am to 2 pm; Pinnacle; Scholarship fundraiser: 734-699-3579 or 734-218-1645

February 9-10

MI-OH Sportfishing Expo; Monroe County Fairgrounds Expo Center; 9 am to 8 pm on Saturday, 9 am to 5 pm on Sunday; Fishing seminars, free CHIP program (Child Identification Program), brand-name fishing products and boats

February 10

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Negro Pastors Swoon for Carty!!!

(ANN) Toledo, OH. NewsFlash.....

Mayor Carty Finkbeiner met with certain members of the local colored clergy in his bid to get them to stand with him in support of the upcoming tax levy. The levy is supposedly vital to the maintenance of city services including police, fire and garbage pickup.

The levy is being opposed by a group of Toledo citizens who want to campaign for its defeat as evidence of their discontent with the shabby manner in which he treats the minority community.

The recent private luncheon was attended by a few hand-picked and purportedly influential Negro clergy who apparently were agog at being seen in the presence of the mayor and they briefly caused a minor security problem when eight of them led rushed the elevated podium in order to at least touch the hem of the mayor's pant leg or to grab a lock of his hair as a souvenir.

Security agents of the mayor were able to quell the onrush and after a 20-minute period of the clergy chanting in unison "it is all about you" to the mayor who grinned and

smile through the whole ordeal, a lunch of overripe gouda cheese, stale saltines and water was served to the delight and squeals of the gathered but now orderly clergy.

The mayor, and the all white podium members, enjoyed a superb meal of thick cut prime rib, spicy oven fried potatoes, sesame broccoli, honeyed cardamon carrot baskets, rolls and butter, assorted beverages and a triple layer raspberry chocolate cake for dessert.

Unknown to the dining retinue, the mayor quietly slipped out before the end of the lunch and during a break in which the clergy were asked to donate \$5000.00 per church for the mayor's re-election campaign war chest, he reappeared in black face a la Al Jolson and sang, on one knee, a stirring heart rendering rendition of "Mamma" to the deafening applause of the now standing Negro clergy.

Many of the gathered clergy then literally fainted at their tables due to being overly stimulated by the emotional impact of the song.

As a news reporter for the ANNN (All Negro News Network), I was somewhat baffled

by such ingratiating and demeaning conduct by the ministers and went to interview their spokesman, Rev. Whome Witless of Money Cometh Baptist Church located on Batavia Avenue.

ANNN: Reverend, why is there such support for this mayor in light of his continuous negative acts towards the minority community?

REVEREND: We just loves us some Carty! Can't no man do you like Carty! I guess it is his smile. It is like he sees right past you. He makes you feel like you is somebody.

ANNN: Reverend, have you or your church ever received anything from this mayor for your past and present political support...even so much as a summer job for your church's youth?

REVEREND: Come to think of it, no. But that is OK! It is better to give than to receive and we just love giving to Carty!

ANNN: Reverend, how are you making it any better for your church members if you do not demand something in return from Carty for your loyal votes?

REVEREND: This world

is not our home. We are just passing through so we do not care about such earthly things.

ANNN: Reverend, did you analyze the matter of the tax levy being defeated as being useful as a tool in order to get some economic improvements for your community?

REVEREND: Well, I do not know all about that. I just know that what Carty tells us to do... we do! Since when has a good white man led a black man astray?

At this time, the interview

was disrupted because there was some pandemonium in the banquet hall as Carty had dashed back into the men's room and had re-emerged wearing a full blown King Kong suit complete with a white Faye Wray doll grasped in his right hand.

At this stunt, the Reverend was howling with laughter as the mayor cavorted around the room with a fake fire hose pretending to spray the surprised attendees.

The interview was concluded with these remarks: "Too often, minority mem-

bers of a community will without question accept the leadership of the establishment as being in their best interest. Even if prior historical incidents indicate otherwise, they will, trustingly go along with the fervid hope that change will come.

In spite of broken promises and repeated acts of political chicanery, minority members continue to hope against hope and belief that the political machine will dole out to them a few goodies...at least now and then.

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A Vote Against the 3/4 Tax Levy

I will be a resident of Toledo for two years in May of 2008 and I have observed the failures of this city's institutions to the black community. This visible, imbedded and systemic failure has to be stopped somehow.

Reverend Floyd Rose recently requested that the black community vote the March 4, renewal of the 0.75 percent payroll tax down which, if fully realized, would have disastrous effects for Toledo. On January 27, 2008 an editorial ran in The Blade lambasting this protest approach. The editorial recognized at the same time that the November 2008 ballot (a presidential election ballot) could contain the renewal vote as well.

The relationship between Toledo and the myriad black communities is running the risk of being irreparable. Emotionally, physically, economically and intellectually the community and its leaders have been continuously undermined. We have been lied to (Lindsay Webb); we have been uneducated and undereducated (TPS); we have been the victims of stagnation (Dorr Street); we have been the victims of brutality and injustice (Jeffery Turner); we have been fired (Finkbeiner and the Ohio Civil Rights Commission) and our communities have felt the effect of poor central city infrastructure (garbage tax).

There are many segments of Toledo's population who know that our city government is not only failing the black community, but disregarding us as well. The time has come to flex the power of the voting public, and hit the government where it hurts the most—at the bank.

To have the amount of grievous issues with the city as the black community does and to vote for the tax, almost amounts to taxation without representation. I know that the black community in Toledo passes the tax levies; without our votes those in the "fringe communities" will vote them down. Why should the black community continue to be a conscience for a city that has apparently lost its soul?

Sherita A. Evans



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Temporary Tax Not in Tune with Original Intent

Once again voters will be asked to renew the .75 percent "temporary tax." This .75 percent tax was originally passed on June 6, 1982. At that time, refuse collection had been cut in the summer to every other week, was limited to quantity allowed at the line and no white goods (appliances).

Additionally, 1,600 city jobs had been cut, the police force was at 615 and they had lost all of the 86 civilian staff. Vehicles were in disrepair, the parks were closed and the pools were not opening. The tax was expected to generate \$22 million.

Now, 26 years later, we are in the same predicament. In 1982, Councilman, Donna Owens, believed the tax could be sold to the voters because it was temporary (a .50 percent permanent increase was soundly defeated the year

before) she commented about the possibility of renewing the tax in the future stating: "and they have the chance to say so at the polls if they do not like the way the additional money is spent."

The language of the levy guaranteed the revenue would "funnel the proceeds in three areas:

- .25 percent police and fire for hiring 115 police officers and 32 fire fighters and for upgrading equipment (especially fire equipment)
- .25 percent to the general fund for restoration of weekly garbage collection, reopening the parks and restoration of cutbacks in the health department.
- .25 percent for the capital improvements fund for repayment and rescheduling the city's debts, resurfacing streets, restoration of storm sewers and demolition of va-

cant and vandalized houses.

Over the past years, the wording has been diluted until it no longer specifically covers refuse collection which has gone unnoticed by the majority of voters. Ask your neighbors "what is to be paid for by the .75 temporary tax?" Most will say, police, fire and refuse collection. Instead, per the municipal code, it covers:

- one-third (1/3) shall remain in the General Fund for police, fire and other Safety Department responsibilities,
- one-half (1/2) of said increase shall remain in the General Fund,
- one-sixth (1/6) of the said increase shall be allocated to the Capital Improvements Fund. With this wording the city is no longer bound to provide the refuse service we expected when we voted for the levy in 2004.

How is the money being (Continued on Page 4)

Ohio Unemployment Compensation Review Commission Rules for Thomas

Sojourner's Truth Staff

Steven Thomas, former business manager for Laborers International Union of

State of Ohio Unemployment Compensation Review Commission ruled for Thomas in

Local 500 since August 1993, became business manager of the union in 2002. After an investigation ensued over the use of company credit cards at Scarlett's, here in Toledo, and IEG, in Columbus, Thomas was placed on "voluntary paid leave" in mid 2006. He was terminated in May, 2007 and attempted to obtain unemployment benefits.

But on several occasions, Thomas was accompanied by other union officers - at least twice each by Kenneth Ragland, now secretary-treasurer of the union, and Phillip Copeland, now business manager. On both occasions, according to Ragland and Copeland, union business was conducted at Scarlett's although both also testified before the review commission that they left on each occasion before Thomas paid the check and they had no idea that union funds would be used.

Further complicating the case for the union, however, was the fact that Thomas, as business manager and head of the local, reported to the executive board which consists of the union president, vice president, recording secretary, secretary-treasurer, business

manager and two others elected by the membership. The board included both Ragland and Copeland.

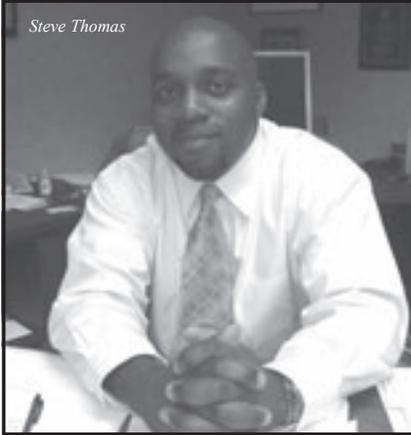
Thomas, in fact, was required to submit his expense receipts to the executive board, directly to the secretary-treasurer, for approval. When he was terminated for such matters as racketeering, embezzlement, breach of fiduciary duty,

breach of constitutional duty as a union officer and breach of constitutional duty as union member, it was claimed by union officials that Thomas ultimately failed to use common sense with respect to conducting Local 500 business at strip clubs. Nevertheless, ruled the commission, "there was no policy prohibiting legitimate business expenses from being

incurred at strip clubs."

The commission decision overruled an earlier decision, in July, 2007, by a director disallowing benefits. The union may now request a review by February 14, 2008.

Thomas was appointed to the Toledo Board of Education in January, 2005, but was defeated in his election effort in November of the same year.



Steve Thomas

North America Local 500, was ousted from his position by the International in May 2007 for misuse of union funds. Specifically it was charged that Thomas had used union funds "for personal entertainment expenses" in a local strip club and one in Columbus.

On January 24, 2008, the

his claim for determination of benefit rights. The decision held that there was no policy in place prohibiting Thomas from using such facilities for business purposes and that the union had not proven that his use of such funds were for personal expenses.

Thomas, who had been with

Temporary Tax

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allocated? Our politicians have spent 26 years "negotiating" unsustainable contracts with the unions representing the city employees. We will not survive as a community if our City leaders continue on this path of unrealistic wage and benefit packages. How did this come about as we entrusted our taxes to the politicians of Toledo?

The Blade article last week which covered the mayor's fundraiser paints a picture of what is to come when they reported that in

attendance at the \$500 per ticket fundraiser were "all the union chiefs."

Backroom deals are cut with the union chiefs to garner endorsements, contributions and campaign workers for the candidate who will offer the best package if elected. The result over the past years has been an exploitation of the generosity of the electorate that continues to offer up additional taxes to pay for these agreements. Voters are not naive and accept this is "politics as usual" accepting the status

quo; however, it has gone too far and needs to be remedied.

The challenge for those currently in office is to understand we are at a critical turning point in Toledo politics. They must set aside self-interest and concern for reelection with the understanding that the funds to finance the current contracts do not exist and voters are financially unable to continue digging deeper to finance such folly.

Karen Shanahan

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“Give Kids a Smile:”

National Children’s Access Day at the Dental Center

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Approximately 80 percent of all new tooth decay in children in the United States occurs in families of low to moderate income – a segment which constitutes only 30 percent of the population, according to American Dental Association (ADA) statistical studies.

For this reason, the ADA began National Children’s Dental Access Day with the hope of raising awareness of the need for dental access and health in children.

Here in Toledo, on February 1, 2008, more than 30 doctors and hygienists vol-

unteered to staff the Dental Center’s facilities on Madison Avenue in an attempt to provide service to up to 400 children in need of dental examinations and work.

“These are free services for children who can’t get to the dentist because they lack insurance or Medicaid,” said Dr. Nan Tertel, DDS, one of the many volunteers who helped to organize Toledo’s event. According to available data, over 30,000 children in Lucas County qualify for federal assistance.

The treatments ranged from simple cleanings and

exams, radiographs, fluoride treatments and sealants, to the completion of decay treatment plans, including restorations, root canals and even extractions for patients in the age range of one to 18 years. All of the services were provided at no cost to the patients.

The event was jointly sponsored by the Dental Center and the Toledo Dental Society.

In addition to the doctors and hygienists, an additional 70 or so volunteers helped to make the day run smoothly, including face painters, Mikey Molar and The University of Toledo student athletes. The children received a treat of yogurt or fruit and Marco’s pizza for lunch, all served with milk donated by Smith Dairy. The national sponsors for the event were Colgate and Henry Schien Dental.

The volunteers did not come just recently to the cause of helping children obtain access to dental care. “Our mission statement is to turn no one away

who is in pain,” said Dr. Tertel.

In recent years, local

decay prevention causes. “Prevention is a big part of what we do,” said Dr.

least in part because of the lure of the large contracts TPS, and other school systems, have with the large soft drink companies.

However, other states, such as Pennsylvania, California and Minnesota, took a long look at the failed Toledo effort and eventually instituted their own public school bans on such soft drinks.

Last year, the Dental Access Day attracted almost 300 children for the free services – a donation of about \$225,000 of dental services. This year, however, a snow storm hit the area in the early morning areas, causing school closings, and keeping the anticipated turnout of 325 down below previous numbers.



Dental Center Volunteers



dentists, such as Dr. Bill Zouhary, DDS, one of the volunteers for this event, have taken it upon themselves to get involved in

Zouhary. “We tried to get the Toledo Public Schools to get pop out of the schools, for example.” That effort, he added, failed at



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Amazon Lodge #4, Toledo, Ohio



Brethren of Ohio lodges from Cincinnati, Dayton, Cleveland, Fostoria and Lima gathered at the summons of Most Worshipful Grand Master James H. Willis, Sr.

As the leader of Ohio masons and spiritual pastor of St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, Rev. Willis submitted his trestle board to the overflow gathering.

The intent and purpose of the gathering is to reclaim and retain former members. Along with his planned program for the year, the meeting was to identify problems in the Masonic organization.

The planned programs for the year include:

- The workshop in Columbus in March;
- The laying of the cornerstone at the Capitol Building in Columbus in June;
- The United Supreme Council in Cincinnati in May.

Dr. Darrell Hall: Branching Out From the Traditional Medical Practice

By Fletcher Word
Sojourner's Truth Editor



House calls by the family doctor are certainly a distant memory, aren't they? If you are old enough to remember them at all, that is.

Early in the morning, the physician would arise and start his rounds, driving from house to house to visit the bedridden, often until the very late hours of the evening. He might visit a dozen or two homes in a day, depending of course on the distance and complexity of the schedules. Naturally, he might not get around to all of the homes he had scheduled for that day – those would have to wait until the following day.

The advantages of such calls were several fold: not all patients could easily get to the doctor's office or the hospital, patients could be kept more comfortable in an environment they were familiar with and a doctor got a glimpse of the home and might observe a few things that could hinder the patient's recovery.

It seems so long ago, doesn't it?

Not so long ago for Dr. Darrell Hall, MD, family practitioner, who has two busy clinics in Toledo – clinics busy enough to attract 40 to 60 patients a day for the doctor to see. But not on every day.

On Thursdays, Dr. Hall arises, gets into his Jeep and, reminiscent of a bygone era, makes house calls. Yes, you

read that correctly. The good doctor makes house calls on Thursdays. And if he doesn't complete his appointed rounds on a given Thursday, he completes them on Saturday.

And in between those calls, he is at one of his clinics (30 S. Byrne and 653 Miami), often until 10 p.m., forsaking time off, in order to bring a more holistic medical approach into his patients' lives.

"There is a strong relationship between emotional state and disease," says Dr. Hall as he cites a recent study by the National Institutes of Health in the newly-coined area of psychoneuroimmunology. "Physical fitness is also important as well as the level of environmental stressors."

So a visitor to the clinic on Miami Avenue, which is a collaboration of Dr. Hall's medical practice, Empowered Disease Management (EDM Health Services), and his partner Lisa Hall's Natural Treatment Center, will catch a glimpse of not only the standard examination rooms, but also areas devoted to massage therapy, weight loss, nutrition management and colon therapy.

Hall, a Louisiana native who grew up in Fort Worth, TX, arrived in Ohio to attend the Wright State School of Medicine in Dayton. After medical school, he completed his residency at the

former Medical College of Ohio (now the Health Science Campus of The University of Toledo).

It was at MCO that he was greatly influenced by the man he calls his mentor, Dr. Larry Johnson, who once had a family practice in rural Wisconsin.

"It has taken me a full while to see what he was talking about in his practice," says Dr. Hall. "Medicine has always been autocratic ... 'you do what I say,' but if I can teach patients what to do, that means a lot more. I can also learn from them."

Dr. Hall was also greatly influenced in his decisions about the direction his career would take by his experiences during that residency in treating patients in the Toledo area. "It was the hardest thing I've ever done in my life," he recalls. "I got a bird's eye view of how medicine is practiced from one side of the city to the other. I saw the disparities in how people are treated. Sometimes it is a matter of miscommunication with patients, sometimes it's a disregard."

One of the issues Dr. Hall has uncovered from that time through to the growth of his own practice is the extent to which low income patients of have covered up pain through drugs and alcohol. He has also developed a growing concern about the long term devastation on

health that such abuse has caused.

"We had a combination of cocaine and gang wars and now I take care of those who were injured or addicted," he says. "Now we see 40-year olds dying of lung cancer, congestive heart failure and liver disease – a result of those activities, a remnant of those wars. We have, for example, so many patients these days with Hepatitis C."

So Dr. Hall strives to reach out to his patients by increasing his understanding of what their lives have been about. "Fear on the part of doctors to collaborate means that minority patients may never get proper treatment or medication.

"I am trying to develop and understanding and a rapport with patients," he continues. "If you can make a more educated guess, you can better treat this or that patient."

But he does inject a word of caution about the formi-

dable challenge he faces in trying to introduce a holistic approach to health care to the bulk of his patients.

"I cannot change all people no matter what I do. Some people are still going to maintain unhealthy lifestyles, but that's where I can work with them as a doctor."

And that's where the doctor sees his greatest satisfaction in his work. "Seeing the science at work and watching families improve based on the improvement of the patient," he says. "I like to help people and I like to teach people. I like to think that what I do makes a contribution and then you can see it spread out."

But Dr. Hall could not make such a contribution if he were not able to manage his business effectively. That's the stumbling block for so many physicians, you run their own shops. Fortunately for Dr. Hall, his background provides him with an advantage in the business

arena.

After graduating from the University of North Texas with a degree in biochemistry, Hall joined the Air Force and remained for nine years. During that time, he was funneled into communication and was able to earn a master's degree in computer information systems – which provided him with a business background and enabled him to get in on the ground floor of the military's part in developing the Internet during the 1990's.

The education in science, the business education, the practical experience in Toledo's neighborhoods have all contributed to the concepts that have led to Dr. Hall's quest to establish a practice that leaves no stone unturned as far as patient care is concerned.

Sensing that he is on the right track, the next five to 10 years, he says, will bring "more of the same, more centers in more cities geared to a holistic approach."

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Dr. Daniel Hale Williams: A Pioneer in Heart Surgery



Daniel Hale Williams was born in 1856 in Hollidaysville, PA, the fifth of seven children born to Daniel and Sarah Williams.

At an early age, Williams was apprenticed to a shoemaker after the family moved to Baltimore, MD, but the young boy ran away and rejoined his family in Rockford, IL. He later moved to Edgerton, Wisconsin, where he opened his own barbershop, then to Janesville, WI, where he became fascinated with a local physician.

He worked for two years as an apprentice to a doctor before entering what is now known as Northwestern University Medical School. After graduation, Dr. Williams opened his own practice in Chicago.

In 1893, Dr. Williams repaired the torn pericardium of a patient who had been wounded in a knife fight. This was one of the first such heart operations, rendered successful by Dr. Williams' care to sterilize instruments and the patient during the surgery.

While this was not the first documented heart operation, it was the first one in which the patient did not die of infection from the surgery.

Dr. Williams led the way to grant other African-American access to medical fields, establishing a nursing school for African-Americans at Freedman's Hospital in Washington, D.C., where he was appointed Surgeon-in-Chief. In 1895, Dr. Williams co-founded the National Medical Association for black doctors and, in 1913, he became the only black member of the American College of Surgeons.

Dr. May Chinn: A Pioneer in Cancer Research



Pap smear, the test for early detection of cervical cancer.

Chinn was the first woman to graduate from Bellevue Hospital Medical College, one of the first black physicians in New York City and the first African-American woman to intern at Harlem Hospital.

admitting privileges at Harlem Hospital and finally started working at Strang Clinic, a cancer research facility, in 1944. She practiced there, in addition to her private practice, for 29 years. She became a member of the Society of Surgical Oncology and in 1975 started a society to assist African-American women go to medical school.

Chinn's father was a slave who escaped from a Virginia plantation at the age of 11; her mother was a Native American of the Chickahominy tribe. The family managed to save money to send May to a boarding school.

She took the entrance exams for Columbia Teachers College on a whim, and enrolled in 1917, graduating in 1921.

When she died in 1980, Dr. Chinn was the recipient of honorary degrees from both New York University and Columbia University.

May Edward Chinn, an African-American physician, was born in 1896. She had not planned on becoming a doctor, she had wanted to be a musician. During her college years at Columbia Teachers College, she changed the course of her life. That decision would lead to one of the most distinguished careers in medicine. Her work in cancer research helped in the development of the

days as an intern at Harlem Hospital she rode along with the paramedics on ambulance calls – the first woman to do so. This experience motivated her to continue to enter dangerous neighborhoods in an effort to bring treatment to many who would not otherwise have access to health care.

But it took quite a while for Dr. Chinn to gain privileges to hospitals in the New York area. In 1940, she received

Other Milestones in African-American Medical Achievement

1783

James Derham became the first African-American to practice medicine in the United States, although like many doctors of that period, he did not receive an M.D. degree.

Derham was born into slavery in Philadelphia in 1757 and was owned by several doctors, one of whom encouraged him to go into medicine.

Derham worked as a nurse and bought his freedom in 1783 and opened a medical practice. He eventually became an expert in throat diseases and in the relationship between climate and disease.

1837

Dr. James McCune Smith was the first African-American to both practice medicine and earn a medical degree. He earned his degree in Scotland and returned to this country. He was the first to run a pharmacy as well. Smith was also a well-known abolitionist and author. He often wrote about misconceptions of race, intelligence, medicine and society in general.



1847

First African-American – Dr. David J. Peck – to graduate from an American medical school, Rush Medical School

1864

Rebecca Lee Crumpler became the first black woman to receive a medical degree. She graduated from the New England Medical College in 1864.

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“Pretty in Pink:” 2008 Black Bridal Expo Brings Romance Back

By Geneva J. Chapman,
Sojourner's Truth Reporter

“I would like to present for the second time, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Holden.”

Reverend Duane Tisdale spoke these words with a mixture of solemnity and good humor, playfully teasing the couple exchanging nuptials at the 2008 Black Bridal Expo about the joys and trials of being married 30 years.

Olivia Holden delighted friends, family and onlookers with a little “Holy Ghost two-step,” thanking God for blessing her and her husband with three decades of marital bliss.

The wedding party then posed for photographs while Katrina Barnhill played “Circle of Life” from *The Lion King* on her saxophone, reminding everyone of the sacrament of marriage as the foundation of

moved to the reception hall, a beautifully decorated area of the Civic Center Hall in the Erie Street Market, where this year's expo was held.



Round tables covered with white cloths graced large centerpieces fashioned from

nately completed the color scheme.

A beautiful multi-tiered cake from the Teacake Southern Bakery decorated with lil-

ies sat on a table in one corner of the room, while a delicious meal prepared by CC & More Catering was spread out on a nearby table.

Subject to Change Band entertained guests, identified by their green ribbons, as they dined on baked chicken breasts, scalloped potatoes, crisp green beans, salad and rolls.

While the young at heart demonstrated the latest ‘hustle,’ the band played a variety of selections led by chanteuse Debra King whose rich, full-bodied voice belted out lyrics with professional precision and rocking rhythm that lit up the hall.

Palates were sated as day turned to dusk and the festivities drew to an end. The bride and groom cut the cake and made the traditional attempts to smear cake on each other's faces, much to the delight of their guests who caught it all on their camera phones. Professional photographers were also in abundance, taking candid shots of the wedding party as well as photographing other events featured at the expo.

Earlier, shortly after the expo opened, a fashion show featured bridal designs from local vendors, including M Sews It, Sew Faithful and Threads by Balinda.



the family.

Also providing music for the wedding ceremony that is always the grand finale of G-Creations Black Bridal Expo, Shanda Gordon sang “The Lord's Prayer” before the vows and “Wind Beneath My Wings” following them.

Olivia Holden was radiant in a full-length wedding suit fashioned from ivory satin and embellished with embroidery on the bell sleeves and a sassy sash. The bride's bouquet was a single lily. Maid of honor was the couple's daughter, Rebekha Holden and the best man was Andy Govan.

Following the ceremony, the wedding party



A refreshing change from the overly ornate wedding

on mannequins in bridal shops, the fashions by

ticated, subtle, elegant and oh so chic.



gowns usually shown in bridal magazines and draped

Toledo's own bridal designers and clothiers were sophis-

After the show, several brides-to-be assembled near the stage and one of the model ‘brides’ tossed a bouquet over her shoulder as they scrambled to catch it. One lucky bride who is getting married in August caught the bouquet, but all seemed happy about their upcoming nuptials.

Throughout the day, prizes were given away in frequent raffles, most of them supplied by an assortment of vendors who had booths at the expo. Vendors attending or advertising at the expo not previously mentioned included:

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AKA – “By Merit and Culture” – Celebrates 100th Anniversary

Sojourner's Truth Staff

On Saturday, February 2, the local chapters of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., celebrated Founders' Day and the 100th anniversary of the nation's oldest African-American sorority.

Founded in 1908 at Howard University, AKA has cultivated and encouraged high scholastic and ethical standards, promoted unity and friendship among college women, studied and helped to alleviate problems concerning girls and women, maintained a progressive interest in college life and has

been of service to all mankind.

The founders included Ana Easter Brown, Beulah Burke, Lillie Burke, Marjorie Hill, Margaret Flagg Holmes, Ethel Hedgeman Lyle, Lavinia Norman, Lucy Slowe and Marie Woolfolk Taylor.

The local graduate chapter, Zeta Alpha Omega, was chartered in 1952 and Kathryn Franklin was the first president. The current president of the local alumnae chapter is Lisa Dubose. The members of Zeta Alpha Omega serve as advisors to the under-



AKA local chapters: Iota Iota and Alpha Lambda (standing) and Zeta Alpha Omega (seated)



Lisa Dubose and BG Mayor John Quinn

graduate chapters of Alpha Lambda of The University of Toledo and Iota Iota of Bowling Green State University.

This year's celebration included a proclamation from Bowling Green Mayor John Quinn and the recognition of community honorees – the J. Frank Troy Senior Center, the Claver House of St. Martin de Porres, A Journey Through Healing, Teens of the Future



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Owens Community College Celebrates Black History Month With Events in February

Special to The Truth

Owens Community College will celebrate Black History Month with a series of events and activities highlighting and honoring the role and impact of African Americans throughout this country's history. The public is encouraged to join the campus community for guest speakers and educational awareness programs.

All events and activities will occur on the College's Toledo-area and Findlay-area campuses. Owens' Toledo-area Campus is located on Oregon Road in Perrysburg Township, while the Findlay-area Campus is located on Bright Road in Findlay. "Owens Community College is proud to celebrate the many achievements and contributions of black Americans who, throughout history, have done so much to make America the culturally diverse, compassionate and prosperous nation we know today," said Betty Valentine, Owens Director of Employee Relations and Diversity. "It is also an opportunity for Americans to learn about the experiences of black Americans in our society and the vital role this community has played throughout our shared history." Valentine added, "I encourage area residents to engage themselves in Owens' various events surrounding Black History Month and draw inspiration from their important messages."

Owens continues to serve as a leader in providing academic opportunities to Afri-

can Americans throughout Northwest Ohio. For Spring Semester, 2,321 African Americans are pursuing an Owens education on the Toledo-area and Findlay-area campuses. The College has



more than tripled its African-American enrollment since becoming a comprehensive community college in 1994. Fourteen years ago only 715 African-American students were enrolled during the spring term.

Owens activities occurring during Black History Month include:

Thursday, Feb. 21

"Bamboozled" Movie Presentation and Discussion Individuals are invited to view one of Spike Lee's latest films (2000), which takes attendees on a satirical look into the television industry through the eyes of an Ivy-League educated black writer at a major network. Frustrated that his ideas for a "Cosby Show"-style take on a black family has been rejected by network brass, he devises an outlandish scheme of reviving the min-

strel show with a certain racial focus. The show becomes an instant success, however, with the success also comes repercussions for all involved. Bowling Green State University faculty member Ramona Coleman-Bell will lead a discussion about racism at the film's conclusion. (2 p.m.) (Findlay-area Campus Conference Center)

Tuesday, Feb. 26

"History and Legacy of African Americans in Greater Toledo" Soul Food Luncheon and Lecture Authentic "soul food" from the African-American culture will serve as theme for a Terrace View Caf  luncheon. In addition, Robert Smith, founder and CEO of the African-American Legacy Project of Northwest Ohio, will provide attendees with insight into the cultural history and background of African Americans in Greater Toledo. The African American Legacy Project of Northwest Ohio was founded in 2004 with the goal of creating a vehicle to secure and share the histories of African Americans from the surrounding Northwest Ohio communities who left indelible impressions upon local communities, families and the world. The cuisine will be prepared by Owens students within the Culinary Arts program. Reservations must be made prior to the event. (11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.) (Toledo-area Campus College Hall Terrace View Caf ) In addition, Owens' li-

braries on the Toledo-area and Findlay-area campuses will display a variety of African-American heritage information, as well as feature a selection of books and audio/visual materials related to Black History Month in February.

To celebrate and honor the contributions made by African Americans throughout America's history, long-time black history advocate Dr. Carter G. Woodson introduced Negro History Week to the country in 1926.

Later changed to Black History Week, the observance was extended in 1976 to a month-long celebration occurring in February and renamed Black History Month.

For additional information about Owens' Black History Month activities, call (567) 661-7421 or 1-800-GO-OWENS, Ext. 7421.

Other Milestones in African-American Medical Achievement

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1868

Howard University College of Medicine first opens doors as a medical department



1884

The Medico-Chirurgical Society of Washington, D.C. was founded in 1884. This was the first African-American medical society and was formed because medical societies established by whites would not admit black physicians.

1893

Dr. Georgia E. Patton Washington graduated from Meharry Medical School and becomes the first black woman licensed as a physician and surgeon in Tennessee. She later became one of the first African-American missionaries to Africa.



1939

Dr. Charles Richard Drew established the first blood bank for the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center in New York. His work in plasma research altered the manner in which blood was utilized during World War II on the battlefields.

Southern Christian Leadership Conference March 2008 Meeting



The Toledo Chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) will be holding elections of Officers and Board Members on Friday, March 7, 2008, at 6:00 PM at the Family Church Without Walls located at 1402 Indiana Avenue.

The meeting is open to all concerned citizens and their families. Candidate and voters for all positions must be members of the Toledo Chapter of SCLC.

For information regarding resume requirements and qualifications for Executive Board positions and Officers' positions, please call SCLC at 419-917-9991 or write to:

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The Black Film Series "Celebrating Black History Month Through Film"

Roosevelt's American Dream -Tuesday, February 12, 2008

Produced and directed by Roger Weisberg and Tod Lending - This film is about the struggles of a Liberian man who leaves the civil war of his country. Roosevelt escapes death and leaves his wife and children to come to America. While trained as a civil engineer, in America he must start over.

An Unlikely Friendship -Tuesday, February 19, 2008

By filmmaker Diane Brown - Story about a friendship between a black woman activist and a former Ku Klux Klan member. This drama focuses on the racial struggles in the early 1970's in the Durham, North Carolina Public School system. This film shows the social costs of change and the development of friendship.

Return to Mississippi -Tuesday, February 26, 2008

A story about historical events that have taken place in Mississippi and what action still needs to happen today as told by its residents.

All films will be shown at 6 pm followed by group discussion. Kent Branch is located at 3101 Collingwood Blvd. Light refreshments will be served. For more details, please call 419.259.5340.

Array of Events Mark Black History Month at BGSU

Bowling Green State University will celebrate February as Black History Month with events ranging from music and theatre to academic discussions. Following is a sampling of some of them:

An open forum on Feb. 7, "Fade to Black" will explore the relationships between black Americans and Africans. Sponsored by the African People's Association and the Black Student Union, the discussion will take place from 7-9 p.m. in 308 Bowen-Thompson Student Union.

The Black History Month Quiz Bowl, from 7-9 p.m. Feb. 15 in 201A Union, will give participants a chance to test their knowledge. The bowl is sponsored by the Black Student Union and Students of Color Mentoring, Aiding, Retaining and Teaching (S.M.A.R.T.).

Music

There are several music-related events during the month, including "Hip-Hop Music as Black Popular Culture," presented by Dr. Angela Nelson, chair of the popular culture department. Sponsored by the CMAI, her talk will begin at 11:30 a.m. Feb. 14 in 201 Union.

On Feb. 27, "Real Hip-Hop/Music," from 7-11 p.m. in the Union's Black Swamp Pub, will feature original poetry, live bands, emcees, neo singers, smooth rock, rap, R & B, jazz and hip-hop. The evening is sponsored by the Black Student Union.

CMAI's popular annual dinner theatre, on Feb. 22 and 23, will feature comedian Jay Lamont. Doors will open at 7 p.m. for the 8 p.m. performance of "The Best of Dinner Theatre" on Feb. 22. The \$15 admission fee includes light refreshments. Doors will open at 6 p.m. for the 7 p.m. Saturday performance, a semi-formal event with a cash bar and dinner buffet. Tickets are \$20. Call 419-372-2642 for tickets.

Food

Because food is an integral part of culture and history, University Dining Services will mark the remembrance of Martin Luther King Jr. and Black History Month with several special lunches and dinners.

A Southern food buffet will be on the menu Tuesday (Jan. 29) in the Union's Bowling Greenery, and on Feb. 12, a cultural themed dinner will be served in Commons Dining Center.

Black History Month theme lunches will be offered Feb. 13 in McDonald Dining Center and Feb. 22 in the Union's Falcon's Nest, and a theme dinner will be served on Feb. 27 in Founders Dining Center.

Editor's Note: For more information on Black History Month events, contact Bonnie Blankinship, Marketing and Communications, at 419-372-2618 or bblanki@bgsu.edu.

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Sofia Quintero Art and Cultural Center
1225 Broadway
Toledo, Ohio 43609
Thursday, February 7, 2008
6:30 p.m.

Indiana Missionary Baptist Church
640 Indiana Avenue
Toledo, Ohio 43602
Monday, February 11, 2008
6:30 p.m.

Oregon Fire Station #2
1102 S. Wheeling
Oregon, Ohio 43616
Tuesday, February 12, 2008
6:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Jill Kelly or Daniel Pilrose (419) 213-2045

All meetings are free and open to the public.

Traditions, Transitions, Transformations: Toledo Black History Month 2008 Events and Programs

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The Death of Tarika Wilson : Murder or Collateral Damage?

By Vickie Shurelds
Sojourner's Truth Reporter

The atmosphere of the city of Lima is undergoing a change. The events surrounding the death of Tarika Wilson have drawn a line through the city that demands focus. In whatever gathering takes place, the topic bubbles just below the surface, until it erupts from the mind of a speaker or audience member and is acknowledged.

Waiting. And has it happened in every instance of "waiting," the mind begins to weave its own scenarios. Lima Mayor David J. Berger announced last week that he has read accounts of the Lima PACE Unit and SWAT team's search warrant action from all over the country, and some of them contain "inaccurate information."

At a press conference on Monday, Lima NAACP President FM Jason Upthegrove explained that the murder of Tarika Wilson was the straw that broke the camel's back. Just as Rosa Parks has the designation of being the trigger that began the civil rights movement, the death of this young mother has come to be seen as the epitome of a failed law enforcement system. After sifting through examples of oppression, disproportionate numbers in businesses, law enforcement representatives, misrepresentation within the educational and economic system and underlying dissension in the community of color, the only response from the majority community seems to be: "...but you shouldn't call it a murder, let's allow the investigation to go forward, hold judgment—the officer is innocent until proven guilty."

Joe Chavalía, the officer identified by Lima Police Chief Greg Garlock as the person who shot Tarika Wilson and her 14-month old son Sincere, remains on paid administrative leave until the investigation into his actions is complete. That report will be released by the Ohio Bureau of Crime Investigation and Identification and the FBI. There has been no information released on findings thus far, all divisions under the Attorney General's office are operating under the decision to hold all information until the investigation is complete.

The target of the "high risk long term investigation" that led to the raid on January 4, 2008, Anthony Terry, awaits his time of "innocent until proven guilty" in the Allen County Jail. The investigation into his actions as an alleged drug dealer also moves for-

ward but, in contrast; information is readily leaked to the media as it is "uncovered." At last count, 15 charges have now been filed against him, with the possibility of more to come.

"This is what I've been talking about for the last few years," said City Councilman Tommy Pitts during a press conference at his home to share some of his thoughts on the incident. "I presented the proof to the city residents when the police arrested my sons on drug charges. They arrest whites and blacks differently in the City of Lima. If a white kid sells drugs and gets caught — they put him in front of a judge immediately and he gets a few months in jail or probation. A black kid is allowed to rack up 10, 12, 15 counts before he's arrested, then he's sent to jail for 20 or 30 years or more. It's injustice. I had my own investigator take a look at this, then the Lima News [the local paper] did their own investigation and found the same numbers and nothing was done. If we had addressed this [situation] years ago or even in the time I've been sitting on city council, this may have never happened. If they had arrested Anthony Terry when they made the first police buy from him, the second buy or even the third buy—if they had arrested him earlier that day when they bought drugs from him, Tarika Wilson would be alive and her son would be home with his family today."

The black community continues to feel frustration that they cannot be heard. When speaking to City Council, the police chief and the mayor, they continue to believe authorities are not listening — "They keep telling us to wait. Wait to see what the investigation shows. Wait for what? Maybe they can't arrest Joe Chavalía for killing Tarika because they don't know what she did that may have caused him to shoot her—but Sincere didn't do anything," said Rev. CW Manley. "He shot a baby and he should be in jail! If I shot a baby, I'd be in jail. We just want to be treated like every other citizen in Lima. Anthony Terry is in jail. He didn't shoot anybody. He's in jail! Chavalía is on vacation, and we're paying for it!"

Manley is outraged and continues to express his displeasure in a city that does not distribute justice equally.

At the city council meeting on Monday, January 28, Derek Solomon, the owner of a downtown pub, addressed the

panel during Privilege of the Floor and hurled accusations at Councilman Derry Glenn



Jason Upthegrove

for inciting unrest. "I've heard enough from Derry Glenn who now says he wants to start a healing process when all he's done is hurt the community for the past three weeks. Quit throwing the racial card out there and step up and do something for the city of Lima!"

Solomon also aired his view on Mr. Upthegrove and the local NAACP: "They're having a meeting to talk about problems with the police department. Where will the meeting be to talk about the good things about the police department?" He ended his comments by saying too much time had been spent talking about what happened on January 4. "Just let the investigation continue and let's focus on some important issues like plans for downtown Lima."

That same evening, Jason Upthegrove had also requested "Privilege of the Floor." He explained that the meeting planned for Thursday, January 31 at 6 p.m. at Bradfield Community Center would be held, in part, to satisfy a request from Chief Garlock and the Attorney General. After hearing so many comments from citizens of all colors on incidents involving law enforcement it was discovered that none of the people had filed formal complaints. Most people were unaware that such a thing existed.

There are procedures that must be followed in order to create the paper trail that leads to action being taken by those in authority. Representatives from the state NAACP with President Sybil Edwards-McNabb including her board members, District Coordinator WilliAnn Moore, Executive Director of the Ohio Civil Rights Commission G. Michael Payton and members of his staff along with local

NAACP members will be helping citizens of Lima who feel their lives have been nega-



tively impacted by their encounter with law enforcement fill out the proper paperwork.

Upthegrove expressed in an interview following the council meeting that no one is trying to hinder the investigation, but there are things the citizens of Lima can do to improve conditions while waiting for the report to be filed. "We can educate the people of Lima about how to handle themselves in certain

situations, what procedures and paperwork needs to be filed, how to conduct the business of follow-up, and follow through to make the system work as it should," said Upthegrove.

Upthegrove had taken a hit earlier that day through the words of a letter in the local newspaper. The writer, Bev Place of Spencerville, thinks he does not understand the English language. Her letter contained official definitions from the Ohio Revised Code for the terms "murder" and "aggravated murder." She then ended her lesson by again using the "innocent until proven guilty" quote in defense of Chavalía.

For some citizens then, are the death of Tarika Wilson and the shooting of her son in a drug raid an "acceptable loss?" Is her family considered "collateral damage?" (Which according to the US Army is: "The damage and destruction of targets or personnel not considered as lawful military targets. For instance the bombing of civilian population or medical facilities.")

This is the trepidation that

exists within the African-American community in Lima: that it is believed they don't matter. From the distribution of CDBG funding, economic development, job bids, representation in the media, city government, and law enforcement — there is no consideration and it doesn't matter.

Because of the gap that exists in critical areas of the community, Lima City Council and the City of Lima were presented with a public records request from the National NAACP — that same request will be coming for other factions of the city's infrastructure as well.

These documents can "make a case for or against the processes that exist," said Upthegrove, "we want to make sure the community has done everything it can to improve the communication from the community to law enforcement, it's another step in bringing us closer to the goal of equal strength for all the residents of Lima and Allen County. That's what matters, that we all have an equal part to play in creating a strong city that embraces all of its members."

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By Michael Hayes
Minister of Culture

Wow. What can I say? You know what, that was an awesome night. No other word to describe it but awesome.

I mean... damn - an entire night full of new, original music!

See, other crews can be local if they want. I try to never use that word in reference to the men & women of U.G.E. because, well... it just doesn't apply honestly.

But to the audience - you sat there and rocked with us the whole night.

Some left and others quickly filled the seats.

I expected a great turnout, but I was shocked to see a nightclub/bar packed to capacity as early as 9:30 p.m. - that means peeps were showing up to see the talent.

That means that Emancipated Soul, Yasu, Da Basix, S.s.t.r.e.s, B.M.G. and the entire U.G.E. roster put on such a hell of a show that peeps who came as early as 9 p.m. were still there past midnight!

Of course, there were a few who just came to see whom they came to see.

There were a few who were just out bar hopping and didn't know they were walking into a three-hour long live mini-concert so yeah, they came & went.

But The Peacock Caf  was standing room only, hell, actually more like standing room barely... for an entire evening!

And even though some songs went over better than others, even though a marathon show like that is a lot to ask of the audience and even though we had some issues in other areas... it was one amazing night.

Special thanks to Bobby Gabriel, owner of The Peacock Caf .

Y'all may not have known this but this is one of the longest-running black-owned and operated night spots in the state of Ohio.

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The men of A PH I A were there the night before our event and it was a successful venue for them as well.

jobs no one envies is that of soundman/D.J.

You have elements beyond your control affecting the room acoustics, talent who all sing/rap at varying volumes, music mixed differently, hostile members of the audience to keep in check etc. etc. etc.



But Bobby... maaan - I can tell y'all.

Even though I'm still early in the game, I've been around more than a few night club owners and Bobby has treated my label and me with the most hospitable and gracious attitude I've ever encountered when dealing with a venue.

He was understanding to our every request and we just click. I want get things done, he wants to get things done... our event was a success largely because Bobby gave us the red carpet treatment and trusted us to do our thug thizzle. Also thanks to the wait staff and security. Y'all know y'all deserve plenty of recognition for how well U.G.E. was treated, we appreciate it.

SPECIAL THANKS TO D.J. MPRESS/ Soulbeat Music Group.

In this business, one of the

MONI! - Don't know how you do it, fam, but I'm glad you duz it like ya duz.

I've seen people throw half-hour shows with just one or two acts and I've seen D.J.'s mess that up. How D.J. Mpress handled the logistics of a three-hour show while managing backing tracks for over 40 songs and 11 musical acts (that's right, eleven!)... dude, that's amazing just in and of itself.

Mpress is a friend of mine, but I highly recommend his services as a D.J. because outside of us being cool, he's professional, on time, and just keeps the atmosphere on point by being fun and unpredictable. Not all D.J.'s are created equal ya'll, get quality.

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SPECIAL THANKS TO JAYE HAYES & HAJAMI FASHION & DANCE STUDIO

Yeah, that's my mom - but that's not why I'm thanking

her. Okay, y'all see how me and my partner produce and facilitate an entire roster full of talented singers and rappers, right? Well, all that music, stage presence, vocal exercises and showmanship has to be rehearsed somewhere...

and my mom (Ms. Jaye) graciously gave us her stage night after night in her new fashion and design shop in Parkway Plaza (Detroit at The Trail) in Maumee. She heard all the bad notes before they were corrected. She saw all the ugliness. All the sweat. All the moodiness. All the constant hustle and bustle of practicing over 30 songs featuring numerous people.

Mom, I love you - and U.G.E. thanks you for putting up with us. And I had to shout out my mom's skills on the fashion design end of things, because at our show there were so many women fresh and fly... I was just saying that if you want some original fashions for any occasion, you should go to a designer not the mall.

Real talk. SPECIAL THANKS TO APPLE, SHALONDA, ERICA, MELODY & KAILAH

Having a music company is one thing, but not even the U.G.E. artists could help out with everything it took to make our show a success. That's where some honorary members of the crew stepped up in a major way!

Working the door, handling the money, dealing with drunk folks, greeting the patrons...

DAMN that's a lot of work. Melody Davis, my god-sister since the early 90's when we were barely out of elementary... we got each other's backs for life. Need to have us a Pisces Party! (you know I don't drink tho, I'll just take some cranberry) Oh yeah, Heather!

Can't forget about Heather, what's up! Erica and Shalonda... y'all are the craziest girls on the planet.

With them outfits, maaan - y'all should've been onstage that night.

Thank you both sooo much for your help.

Apple. Where do I begin? Thick and thin, that's us.

You a general out there, stop

frontin, maan - you got that leadership thing in ya blood!

And baby sis, Kailah Hayes (I won't put either one of your middle names in here), I love you and I knew it was a good idea to put the entire roster in your hands.

The youngest person there and still making sure everything went according to plan even when plans changed. Thank you so much, sis.

SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL PERFORMERS

Elevated Thinking became Emancipated Souls when alongside the talented Mr. Darryl.

Soulbeat Music Group's newest endeavor was on point that night.

Yasu gave stunning and memorable performances each time to the stage and her talent was one of the most talked about points of the night for many.

"SSTREESSSS IS COMMMIIINN... SSSTREESSSS ON THE WAAAYYY"

Maan, the first time I heard that joint was like two years ago and I was like

"that is so weird sounding, you can't help but end up repeating it"

And my big homie from B.G. put it down in incredible fashion.

Probably the most unexpected sound of the evening, my boy Marcus, a/k/a Stress, and his accomplice Midnight shut it down each time they took the stage, especially with the last joint "Evil Things." Da Basix got very busy as well and completely controlled the crowd like true veterans. Then there's B.M.G.

I had to stop the show after his last joint and tell everyone that it was his first performance!

B.M.G. is a self produced lyricist with a message. He was able to make a huge impact with just a small time on stage. I will make certain that he's seen again, quite possibly wherever you see my crew.

And speaking of that crew of mine:

SPECIAL THANKS TO U.G.E.

Darron Scott. Dizzy & T. Dime of Onasis. Leigh Ashley. Aye Dee. Mz. Johni & T. Rist.

As we practice for shows. While we record. While we are coaching vocals, writing

new material and even while we are planning next move...

if you ask any of my artists what I'm mostly likely to talk about they will tell you how often I remind them why we do this.

Why did we choose this as a profession?

Why did we choose a lifestyle in entertainment instead of 9-5 or some mess?

What are we going to do with these gifts of ours?

Why do we work as hard as we work?

Yeah, we will all make a nice comfy living from doing music.

However, the deeper part centers around the responsibility we have as artists to express situations that everyday people can relate to. And I can vouch for U.G.E.... this business of creating music and succeeding in the national music industry... this is a responsibility!

Everyday that we wake up breathing air, this is a necessity.

To win. To succeed.

To fulfill.

Lavale and I thank you all for your hard work, for your improvement, for your artistry and for trusting us. Okay, that's the deep part of the gratitude. In other words - the a show was hot, fam!!!!

Maan, from Onasis hittin the crowd with "Bopperz" and "Sip A Lil Bit" I have a feeling we have a couple anthems on our hands.

Darron Scott & Aye Dee got the ladies attention with "Make Her Tremble," another crowd favorite.

Leigh Ashley's "My Turn" and "Trust In Me" earned her instant fans.

People told me how amazed they were by her voice.

Tim aka T.Rist got his FIRST taste of the stage in front of family and friends performing his new song "Be Here".

And then there's Aye Dee. What can be said that hasn't already been said... this dude is an Olympian level performer... brings it every time!

U.G.E. - this is how fans are earned. Let's keep it up.

Stay tuned everyone, Leigh Ashley Showcase coming soon.

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When I was a child the senior choir would sing this song:



"We've come this far by Faith
Leaning on the Lord
Trusting in his Holy word
He's never failed me yet
Oh, Oh, Oh can't turn around
We've come this far by faith."
Lyrics that are so true today.

Today, I also understand this quote by former President Jimmy Carter: "I have one life and one chance to make it count for something... I'm free to choose what that something is, and the something I've chosen is my faith."

Now my faith goes beyond theology and religion and requires considerable work and effort. My faith demands, - this is not optional - that I do whatever I can, wherever I can, wherever I am, whenever I can, for as long as I can, with whatever I have to try to make a difference."

Be encouraged to embrace your faith in "2008".
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Faith quotes by Jone Johnson Lewis

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Negro Pastors

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Forsaking the sustained effort and financial sacrifice that it takes to make an oppressive system reform itself, the minority community will internalize prior disappointments and ongoing rebuffs due to their perception that they are not powerful enough

or deserving enough to receive better treatment. As a direct consequence, the available financial plums and efforts at community development are steered away to other communities that demand more from their city government.

What is a tragedy is that certain identifiable persons or groups (some clergy for example) will forsake basic political discernment 101 and astuteness and sell their "soul" for a cheap trinket or a photo op with someone or an organization who has clearly shown

that they disdain who they or their constituents are as evidenced by the shabby treatment afforded them...despite the villain's protestations or liberal gibberish to the contrary. Until black Toledoans pool their time and talents and monies and form strategic

alliances in order to make it produce the goods and services and financial opportunities that white folks take as their DNA rights, we will have mayors singing "Mammy," wearing King Kong suits and serving black pastors

cheese and crackers while they dine on prime rib.

This is Lafe Tolliver for the All Negro News Network reporting from Toledo, Ohio.

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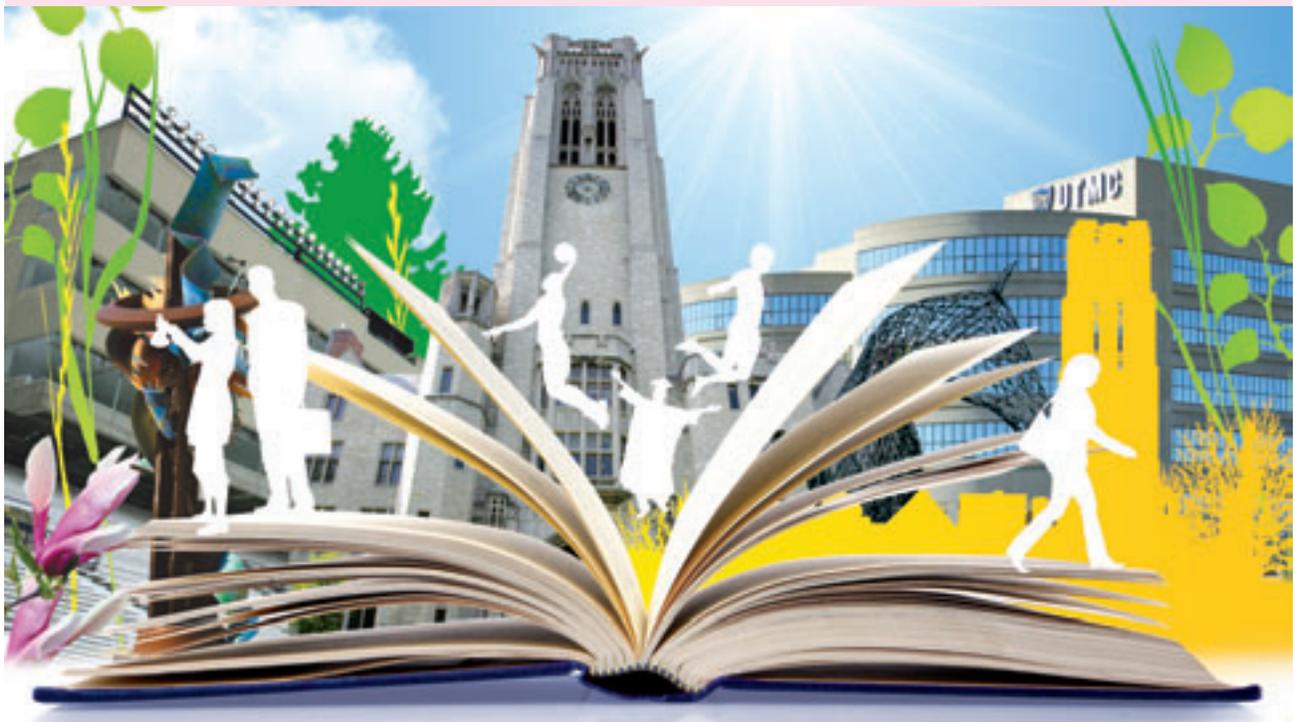
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