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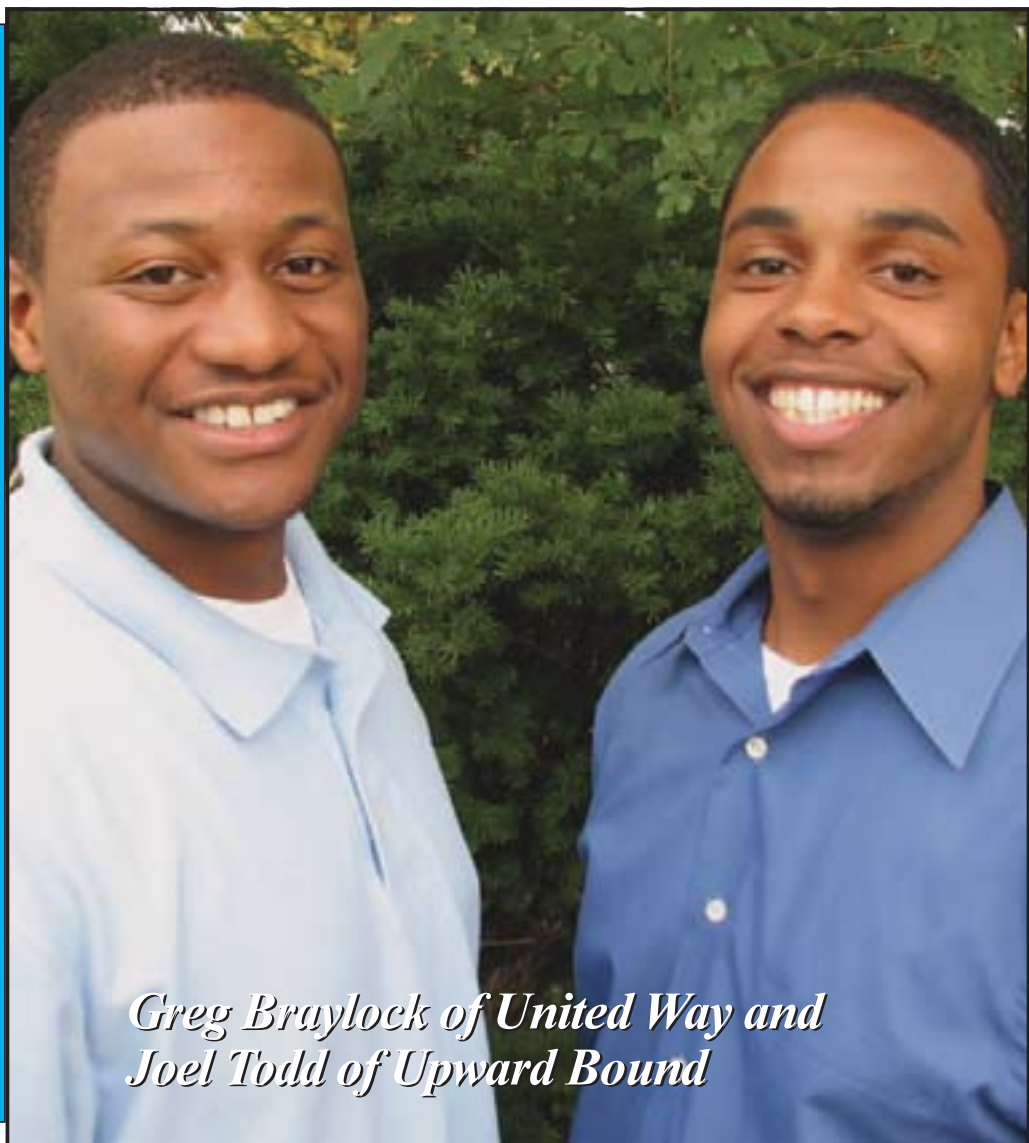
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*Greg Braylock of United Way and
Joel Todd of Upward Bound*

"Let's make sure we think of young people on another level, as active participants in our society." ~Greg Braylock

This Strikes Us ...

The Sojourner's Truth Editorial

More thoughts on the presidential race ...

The Republican candidates for president and vice president, Senator John McCain and Governor Sarah Palin, have adopted a backdrop with a slogan that appears to be one that will follow them for the duration of the campaign – "Country First."

This, of course, is the familiar quadrennial theme of the Republican Party, an effort to question the patriotism of those Democrats who disagree with them, particularly in times of war – hot or cold.

Richard Nixon used it to great effect in 1972, during Vietnam, and the theme was used employed by Ronald Reagan as he revived the old soft-on-communism mantra in 1980 and 1984.

And, of course, George W. mastered the attack on patriotism in 2004 as his surrogates managed to attack his opponent's service record during Vietnam even though W himself had successfully avoided duty in Asia.

The "Country First" theme is pulling double duty this time around. First, it reminds everyone that McCain was a P.O.W. Yes, that's right, breaking news. You read it here first. John McCain was a P.O.W., folks.

Secondly, the theme reinvigorates the McCain/Palin claim that their opponents care only about their political careers and good Republicans – for example, such as McCain and Palin – care little about political ambition, they are only in this thing for the most selfless of reasons.

Therefore, you would think that the Republicans would have nothing but admiration for community organizers, wouldn't you?

You would think that community organizers, who place their own material ambitions on hold in order to go back on the streets and help folks to find jobs, find housing, manage their finances, help them with legal difficulties and gain or regain their dignity, would be high on the list of people Republicans could admire as being part of the "country first, rather than the me first" crowd – to paraphrase Joan McCain.

Oddly, this is not the case. At the Republican Party National Convention last week, Palin, and former mayor of New York, Rudy Giuliani – who certainly knows a thing or two about political ambition – actually made fun of Senator Barack Obama because he had been a community organizer in his 20's. Obama had, in fact, passed on a lucrative career as a lawyer with top drawer Wall Street or Washington, D.C. law firms in order to go back into the streets and help others.

Now, we don't think that Obama made such a choice only because he felt the need to help others, he made a choice for his future, no doubt. Just as McCain, Palin and Giuliani have made their choices. Nevertheless, for Republicans to disparage community organizers – in general – while standing in front of a sign that says "Country First" is really the height of hypocrisy.

Or, at least, it was the height. We have no doubt they may surpass even that lofty standard in the upcoming weeks.

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Finally, Detroit's recent nightmare seems to be nearing an end. Kwame Kilpatrick is set to resign and accept the fact that his colorful reign of error is over. At least for a while.

For most Detroiters, this news has been greeted with a sigh of relief. For others, who question the role that Governor Jennifer Granholm played in forcing the mayor's hand, the news has been greeted with dismay that outsiders, particularly white outsiders, stepped into the mess and ousted the popular mayor who at one point seemed to have the kind of promise that touch so few. Think Barack Obama, for example.

But regardless of how Kilpatrick met his demise, the fact is that the mayor brought all of this on himself and on his long-suffering city. The news out of Detroit has been so bad for so long that this scandal was the very last thing the good citizens of Motor City needed.

It was the last thing that the State of Michigan needed as well. This scandal was just salt on the self inflicted wounds of the past several decades.

The handwriting was on the wall in 1972, as members of the oil cartel ratcheted up their efforts to gain control of their own oil fields and economies, that the auto industry, the City of Detroit and the State of Michigan could not indefinitely depend on the American consumers' hunger for big, gas-guzzling cars that were built with the idea that they would last for a brief period of time.

It's been almost 40 years now that auto makers and Michigan elected officials have deliberately kept their heads buried in the sand. Kilpatrick must have counted on the fact that his own flagrant disregard for ethical behavior would go unnoticed as well.

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Community Calendar

September 7, 14, 28

3rd Pastoral Anniversary: First MBC; For Pastor Donald Murray; Guests Rev. W.L. Perryman of Jerusalem Baptist, Rev. John Roberts of Indiana Avenue MBC and Supt Hobbs of Greater St. John Church

September 10

4th Annual City Wide Support the Troops Rally: Friendship Park; 6:30 p.m.: 419-699-3439

September 11

Women's Entrepreneurial Network: Getting Started in Business Seminars at the Waterville Branch Library; 6:30 pm: 419-345-9497

September 12

UT Black Greek Fundraiser: The Peacock; 9 pm
Seminar: "Researching Historical Records for African American Studies and Genealogy;" BGSU Student Union, Rm 228; 1 to 4:30 pm; Speaker Reginald Washington, archivist/genealogy specialist: 419-372-2411 or Inclair@bgsu.edu

September 12-14

St. Catherine of Siena Festival 2008: Friday, 6pm to midnight; Sat, 2 pm to midnight, Sun, noon to 8 pm; Rides, food, bingo, poker tournament

September 14

Double Authors Event: Sponsored by Toledo Kwanzaa House; Lighthouse Community Center; Fritz Mays and W.N. Shaharki-Heard; 5 pm: 419-471-1912

September 16

Informational Meeting for Child Advocates: LC Juvenile Court CASA Department needs volunteers for child advocates; Kent Branch Library; 5:50 to 6:30 pm: 419-213-6753

September 17

EOPA Financial Planning Class: Free one day class – break free from the bondage of money stress; 9 am to 1 pm; Hamilton Building: 419-242-7304

September 18

Women's Entrepreneurial Network: "Writing a Business Plan;" Waterville Branch Library; 6:30 pm: 419-345-9497

September 19

Rhema Word Christian Fellowship Church: Women's Ministry '08 Conference; "Women Anointed for Battle;" Friday – 9 am to 2 pm workshops, 6 pm prayer, 7 pm service; Saturday – 11:30 am luncheon in Fellowship Hall; Sunday – 9 am Worship Service, 11:30 am Worship Service: 419-534-9840

September 19-20

S.I.P. Kids: Free digital fingerprints and photo program for all kids that attend; Kistler Ford; Friday from 3 to 7 pm; Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm: 419-531-9911 or www.sipkids.com

September 20

Making a Difference Conference: St. Stephen's C.O.G.I.C.; 2 to 4 pm: 419-810-7973

September 21

Indiana Avenue MBC Women's Day: 10:50 am and 4 pm; "Christian Women Being Kept in Perfect Peace Because They Trust in the Lord;" 419-720-2602

Memorial Service: Phillips Temple CME Church; "Remembering Our Loved Ones: Legacy of Footprints;" 11 am

St Paul MBC Annual Women's Day Celebration: "Women Persuaded by His Power to Pray, Praise, Love, Worship and Serve; Morning worship at 10:45 with speaker Willa Mae Brown of Jerusalem MBC; Afternoon worship with guests from Allen Chapel AME of Rossford at 4 pm: 419-246-2886

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IMA Urges Members to Help with the Get Out the Vote Campaign

Sojourner's Truth Staff

The Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance (IMA) announced on Monday that the organization will focus on voter registration for the upcoming November general election as well as an effort to get registered voters to the polls.

"We want to push our membership, pastors, to get out the vote," said IMA President Rev. Cedric Brock during a meeting of the group at his Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church.

He suggested that member churches establish a registration table and appoint a "key person" to coordinate the get out the vote effort. "Your vote is your voice," said Brock.

As for mobilizing voters, Brock and his fellow pastors in the IMA plan to make their church vehicles available, with drivers, in order to ensure that those registered have no transportation barriers to casting their votes.

"We have to put out as

much effort this year as was put into the Montgomery bus boycott," said IMA Executive Secretary LeRoy Williams.

Joining the pastors at their monthly meeting were two Barack Obama campaign workers, Michelle Domke and Aaron Calbert.

The staffers suggested that pastors select a few congregants to assume the

leadership role of getting people registered and, in order to get voters to the polls, urge their church members to take advantage of early voting privileges.

Voters in Ohio can actually vote as early as September 30 in person at the EMS Training Facility at Jefferson and 22nd Streets. All early voting is done by absentee ballot and

such voters need to bring with them a driver's license, birth certificate, social security card or Ohio State identification.

The hours of voting at the EMA Center are 8:30 a.m. to

4:30 p.m. from Monday through Friday. For those who are not registered, and there are many places to do so including The Truth's offices at 1811 Adams Street, registra-

tion lasts until October 6. Those who have not yet registered can register and vote at the same time at the EMS Facility from September 30 to October 6.



Obama campaign staffers Michelle Domke and Aaron Calbert

What Good Is an Apology?

By Ravi Perry
Guest Column

Acknowledging the "injustice, cruelty, brutality and inhumanity of slavery and Jim Crow," on Tuesday July 29, The U.S. House of Representatives passed a resolution apologizing to African-Americans for slavery and the era of Jim Crow.

The nonbinding, voice-vote resolution was introduced by Rep. Steve Cohen, a white congressman who represents a majority black district in Memphis, Tennessee.

As the resolution signifies, this is the first time a branch of the federal govern-

ment has apologized for slavery and injustice toward African-Americans and, as a result, it is a significant action.

What I found most compelling about the resolution is that it states, "the vestiges of Jim Crow continue to this day." Recognizing that slavery's shadow still is alive and well in American culture and society today is a key argument of proponents of affirmative action.

African-Americans can now join the ranks of Native Americans, Japanese Americans and native Hawaiians,

who have all received some form of an apology from the federal government in the past for injustices.

The problem with a non-binding resolution whose purpose is to apologize for past injustices toward African-Americans is that it does little to change the substantive quality of life of African-Americans in the present and does not in any way address the vestiges of slavery of Jim Crow that the resolution itself acknowledges - but in word only. African-Americans' economic circumstances

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An Open Letter to America "AMERICA, YOU FOOLED US!"

Dear America,

It is with great anticipation that I write this letter after having been engaged in so many discussions, blogs, blurbs, technology opts and the like regarding the state of our affairs in America.

We find ourselves in the pocket of some deep stuff that seems to continue to get deeper the longer it goes on. However, this political charge that seems to have invaded our homes, jobs, institutions and corridors will not go away. It is here to stay and, for good reason, we have all found ourselves wrapped up in it in ways that we have never been before.

I challenge you not to be judgmental before you finish reading this letter because it is written with you in mind. I have stopped at the water fountains, throughout airports, department stores, restaurants, and God knows where else, and all of the conversations seem to be unanimously centered on "politics", a new nation of believers.

It is without provocation that I have always found myself having to refocus each time I have encountered these thoughts. So here I am feeling compelled to write to you. I have through the years been politically active.

But now America, it seems as though all of that ugly racial stuff that I had been introduced to during my formative years growing up in a small town of Samson, Alabama, which I learned to filter harshly yet appropriately, has brought me to a place of honoring the reality that "America's racism" has a different face.

America, you fooled us!

And here we thought that we would never see the day when America would join hand in hand and call those things that are not what they were. **America, you fooled us!**

And here we thought that everybody was still bent out of shape on the color of skin or the gender of a person. **America, you fooled us!**

And here Black America thought that you thought that its skin pigmentation was a curse and ranked lowest on the totem pole. **America, you fooled us!** While some of us were focusing on skin color, you were focusing on content, character, dignity and need vs. greed. **America, you fooled us!**

You have brought us to a place that we have never been before. We cannot say that this has been a one man show because it has not. We have needed you like we have never needed you before to paint a picture of "optimism together" like we dare not dreamed.

You have allowed some of us to see that Senators Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama's roadmap to victory has engaged us all in a composite of portraits that we dared not cut and paste to get the whole.

America, you fooled us, even though we know that you have not been totally asleep all of these years, because after all, this destiny has been journeying for awhile now.

But many have linked Obama's candidacy to be the epitome of what Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech was about; I believe that it is only a minuscule portrait of Dr. King's speech. I dare not minimize its value to Black America, America, or the world.

But Senators Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton's struggle to overcome their fears, racism and hatred is the same as is shared by many Americans who dream. Their dream may have been deferred or delayed, but they were not denied. We must all learn to celebrate each others dreams. But **America, you fooled us!**

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Port Authority Grant Spurs Move by Aunt Minnie's Back to Central City

By Fletcher Word

The Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority's Board of Directors announced last week that they have granted Organized Neighbors Yielding eXcellence (ONYX), Inc, a community development corporation, \$35,000 for the redevelopment of a vacant lot in adjacent sites along City Park Avenue.

The project will enable Aunt Minnie's Food Service, owned and operated by two African-American women, to move back into Toledo from their current Perrysburg address.

The Community Economic Development Initiative grant and loan program is funded with proceeds from property tax levies for CDC's and eligible neighborhood-based organizations.

The project to move Aunt Minnie's back into the central city has been named AMONYX – Aunt Minnie's and ONYX – according to Jimmie Gaines, executive director of ONYX. The development will encompass nine acres of land at 215-219 City

Park. There are three structures that will have to be razed on the property.

"This is an unusual conversation," said Gaines last week, "to get a business from the suburbs into the city."

Not that the project is home free. The \$35,000 is simply the start of what will be required for ONYX to turn the lots on City Park into a viable frozen food manufacturing plant. Ultimately the project will cost about \$5 million, according to Claudia Sebree-Pressley, one of the owners of Aunt Minnie's.

Aunt Minnie's is the brainchild of Minnie Sebree and her daughter, Sebree-Pressley. The pair opened a restaurant about 15 years ago



and, after five years, closed that operation in order to focus on frozen food distribution.

Today, Aunt Minnie's is growing from a local frozen food operation to a national one. The company's products grace the shelves of about a dozen area stores and recently the company has

moved into the American South and Southwest.

The company is located on Williams Road in Perrysburg and employs about 15 people. The business plan for the City Park location, which may take up to two years to complete, calls for annual revenues to start at \$2 million and employment

for 45 people on one shift. From there, according to Sebree-Pressley, the company will be able to grow into multiple shifts, as the demand increases for the Aunt Minnie's products.

Aunt Minnie produces four frozen food items – cornbread stuffing, sweet potato pie, peach cobbler and

blackberry cobbler.

"This is a group that needs to expand and come home," said Lucas County Board of Commissioners' President Tina Skeldon Wozniak. "This is a quality product and they will create jobs in this neighborhood. And the Port Authority is doing what they said they would do."

In fact, most of the employees of Aunt Minnie's live in the City Park neighborhood and currently travel to Perrysburg on a daily basis.

The plan to move the company into the City of Toledo is one that is dear to the heart of ONYX's chairman of the board of directors, WilliAnn Moore, who is close to the Sebree family, as she noted at last week's press conference.

Moore's efforts to bring Aunt Minnie's home were not lost on the observers at last week's announcements. "When WilliAnn has a vision, I've learned to go along with it," said Toledo Councilman Michael Ashford, who represents District 4 where the new plant will be located. "This is a great vision."

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Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick: "I Lied Under Oath"

By Annette Wright
Sojourner's Truth Reporter

Kwame M. Kilpatrick, soon-to-be the former mayor of Detroit, is a convicted felon. His admission that he lied under oath in the whistle-blower lawsuit, highlighted by the now infamous text messages, caused a collective sigh of relief for a city that for months has endured the brunt of national ridicule and shame.

Kilpatrick and his legal team agreed to accept a deal from Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy's office to plead guilty to two

speech public office for five years and, of course, resignation as mayor of Detroit no later than September 18, 2008. Formal sentencing will take place on October 28, 2008.

Additionally, Kilpatrick pled "no contest" to one count of assault on a police officer, which is yet another felony, although unrelated to the other charges. His punishment for that charge, served concurrently, is also four months in jail, resignation from office and a period of probation to be de-



speech seemed to indicate that Kilpatrick would apologize to the citizens of Detroit and maybe, just maybe, bow out with some semblance of remorse.

Instead, Kilpatrick had in attendance a room full of supporters and family members, who gave him a resounding round of applause and cheers. While Kilpatrick indicated that he takes full responsibility for his actions he also took issue with Governor Jennifer Granholm for fulfilling her constitutional duty as governor in proceeding with removal hearings requested by the Detroit City Council. With those hearings now halted by the plea deal, Kilpatrick went on to say that the entire ordeal has set him up for a comeback.

Again, and unfortunately, this saga may not be an ending – but merely the tumultuous beginning to a great fall for the once highly favored, young, gifted and black politician. By his own actions, Kilpatrick seems to have destroyed a most promising future that could have easily taken him beyond a nice office in the Coleman A. Young Municipal Building. He had the ability to choose good over bad in matters of public trust and integrity. Too often, far too often, he appears to have made the incorrect choices.

The murder of two exotic dancers, one being Tamara Green, has been linked to the rumored party...

felony counts of obstruction of justice. His punishment includes the automatic loss of his law license, four months in jail, five years probation, \$1 million in restitution, agreement not to

terminated by the court.

The charge was brought by Michigan State Attorney General Mike Cox who, ironically, is often cited as halting the state's investigation into the yet to be

proven Manoogian Mansion party.

The murder of two exotic dancers, one being Tamara Green, has been linked to

the rumored party, which has resulted in a federal suit against the city and Kilpatrick. This could very well mean that Kilpatrick's legal woes may just be getting started.

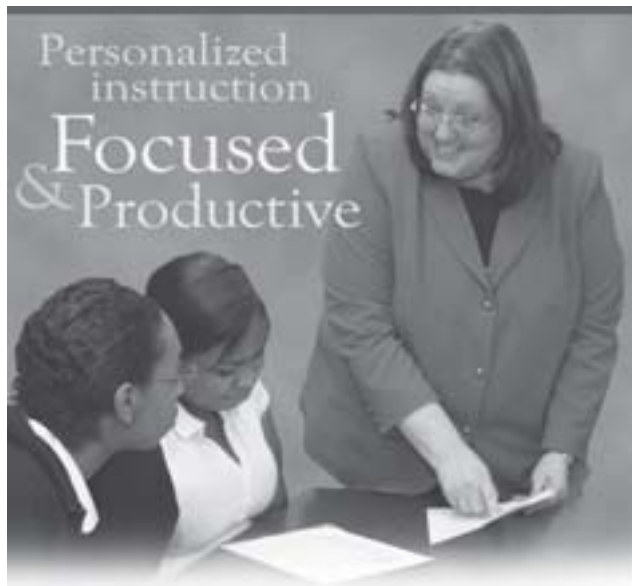
An expanding FBI investigation, which includes phone wire tapes and sifting through accepted bribes caught on tape regarding city contracts, has focused on members of city council, as well as the mayor's father, Bernard Kilpatrick.

Some city residents feel that the punishment dealt thus far is too harsh, although Kilpatrick was facing 10 felonies. Others, however, feel that the fallen public official completely abused the office, caused near irreparable harm to the city and state and ruined

the lives of people seen and unseen. They feel that the ex-mayor should have received a much longer sentence, preferably in a prison, not a jail, and restitution should have been for the entire \$8.4 million paid by the city to cover up the text messages that exposed the lies of Kilpatrick and his former chief of staff, Christine Beatty.

Beatty is scheduled to be in court on September 11, 2008 to either accept a deal offered to her from Prosecutor Worthy, which includes jail time, or move forward in trial proceedings.

The evening of his demise, Kilpatrick gave a speech from the mayor's office in the Coleman A. Young Municipal Building. Speculation about the



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Greg Braylock and Joel Todd: Brothers in Service Are Moving Forward by Giving Back

By Fletcher Word
Sojourner's Truth Editor

Last month the City of Toledo Board of Community Relations unveiled its 2008 Youth Empowerment Awards and recognized several individuals who, according to the awards' purpose statement, "have demonstrated leadership, initiative and dedication in working with and on behalf of youth."

Two of this year's recipients were Greg Braylock and Joel Todd—both 2007 graduates of The University of Toledo, leaders of the Black Student Union (BSU) during their days on campus and passionately devoted, as the award proclaims, to the cause of working with youth.

Youth is, of course, a relative term. When The Truth sat down with Braylock and Todd to discuss their commitment to improving the lives of youth, it was virtually impossible to forget that the young men are only 24 themselves and could easily identify as a part of the group they want to work with.

But the passion to give back is there and has been so for both for such a long time, dating back, in each case, to well before their college days. Now, as college educated, young black males, they recognize and have accepted the challenge that their status has bestowed on them.

Braylock interned with the Greater Toledo Urban League during his undergraduate days and then accepted a position with the fundraising group after earning his degree in middle childhood education. He is coordinator of the agency's Youth United

Way, a group he helped to establish as an intern.

"We give young people—teens—an opportunity to advocate for issues in their community and we give them the tools to effect change," says Braylock who has recently been promoted within the agency to community impact specialist for education as well.

The recently married Braylock made his decision to stay in Toledo in part because his wife, Tracie, accepted a position at the UT Medical Center. Braylock himself had applied to the Toledo Public Schools for a teaching position after graduation but the district, notoriously short of black male teachers, did not even bother to get back to him after his interview.

In the meantime, Todd took a position after graduation as guidance coordinator with UT's Upward Bound Program. Upward Bound is a federally-funded program that helps to provide students of certain population segments—minorities and low income—with opportunities to attend college.

Todd also volunteers with the Boys and Girls Clubs while he is working on his master's in counseling. He earned his undergraduate degree in psychology after starting on an education path. Why the switch?

"I wanted to impact youth and education would have provided barriers," he explains. "I wanted to be more of a mentor without being burdened by things such as

No Child Left Behind [legislation]."

So far, so good. But, as we noted earlier, the two youth advocates have not come just recently to their shared passion for empowering youth. They both arrived at UT with youth advocacy on their minds and they had ample opportunity to make their marks in college helping other students.

Braylock was president of the BSU during his final two years of school and Todd, who was the vice president during his sophomore year, served as the special assistant to the president thereafter.

During their terms in office, the BSU implemented a Freshman Leadership Program designed to start training freshmen to take positions of leadership on campus. The purpose of the program is to preserve continuity of leadership among black students, to improve student retention and, in the long run, to provide leadership within the broader context of the black community.

They took the opportunity as student leaders to stand up to the administration, they say, in order to advocate for their fellow students about "what was right for students and what was right for black students," says Braylock.

"We served as role models," recalls Todd. "And people tell us that they were glad to see people on campus doing positive things."

And they started a spring black graduates' dinner in order to bring together on a regular basis their fellow alumni.

Braylock and Todd tend to agree on those elements that have focused their attention on shaping their lives and careers to helping others, and young folks in particular. Those would be family, church, mentors and their own friendship.

Braylock hails from Cleveland Heights, OH. "My parents both graduated from college and they were children of the civil rights era. They came north from Mississippi and going back there with them gave me a sense of community and giving back," he says. "... a sense that you're not just doing this for yourself."

Todd grew up in Mansfield, OH under different circumstances. His parents divorced early and, since they both worked, he spent a lot of his formative years with grandparents. "The absence of parents helped stir in me

the desire to be there for my own children," says Todd. "From there I got into leadership positions in church and that got me to look at family counseling."

Here in Toledo, both young men came under the same influences at church—they both belong to New Life

Church of God in Christ where Rev. Edward Cook is the pastor.

"Pastor Cook is a teacher as well as a preacher," says Todd. "He helps you apply everyday principles to life and helps you in your relationship with God."

They also discovered the

same influences at UT where Braylock and Todd consider themselves lucky to have found mentors such as Martino Harmon, former director of the African-American Student Enrichment Initiatives Office, and David Young, interim director of Toledo EXcel.

"David Young, Martino Harmon and all the other people at UT would... keep us in check," says Todd. They did that by pointing out the temptations that college students were prone to falling prey to and also directing the students towards the path of positive achievement.

And, of course, Braylock and Todd complemented each other well as time passed during their college careers—and even beyond.

"I learned from Joel's ability to think and to ask questions about things that people typically don't ask about," says Braylock. "He taught me how to be a thinker and how to chat, to talk and pray."

Todd, on the other hand, feels that sometimes he thinks a bit too much and that's where Braylock provides a certain balance for him.

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"Greg helped me learn to be a little more laid back and appreciate life a little more," says Todd. "Sometimes I over think and am not a person of action. Greg has always been a person of action 'how do we get this done?' And he's always been around to support me in major decisions and help to refocus me."

Acutely aware of what

they have accomplished, both on campus and most recently, Braylock and Todd are also aware, again, of that status ... a status that is becoming increasing rare these days - college educated young black males.

With that status comes the responsibilities that they are both eager to embrace - giving back, to be sure, but

remaining humble as they do so. Fortunately they have enlisted plenty of help in keeping their priorities in order and their sense of self in perspective - they have family, they have mentors at UT, they have leaders at church and in the community ... and each has a brother he can talk to and trust.

Warren B. Davis Retires After 26 Years at UT

Sojourner's Truth Staff

Warren Davis, director of Student Development at The University of Toledo took his final leave of the institution on Friday, August 29 during an enthusiastic celebration of his life and career along with dozens of friends, family and colleagues.

Davis started working at UT in 1982 as a counselor in student development and moved to learning skills specialist before being promoted to assistant director and, finally, director of the department.

He earned his undergraduate degree from Defiance College and his masters from Bowling Green State University

"Sometimes you don't realize the impact someone has on your life when you are young," said Selina Griswold, associate professor of Business Technology, in tribute to Davis. Griswold was recounting her experiences at UT as a student when Davis encouraged her to continue her education and pursue an advanced degree after graduation.



That tribute was one of many during the afternoon in the Ingman Room of the Student Union.

Singer/songwriter Paul "The Blues Man" Miles provided most of the afternoon's entertainment.



Neiko Coleman's Bridge of Hope Seeks and Celebrates Small Victories

Sojourner's Truth Staff

In an era of economic uncertainty, increasing home foreclosures and personal bankruptcies, Neiko Coleman's decision to enter the world of personal financial management could not be more timely.

Coleman, who has been certified by the U.S. Department of Justice as a financial health counselor, is the owner of Bridge of Hope Financial Agency whose mission is to provide a personal touch while educating individuals in the area of personal finances. Coleman's Bridge of Hope is dedicated to helping people get out of debt and become financially self-sufficient.

"I intend to offer debt education courses," said Coleman. "And I intend to conduct seminars on a sliding fee scale."

The financial assistance field is a relatively new one for Coleman - she has spent a considerable amount of time and effort gaining expertise and certification by the Justice Department. On the other hand, her new career and agency is an outgrowth of the concern for others that she has spent years cultivating.



Coleman has been in the mental health and social service field for years as a therapeutic program worker, a family support specialist and a mental health professional. The Toledo native and graduate of Woodward High School earned her bachelor's degree from The University of Toledo in mental health and psychology.

Coleman started the pro-

cess of becoming a financial health counselor two years ago and received her government certification in early 2008.

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Clubs Honor Barbara Tucker, New NANBPWC Inc. North Central Governor

By Artisha S. Lawson
Sojourner's Truth reporter

The red and gold ladies of four local clubs of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. gathered to celebrate a new beginning by honoring fellow club sister Barbara Tucker, new governor of the North Central District.

"We're so proud of her, and look forward to working with her. Here's a little advice from me to you, never receive advice from inactive people ... not everyone has the right to speak into your life. Don't follow people not going anywhere," said Trevor Black, NANBPWC Inc, Maumee Bay Club president.

The Saturday, September 6, 2008 event was held at Stephenson Hall and fea-

tered presentations by organizations that Tucker belongs to. Three fellow club sisters: Councilwoman Wilma Brown, Clara Brank and Cerssandra McPherson served as co-chairmen of the event in honor of the first governor from the Toledo area.

ted Tucker a proclamation from Mayor Carty Finkbeiner in honor of her continuous years of community service in the Toledo and her accomplishment of becoming the North Central District Governor.

Honoree Barbara Tucker is a retired educator from the Toledo Public School System, member of St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church of Toledo, member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc, Zeta Alpha Omega Graduate Chapter of Toledo, member of Study Hour Club, member of Top Ladies of Distinction, life member of NANBPWC Inc, and works with Women Alive.

A letter from her pastor, James H. Willis Sr., was read on his behalf which praised Tucker for her accomplishments and advised her to continue keeping Christ

first in her life. "You are the essence of a true servant, and the path that we choose does not matter. I thank God for you. I was told if you ever want a job done, then give it to a busy person. So today, I congratulate you and ask God to continue blessing you. Continue to let God direct your path,"

Then special tributes continued with Toledo Youth Club whose members presented her with flowers and performed a musical selection; NANBPWC Inc. Clubs of Toledo, Maumee Bay, Pontiac and Lorain gave gifts for her new position and her sorority sisters of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc, club sisters of Study Hour Club and the Top Ladies of Distinction spoke words of praise. Vocalist Beverly Tucker sang an inspiration gospel medley.



Tucker and husband Willie Tucker



District Officers

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The presentation by Toledo Youth Club was the featured tribute, because Tucker chartered the local club while serving as president of Toledo's Club.

"Toledo Youth Club became chartered under her presidency of our Toledo Club of NANBPWC. She still attends their meetings regu-

audience.

The event closed with words of gratitude by the honoree herself who said that she appreciated all the compliments and gifts and that she looks forward to serving as their district gov-

ernor.

"This is truly a momentous occasion. I can do all things through Christ which gives me strength," said Tucker. "All things include my family and the clubs I have been blessed to participate in. Now I am at this

position, I never dreamed that I would be here when I joined. It's through the strength I gained through Christ. At this point I was amazed, because I never expected anything of this magnitude."



Toledo Youth Club

summer, because the Toledo Club's own member Barbara Tucker is now the governor of our North Cen-

wrote Willis.

Toledo City Councilwoman Wilma Brown pre-

larly, she saw a need for this program in Toledo. Your governor is an advocate of youth," McPherson told the

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Several Toledoans found their way to Denver for the Democratic National Convention. Ravi Perry, a Ph.D. candidate at Brown University, Ashley Futrell, a lobbyist in Washington, D.C. and Dominique Warren, who is an advanced teaching program in Chicago got together for a moment.

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2008 Ohio Young Black Professionals Conference

The 2008 Ohio Young Black Professionals Conference, designed to engage young professionals in various workshops that will enhance and develop leadership skills, will be held this year at the Park Inn Hotel in Toledo on October 24 and 25. The theme of this year's conference is "Bridging the Gap in Health and Healthcare." The highlights include luncheon keynote address by Jeff Johnson, host of BET's "The Truth;" plenary session speakers Ohio State Senator Ray Miller, Dr. Gina Villani of the National Urban League and Cassye Cook, vice president of the NUL Young Professionals, among others. Workshop topics will include: Maintaining a Healthy Lifestyle, Are You Covered, Holistic Health, Exercise Options for Busy Professionals and more. Registration starts on September 8. To do so call 419-243-3343 or email gtulceo@aol.com.

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A Legend Returns: Charlie Chuck Goes Back on the Air

By Robert Smith, African American Legacy Project
Special to The Truth

No longer able to ignore the weekly, sometimes daily phone calls, WJCU's founder and president W. Charles Welch, a/k/a *Charlie Chuck*, returns to the airwaves 9:00 a.m., Saturday, September 13, 2008.

According to Welch, "As much as I tried to just manage the station, we kept getting calls asking, when I was going back on the air? I guess people missed me and the brand of music that I love playing!" Welch's ability to blend jazz, R & B and gospel - sometimes all within the same hour - is a feat unheard of in traditional radio. Charlie Chuck does it very well. In fact, nobody does it better!

Charlie Chuck is more than a household name within the African-American community. He is truly one of this community's favorite sons. When questioned deeper about why he is

returning to the airwaves, Chuck simply said, "There is work to be done and WJCU is perfectly positioned to help stimulate economic growth and development and revitalization within our community."

A savvy businessman, Welch is the first African-American granted a license to build *outright* his own broadcast outlet [radio station] in the Toledo market. He is a member of the board of directors of the Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union, the Dorr Street Coalition, a member of the Reynolds Road Revitalization committee, and a trustee at St Paul A.M.E Zion Church here in Toledo. You may have even seen Welch recently in cable ads where he is helping to promote the "Buy Toledo Local Campaign."

Welch says, "I'm O.K., but there are so many people - many of whom have been long term listeners, supporters, and friends - who could use something positive, something spiritual in their lives. Perhaps, I can play a song or say something that will lift them up. I have some ideas that I believe will help this community grow and I will share them during my weekly Saturday morning broadcasts."

Indeed Charlie Chuck's true success can be measured in very basic terms. Simply, he has created a legacy for his children and grandchildren.

To understand Chuck's commitment to community you would have to know a little bit about his journey. During the late 1960's,

Toledo's African-American community was alive and black businesses were thriving! Just up the road, Motown was jumping and a young man named W. Charles Welch was working weekends at WJLB radio, at the same time he was performing occasionally in nightclubs.

His big baritone voice could excite a crowd. Yet, he had a family to support, so he took on a factory job at Chrysler Corporation to pay the bills. Then ... his

"I guess people missed me and the brand of music that I love playing!"

opportunity came! There was an opening in Toledo, Ohio. At WKLR 99.9 FM and *Charlie Chuck* became the morning voice of *Kooler Radio!*

Along the way, he developed important relationships in the music industry. B.B. King, Etta James, Bobby Blue Bland, The Temptations, The O'Jays, James Brown, are among the many musical legends who performed in Toledo on a regular basis and ... as soon as they hit town, they would call *Charlie Chuck*.

These relationships would prove important, not just because the people he met were music icons, but because they were friends. He recognized their determination and their willingness to pursue their personal and professional goals, in spite of the odds. It was those personal conversations and experiences with dozens and dozens of legendary performers which helped Chuck under the importance of dedicating himself to one day owning his own business.

Few people know the story of his humble Alabama beginnings, caddying at all-white golf clubs, experiencing all the indignities of a black man working a position of servitude in the South. His family didn't have much, but they had pride. Not even Chuck could have imagined, during those days of overt southern seg-

regation, he would one day own and manage and his own radio station but he will tell you, he always dreamed of a better life!

His journey - not one so different from others wanting and achieving a better life - was filled with numerous roadblocks all along the way. After his long career with WKLR, where he served as music director, program director and ultimately station manager, Chuck went on to work in different markets including

stint in Houston, Texas. Somewhere during that period, the idea of owning a radio station was born. Unfortunately, he still lacked the resources and, he still had to support a growing family. Not one to give up, Chuck - once again - commuted daily between Toledo and Detroit joining Barden Cable Company as their local sales manager.

He is the first to tell you his journey was made a lot easier, because his wife Margie was there, doing what a wife and mother needed to do. She protected the children and, at the same time, held down a job at night. Together, they decided to make it!

Perhaps, Welch's desire to see Toledo's African-American community flourish again has something to do with those humble beginnings. Maybe, it has something to do with the people he met along the way. Perhaps, he wants to show young people there is a way out. Perhaps, he sees his community in distress. Perhaps, it is all true!

Welch sees a better Toledo, he sees hope for the African-American community. He could easily make the decision to set his life on cruise but as he says, "...there's work to be done!"

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*Billie A. Johnson,

As executive director and CEO of the Area Office on Aging of Northwestern Ohio, Johnson is above all an advocate for the elderly. She established online services for seniors and has been an active member of local and national advocacy groups.

Johnson has been serving older Ohioans in northwestern Ohio for more than three decades.



*Joan Durgin,

Durgin is a force for the support and advancement of young women and girls in Toledo and northwest Ohio. She developed the School Based Health Clinics in Toledo Public Schools that provide everything from disease prevention to primary health care. In 2003, Durgin founded the Polly Fox Academy, an alternative school for pregnant and parenting teen girls. Joan has lived in northwest Ohio for most of her life and currently works for Toledo Public Schools.

The Ohioana Library announced that 13 remarkable women will be inducted into the Ohio Women's Hall of Fame on September 18, 2008. "This

year marks the 30th anniversary of the establishment of the Ohio Women's Hall of Fame (OWHF). The 365 current members come from all walks of life, and

each has demonstrated extraordinary commitment to excellence, achievement, and service to others." Said Ohioana Executive Director Linda Hengst, "the 13

new inductees are no exception, their accomplishments and contributions to our state and nation will inspire Ohioans of all ages."

The 2008 OWHF Induction ceremony will be held at 5 p.m. in the Ohio Statehouse Atrium. It is free and open to the public, but reservations are required by Sept. 10 for the reception that will follow the induction.

For more information, contact Ohioana at (614) 466-3831 or bpoley@ohioana.org.

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Apology

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have gone unchanged; our children, nieces, nephews and cousins are not in better schools and many of our neighborhoods are still in disarray.

The resolution does not address the controversial issue of reparations, either.

The timing of the resolution is also odd. Why now - 389 years after approximately 20 blacks from a Dutch slaver were purchased as indentured workers for the then-English settlement of Jamestown, VA?

Simply put, this is purely symbolic. Yet, the work of the average slave was more than substantive. Our ancestors deserve a substantive apologetic action. If we are seriously interested in honoring their forced service to this country and the economy of the South, it is only fair.

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Book Review

The Last Good Kiss by Janice Pinnock

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191 pages

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

We humans are pretty lucky.

We're born into a family that keeps us around long past our infancy. Our parents and siblings recognize us as blood a long time beyond our weaning. We are nurtured by them well into our adulthood, and we can return home at any time, knowing we're not going to be bitten.

Best of all, once we reach a certain age we can pick our family.

In the new novel *The Last Good Kiss* by Janice Pinnock, family means the world to Tamara Jones, whether they are related by blood or by love.

And in this case, it's love. At least Tamara hopes it is. Tyrone is perfect: he's hot, smart, sweet and attentive. He brings her flowers and makes her tingle. Ty is every woman's dream and Tamara is over-the-moon about him. When he presents her with a gigantic diamond, she can't say "yes" fast enough.

But that doesn't mean life is smooth. Tamara's mother has been sick with breast cancer, and Tamara's sick with worry over her. Miss Dee, the woman next door (who is also Tamara's mother's best friend since childhood) hasn't been doing well, either. Maybe it's

because Quincy, Miss Dee's youngest son, is in trouble with the law.

From the time they were born just weeks apart, Quincy and Tamara were friends. They even dated for awhile in college, but at some point, they took separate paths. Tamara got a great job and is making a lot of money. Q fell into the wrong crowd and

now he's in jail for a crime he says he didn't commit. Because of Miss Dee's frailty, Tamara agrees to visit Quincy on a regular basis.

All this would be too much to bear if it wasn't for her sisterfriends. Tamara has six best girlfriends she's had since grade school and they know all about her.

All, that is, except for

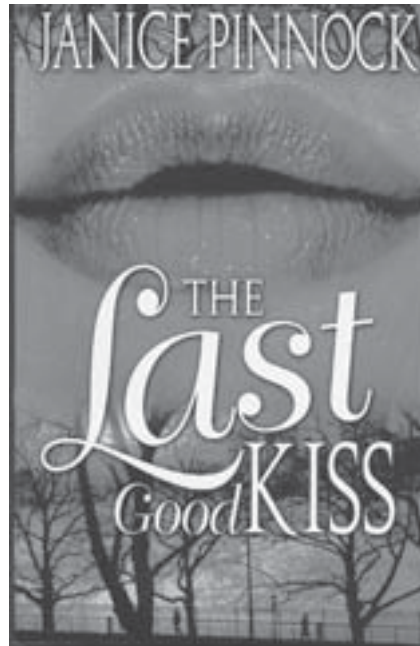
what's going on with Quincy. For some reason, Tamara feels a need to keep Q's troubles from her girls, and she knows she needs to keep her prison visits secret from Ty. How long can she keep it all together without breaking everything apart?

I've had a long summerful of so-so books and a few worthwhile gems. Thankfully, *The Last Good Kiss* is one of the latter.

There's nothing stilted about author Janice Pinnock's style of writing, which is a breath of fresh air. The story isn't forced; it moves gently and makes sense. Questions about details that pop into your head as you're reading are answered in good time. There are a few quiet bedroom scenes but not anything excessive, very few "bad" words, and nothing you can't

give to grandma. Pinnock's heroine is extremely likeable, and everyone around her is someone you'd like to meet. Simply said, this book is delightful.

Perfect for last-minute vacations or to give as a gift for any woman in your family, *The Last Good Kiss* is definitely worth a read. Get your copy first and kiss a few hours goodbye.



America

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While we were stuck on whether or not this nation would ever become one, you decided that you would move us into becoming closer to what one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all, could really look like.

America, you fooled us! While we were waiting on the magic of a diversity pill, you decided that you were ready to deal with diversity on your own. While we were waiting on Congress to enact another law that focuses on dialogue

about racism, you were ready to deal with it in your own way. While we were waiting on the KKK and other hate groups to tire out and one day throw in the towel, you were ready to deal with hatred in your own way. **America, you fooled us!**

I am ready to believe that no one person can take the credit for what is happening in America right now. We are on the eve of a new America and I believe that most are championing what we are experiencing.

However, we must never

reduce or deduct significance and relevance to one event that may attempt to empower our lives forever without providing sustainability and real approaches that will impact us continuously.

America, you fooled us!

But we can not sit back and relax and feel as though we have overcome. America has arrived at a pivotal moment in history and must continue to thrive in every manner of speaking. We cannot allow the pearls of the wealthy,

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Glacity Theatre Collective Opens the Season with an Upbeat Remake of a Classic Myth "Eurydice"

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The Orpheus and Eurydice myth seen from Eurydice's point of view. Written by Sarah Ruhl, an American playwright whose musical word play, rich imagery and free association have marked her as one of the new innovative playwrights of our time, the play juxtaposes deep emotional themes of fear, loss and choice with light joyful strokes and humor. The New York Times raves "Like all fine poems, songs and paintings, it's (*"Eurydice"*) a love letter to the world that deserves to be remembered for a good long time." (10/3/06)

The play features a cast of seven actors: Kevin Barron, Dave DeChristopher, Matt Gretzinger, Ben Pryor, Sherri Siniff, Nikki Soldner and Tyree Troutman. With set design by: James S. Hill; costume design: Holly Monsos; stage manager: Katie Thomas; sound designer Eric Burian and director: Cornel Gabara.

The Glacity Theatre Collective is comprised of professional local theatre artists. After two successful productions of *"Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?"* and *"Breathing Corpses"*, the company is launching three plays in the 2008/2009 season, as well as an educational Shakespearean play for young audiences that will tour to local schools in spring 2009.

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Album Review

Dwele Sketches Of A Man

By Michael Hayes
Minister of Culture



How do I choose the albums that I review?

I think those of you who read this and know me personally can see the science behind it.

I mean look at this year, Erykah Badu's *New Amerykah* and Nas' *Nave* have gotten some of the best reviews and grades I've ever given. They were richly deserved because those were some of the best albums I've heard.

Some of the most essential music to be released this year.

Those who know me from U.G.E. look at songs we produce like "Boppers" or "Beastin" for T. Dime and The Untouchable and they say "well, why do you do songs like those for your artists but then you seem like one of those neo soul cats by what albums you talk about in the paper" - etc. etc. Maan, sometimes the emails/mail I get about my taste in music are really interesting.

But, honestly, when I choose to review an album... sometimes it's for me, sometimes it's for y'all. This one is for me.

Dwele should be studied in music classes. The way his mind works, how he builds his discography, etc.

All producers, when you make music (especially original R&B) it's second nature for you to listen to people who are self-produced and see if there is anything you can give your artists that is as authentic as if it comes from their own soul.

Dwele as a songwriter is light years ahead of whoever.

Dwele is a producer who is something like a new millennium Prince.

Dwele is an artist who has amassed fans internationally and this is only his third album.

I feel so sorry for you if "The People" and "Flashing Lights" were your first introductions to Dwele. Because the rest of us have been mesmerized ever since *Subject*.

This is music that always makes me fall back

in a way.

Honestly, it would be different if I were a critic.

If all I did was journalism and I knew a little about music and I just wrote critiques from the standpoint of a writer... I could say how something was hot or not hot.

I could make up some pseudo-musical terms to describe instruments I don't really know (like a few Vibe writers do from time to time).

But I'm not a music critic.

I have been a producer/

Badu and D'Angelo but instead of interchanging, I'd like to just use this album to make the assertion that neo soul is alive!

Yes, the genre that killed itself just to avoid the pigeon hole... in my heart, mind and ears I have proof. Long live neo soul!

Dwele resurrects Detroit Soul, neo soul, hip-hop, and the very artistry everyone says is missing from music these days with yet another flawless album in *Sketches Of A Man*.

Don't know what happened with his deal at Vir-

songs?

I'm not gonna go song for song on this review because I can already tell you that this is something you should pick up.

Yeah, you should pick this up.

"You" meaning the following:

Any person reading this who wants a career in the music industry as a writer/producer/vocalist who does more than rap... OR

Any person reading this who wants to hear music with concepts, live instruments mixed with studio

old favorites.

When it comes to songs, I have my immediate favorites but I know that they will rotate.

What's funny is I still listen to "Old Lovas" so much that it's almost like I haven't missed Dwele since his last album. But now that this new joint is out, I have to give props to someone who is a dear friend of mine for turning me onto "Cheating" before I even heard it. If I ever get to work with or even meet dude, this certain someone will surely have my head if I don't come back with a picture, a poster, a autograph something!

See, Dwele fans are just like Amel and Erykah fans... I mean we appreciate what they are giving us, you know?

For example, "Wake The Baby" from a previous album gets revisited in a way.

"I'm Sorry (wake the musical baby)" is the second to last song on *Sketches Of A Man* and Dwele masterfully paints a picture of the creative process of musing and balancing love and music and he paints this picture using the same colors as the original classic he penned wherein he called his lover to the room to Wake The Baby... dude!!!

This album is amazing! And I won't even tell you why or how amazing.

I am begging you to buy this album.

The only place I could find it was Allied on Laskey.

Trust me - you will be so happy that you bought this...trust me.

When you hear "Body Rock" you will be amazed.

When you hear "5 Dolla Mic" you will be floored... I mean you will feel this little tingle in your gut as you hear what he does on this joint.

When you hear "Spiritual" you will be entranced, that bassline... omg!

When you hear tracks one through seven you will know Dwele's growth and meet him at his most native

state if you've never been exposed to this particular height of artistry.

And the rest of the album serves as supporting evidence of the literal brilliance of a singer/songwriter/producer who has no perceivable weaknesses.

This is music that uplifts souls, genres, cities and anything you can imagine.

Once again, I'm guaranteeing that you will adore listening to this music.

And for this of us who are entering the industry... wow, back to the drawing board huh?

The true grade for *Sketches Of A Man* by Dwele is a flawless and inspiring CLASSIC rating.

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writer and artist far longer than I've been writing.

And in that vein is where Dwele's work just makes me take pause.

His music re-arranges the thoughts of music makers beyond some of "how did he think of that, how did he do that?" type of thinking.

One minute he can throw out the rule book on time signatures, the next minute he's consistently relying on familiar instruments from the growing arsenal he masters but even though his choices may have a recurring pattern it never comes off as stale or over done.

One of my poems on my myspace has a line I borrowed from "Affinity", a song that's not even on a Dwele album but I just found on the Internet one day.

That's how ill this dude is, you go looking for his work.

I like to say that Amel Larriex and Dwele are the continuation of Erykah

gin, but Koch Records made a smart move picking him up.

For an artist that is basically a musically self-contained unit, it's a no brainer!

One thing about this album though, it's 20 tracks deep!

Now, I love the horns... I respect him as one of the illest non-hip-hop producers to still rely on an MPC (which The Under Godz still have yet to use) and his voice is near perfect. But can he deliver that high quality knock for a full 20

production elements, and writing that is among the most compelling and interesting you will ever find anywhere.

Okay, one of the illest concepts I've ever come across was on his last album,

Y'all know about *Flapjacks*, right? Awww, so sorry fa yuh if you don't.

Yeah, Dwele's latest album leaves no stone unturned.

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healthy, elect or elite frame us to the point that we do not look at the common man and be reminded of how special we are not, to shape us into becoming better and not bitter for the common good.

I vow to believe and challenge us all to continue to live out the true meaning of our creed, that all of us are created equal, and that equal-

ity can become real and not imagined, honorable and not shameful, that we can achieve and get to the goal of "invisible barriers," and that we can still have a dream and it become a reality. I define dreams as: "perceived images that create a realistic picture of future heights and depths without limits."

Marjorie L. Holt, Ph.D

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Plant Maintenance Coordinator 1

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Four (4) Part-time (12hrs. per week) group leaders to provide support and mentoring to program participants. Will work to engage participants through dialogue and activity in a creative and nurturing manner; assist in moving students through program components during rotation; provide support during program activities. Salary \$10/hr.

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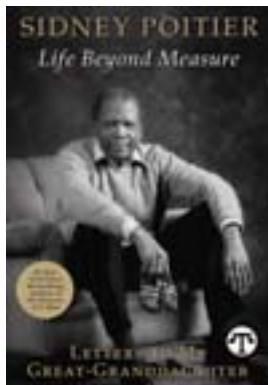
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