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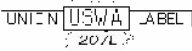
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Cover Photo by Terri Thompson: From left to right: Loni Miller, Jeanna Lopez, Shane Hanley, Terri Thompson and Terry Glick. They are standing in front of a float for the Halloween Parade. Sponsor of the float was West Central Ohio Central Labor Council AFL-CIO.



Front left to right: Ron Coldren, financial secretary, Ron Rettig, vice president Rodney Nelson, president, Kevin Welch, recording secretary, Billy Nelson, treasurer, James Gutierrez, guard, Tim Thompson, guard. Back row, left to right: Jim Desgranges, trustee, Bob Brubaker, trustee, Tim Smith, executive board member, Clifton Baxter, executive board member, Rob Greer, guide, Bob Brumbaugh, executive board member and Terri Thompson, trustee.

Women of Steel

Brothers and Sisters

September 23-26, 2007 was the International Women's Conference in Toronto, Ontario. The theme this year was Building Power Taking Action. President Leo Gerard, Elizabeth Edwards wife of presidential candidate John Edwards and Arianna Huffington syndicated columnist and author were keynote speakers. Member of parliament Libby Dies, assistant to the president Maxine Carter, Professor Jennifer Berdahl at The University of Toronto were also there to speak of women's issues. Charles Kernaghan, director of National Labor Committee spoke of the young women and children being beaten and tortured because they did not work fast or good enough for their employer.

President Gerard kicked off a campaign about the lead being imported into our country called Get the Lead Out. We were all given lead testing kits to test things in our own homes.

Elections were held October 10th in Toronto and with any hope the New Democratic Party were elected. The last day off the conference we all met at 6am to hit the streets of Toronto to hand out pamphlets to help the New Democratic Party get elected.

Here are a couple internet addresses I have for you all to go and check out. The first is from the National Labor Committee www.nlcnet.org and the second is Arianna Huffingtons at www.huffingtonpost.com.

In Solidarity
Teresa Brown
Jeana Lopez
Terri Thompson



Women's Conference in Toronto, Ontario



Michele Laghetto
District 1 Women of Steel Coordinator



Elizabeth Edwards
wife of presidential candidate
John Edwards

Rapid Response

Think Lead Isn't Serious?
Think Again.

It's déjà vu all over again: Former USW President George Becker led the successful fight in the 1970s to force OSHA to act on reducing workplace exposure to lead. Now, 30 years later, courtesy of our global economy, lead is back. It's in Boy Scout merit badges. It's in lipstick. It's even in kids' cups. But, what does it really mean for lead to be back in such a big way? What does it mean for the child that chews on a toy coated in lead paint? What does it mean for the overseas worker who made that toy?

While adults and kids are both impacted, children are particularly susceptible to lead. They are more likely to put their hands or other objects with lead on them in their mouths. Their bodies absorb more of the lead, and their nervous systems are more sensitive to the damaging effects.

High levels of lead in children that go undetected result in:

- Damage to the brain and nervous system,
- Behavior and learning problems (such as hyperactivity),
- Slowed growth,
- Hearing problems,
- Headaches, and
- Even death.

The impact of lead on adults include:

- Difficulties during pregnancy,
- Other reproductive problems (such as decreased capacity and birth defects),
- High blood pressure,
- Digestive problems,
- Nerve disorders,
- Memory and concentration problems, and
- Muscle and joint pain.

Source: Environmental Protection Agency's National Lead Information Center

To find out what you can do right now on this issue, please visit: www.usw.org

USW Rapid Response (412) 562-2291 <http://www.uswrr.org>



**Next
Union Meeting
November 13th & 14th**

Union Member Benefits

Union membership not only brings you the benefits of a strong voice and representation on the job, it also offers you and your family more than 40 money-saving discounts and services. These benefits are only for members and their families.

1

Entertainment Discounts

Save on movie tickets, rentals at Blockbuster®, at theme parks, on ski lift tickets and more.

2

House and Home

A mortgage program to help you and your children buy a home. Plus discounts on pets, moving and more.

3

Free Legal Advice

Speak to a lawyer for free about any legal question or problem. Free document review and 30% off additional services.

4

Health and Well Being

Prescription discounts, dental and vision care savings, health club discounts and more.

5

Education Services

College scholarships and education loans, help with the college selection process, discounts and more.

House and Home



Education Services



Vacation Savings



Financial Savings



6

Vacation and Recreation

See more of the world for less! Book a discounted car rental, flight, hotel or cruise.

7

Financial Savings

Savings on credit cards, loans and tax preparation.

8

Insurance Protection

Get accidental death insurance at no cost and protection with auto, life and even pet insurance.

9

Get Connected

Discounts on Cingular (the only union wireless service), Dell computers and accessories, Internet service. Save 85% on your phone bill with Union Plus Voice (VoIP).

10

Flowers and Gifts

Save on flowers, union-made in America clothing and more.



Visit **www.UnionPlus.org**

and make sure to select your union to see ALL of your Union Plus benefits.

Or call the Ohio Benefits Coordinator at (330) 255-2727 for more information.

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HUNTING SEASON



With the hunting season here I'm sure a lot of you have some good pictures. Send them in so we can post them on the web page and put them in the newsletter. Here is a picture of **Mark Stoffel** after killing a nine point buck around Mt Blanchard, Ohio.

Don't forget to use the classified on the web page.

Vacation Pay 2007

If you have vacation left and want to receive your pay in 2007, you will need to fill out a vacation slip for pay in lieu of time off. If not it will be paid in January of 2008.

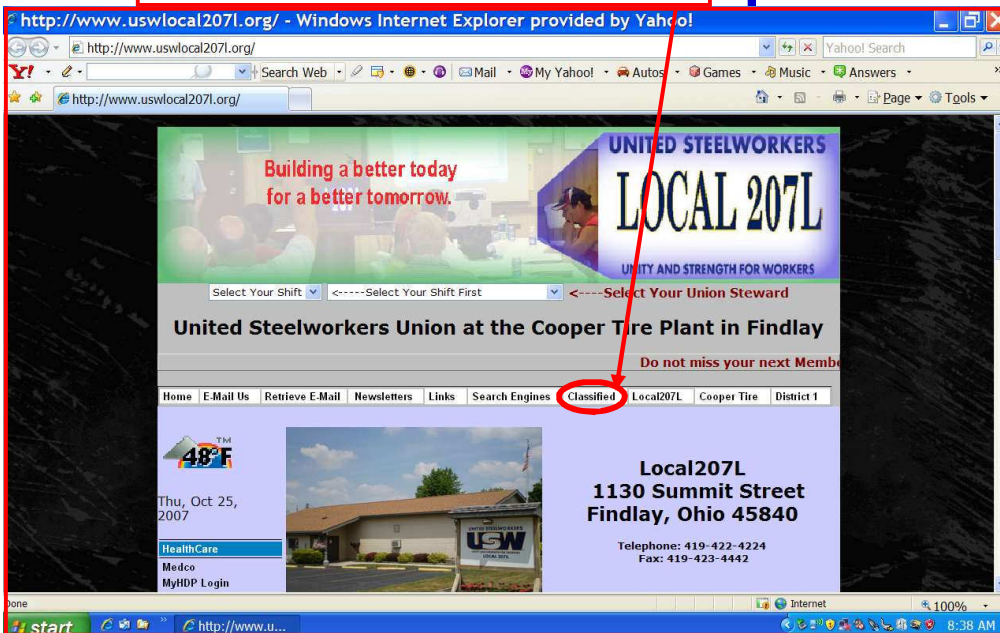
Ron Rettig



Remember to listen to WKXA Classic Hits 100.5 in Findlay during the week of November the 12th 2007 for this message....

THE UNITED STEELWORKERS OF AMERICA LOCAL 207 IN FINDLAY SALUTES THE SOLDIERS OF OUR MILITARY. THEY ENSURE OUR FREEDOMS BOTH HERE AND ABROAD. THE HOLIDAYS ARE RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER AND MANY OF OUR BRAVE SOLDIERS WON'T BE HOME TO ENJOY THEM. MAKE PLANS TO SEND A MILITARY CARE PACKAGE TODAY. TO FIND OUT MORE, TYPE MILITARY CARE

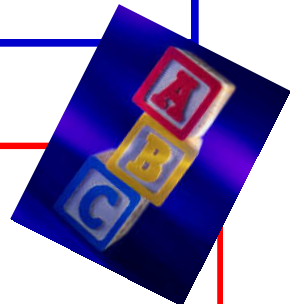
PACKAGE INTO YOUR FAVORITE SEARCH ENGINE. LET'S ALL SHOW OUR TROOPS HOW MUCH WE CARE. THIS MESSAGE FROM UNITED STEELWORKERS OF AMERICA LOCAL 207...WISHING ALL A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!



New on the web page: Starting this month I will be placing certain articles only on the web page, on the side menu under the heading 'Articles'.

This month's article is — Freeware

Chris (Bubba) McKinley is running for school board in Van Buren, Ohio. He has a good chance of winning because he is unopposed.



Governor Strickland Addresses Findlay

On Sunday, September 30th 2007 Governor Ted Strickland was here at the Union Hall to speak to Findlay Residents. Even Republican State Representative Cliff Hite was here to listen to the Governor along with more than 100 other residents.

The Governor was able to get the state budget passed unanimously, the first time in 84 years. This budget will not raise state college tuition for the next two years and will give an average \$400 tax breaks for Homestead Act.

Governor Strickland pledged to continue trying to bring about positive changes. He talked about working to create jobs here in Ohio, like he recently met with a CEO of a Russian steelworks company who has pledged to invest in Scioto County which would create 1,000 jobs. Strickland said Tata Motors Company of India had already pledged to build here, creating 1000 jobs with \$70,000 average salaries.

Governor Strickland the son of a steelworker is even considering a possible Vice President contender because Ohio is one of the key states to the 2008 Presidency.



Rodney Nelson, Governor Strickland, Buffy Nelson and Caleb Fuhrer in the middle.

Governor Strickland Announces Income Tax Cuts for 2008

Columbus, Ohio – Governor Ted Strickland today announced a 4.2 percent decrease in income tax withholding rates for 2008, which is another step in the phase in of a 21-percent, across-the-board income tax cut that will be completed by the 2009 tax year.

“These income tax cuts will provide Ohio families more money each paycheck to invest in what matters most to them,” Strickland said.

The new, lower withholding rates will increase the take home pay of Ohioans by approximately \$350 million during 2008. Overall, the 2008 withholding rates will be 16.8 percent lower than they were in 2004.

The new income tax withholding tables will take effect for pay periods ending on or after January 1, 2008. They replace the tables previously issued by the Ohio Department of Taxation effective October 1, 2006, and reflect an additional 4.2 percent reduction in withholding rates.



“My administration is strongly committed to continuing recently enacted tax reforms,” Strickland said.

“Working together with the legislature, we are making sure Ohio is the best place in the nation to start a business and raise a family.”

After Ted Strickland was first reelected to Congress, he placed a plaque in his office with the following quote from Scripture:

“And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?”—Micah 6:8

Throughout his service as a minister, a psychologist, a professor and a Member of Congress, Ted has worked to exemplify those simple, powerful words. The same plaque hangs in the Governor’s Office, coupled with the same commitment to fulfill them.

He comes to the Governor’s Office ready to put his heart and soul into fighting for the dignity of families and all people in Ohio.” As governor, Ted is guided by his Turnaround Ohio plan, which focuses on the unbreakable link between economic growth and educational achievement. Ted wants to ensure that Ohio keeps and grows the jobs we have by investing in Ohio’s strengths, and also wants to bring the jobs of the future to our state by ensuring that we have the best-educated workforce possible.

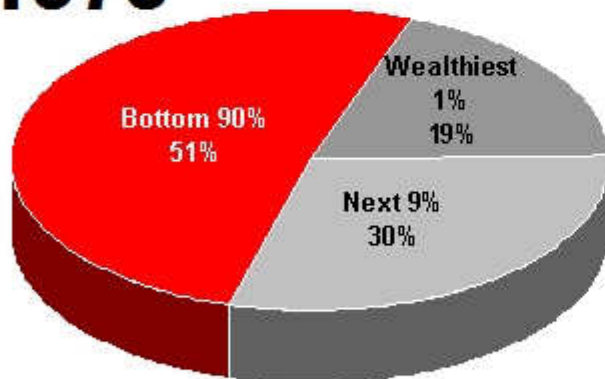
The “Rules” and What They Mean for Us

The Rich Get Richer While the Poor Get Poorer

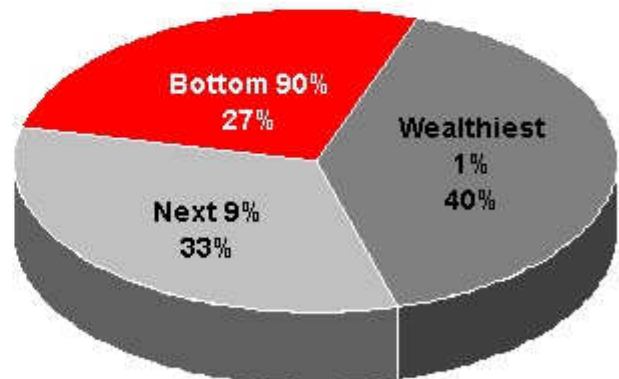
The Rapid Response Economic Series is getting back to the basics this week. We left off a few weeks ago talking about how those in power make the rules. Where workers and their allies once made laws and enacted standards that **grew** the middle class, we’re now on a course that is **dangerously shrinking** the middle class. We’ve heard that the rich are getting richer while the poor are getting poorer, and it’s true.

Who Has the Wealth? Ownership of Household Wealth 1976-2006

1976



Household wealth is defined as the total assets you hold (car, house, stocks, etc.) minus what you owe.



2006

We thought it was bad in 1976 when the top 10% owned almost half of household wealth. Now they own nearly three-quarters of it.