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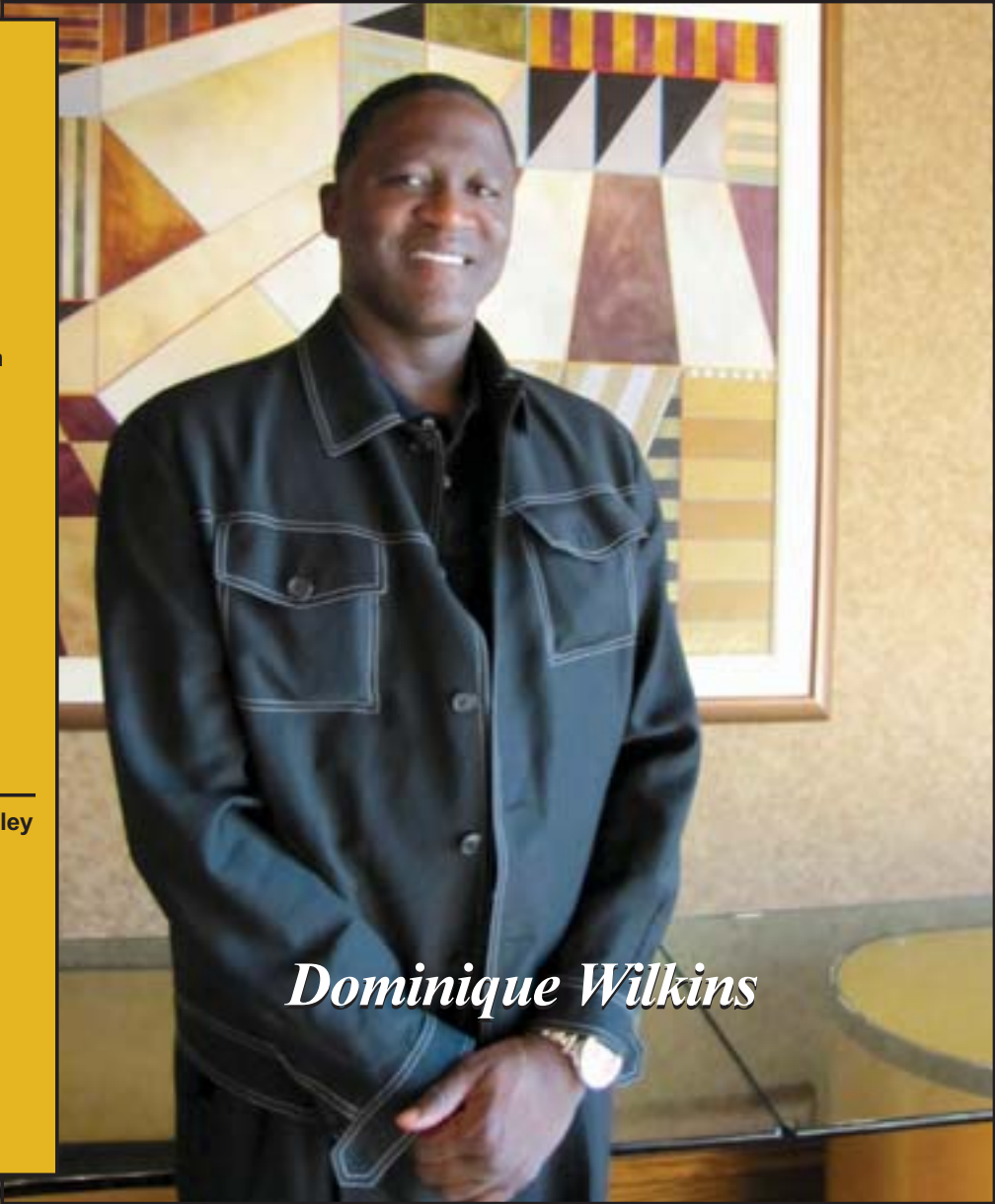
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Dominique Wilkins

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The Sin of Forgetfulness

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



I have great fear for the moral will of Americans if it takes more than a week to achieve the results.

- Michael S. Harper

Opportunities absent of endeavor and gains experienced without struggle always breed forgetfulness and represent a subtle but deadly peril for the African-American community and society at large.

As a result of our inattentiveness, there are always opportunistic predators who prey on our memory failures, often using ambiguity, symbolism and the art of framing radical ideology without appearing irrational or rabidly bigoted, to camouflage their true stripes.

Ninth Congressional District candidate Rich Iott, who shares some of the same campaign consultants with controversial Kentucky conservative candidate Rand Paul, and perhaps also, similar views concerning "whether businesses should be allowed to deny service to blacks without fear of federal interference," recently responded clumsily to a question regarding his support of renewal of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 during a public debate with U.S. Representative Marcy Kaptur.

Iott first refused to answer, then suggested that he was against it and later after speaking with advisors changed his mind again and said that he supported it.

While the surfacing of Iott's image in a national publication dressed in full Nazi regalia is powerfully horrific, the significance of the heroic sacrifices and monumental democratic freedoms which accrued to all Americans forged in a crucible of hideous suffering during the Civil Rights Movement, has received much less notice.

We have short memories.

The passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the subject of the longest U.S. legislative filibuster, was a great watershed in American history. It occurred one year following the horrendous murder of three civil rights workers in Philadelphia, MS. (where Ronald Reagan chose to kick off his presidential campaign) at a time when the federal government was lax about protecting the lives of civil rights workers and there was no consistent interest from the national media even when any of the thousands of civil rights workers and activists were killed.

The law's passage was the symbol of the Civil Rights struggle, a movement every bit as defining of contemporary America society as our nation's founding and the Civil War. The movement grew out of a purpose to make our constitution, which had fallen short of its ideal, a reality of democracy rather than merely an aspiration.

Included in the 1964 act were the end of unequal voting requirements, discrimination in public accommodations, discrimination by employers, schools, government agencies that receive federal funds, and all discrimination based on race, color, creed or gender.

Whether Iott has a short memory or only wants us to think that he does, his indecisiveness on the civil rights issue reveals much about his candidacy as well as that of others across the country who, perhaps appealing to the American ethos, invoke ambiguous concepts of liberty, free markets, lower taxes and less government spending, or ending unwarranted intrusion into the affairs of business, as rallying cries to disguise their desire to turn back the clock and reverse the progress of civil rights.

In an increasingly global, intellectually and economically more competitive world and inside a changing domestic demographic facing the intense resistance of a reactionary movement to an African-American U.S. president, the failure to recognize the importance of the Civil Rights Act also begs a larger question.

Where do we go from here?

By the time this year's kindergarten class graduates from high school in 2023, it will

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Community Calendar

October 20

St. Martin de Porres Revival 2010: "Bless That Wonderful Name of Jesus;" 6:30 pm; Revivalist Rev. David Jones of Chicago: 419-241-4544

October 21

Lucas County Youth Advocate Program's 3rd Annual Community Luncheon: Honoring families, youth and advocates; Summit YMCA; 11 am to 1 pm
"Sensory Learning Program:" Learn about help for individuals who struggle with sensory issues and over sensitivities; Dr. Jeffery Schmackel; 8 to 9:30 am; Margaret Hunt Senior Center: 419-725-7042

October 22

LMHA Breast Cancer Awareness Walk: Staff and residents "Walk to Celebrate ... Walk to Remember;" Walk starts at the Brand Whitlock Community Room; 5 pm: 419-246-3176

October 22-23

Music Word Conference 2010: "Sound the Alarm;" Free admission; Mt. Pilgrim Church; Friday 7 to 9 pm; Saturday 6:30 pm: 419-699-2679

October 23

Reducing Carbon Footprint/Creating Healthy Urban Landscapes: Main Branch Library; 9 am; Speakers Seamus Metress, Ph.D., professor of Anthropology at UT, Eileen Metress, Ph.D., professor emeritus at UT

Third Baptist of Holland Youth Choir Anniversary: 6 pm

October 24

Calvary Baptist 81st anniversary: "Continuing to Build on the True Foundation;" Elder Chester Trail of Grace Temple COGIC; 4 pm

Personal and Professional Development: Sistas With a Vision!; Guest speaker Tiffany Whitman; "The Black Woman's Experience: Unlocking Doors of Opportunity;" The Mother Tree Gallery; 5 to 8 pm: 419-936-8989

Center of Hope Community Baptist Church Women's Day Celebration: "Women with New Lives and New Testimonies; Speaker Rev. April Hearm of New Prospect Baptist of Detroit

Domestic Violence Awareness Month Lecture Series: Muhammad's Mosque #91; 11 am; Sisters of the mosque present session on womanhood and growing healthy relationships: 419-255-3234

Friendly MBC Annual Women's Day Program: "Women in Ministry;" 11 am speaker Mother Annie Wheaton; 4 pm speaker Min. June Wilson of Word of Faith

16th Annual Halloween Parade: Blessed Sacrament/Greater Close Park Neighborhood; 1:30 pm at corner of Grantwood and Bellevue: 419-475-2929

Rhema Word Christian Fellowship Church's Golden Ministry: 4 pm; concert with Central Catholic Gospel Choir: 419-243-7595

October 25

Concerned Citizens Group Press Conference: Simmons Community Center; 11 am; Addressing education reforms: 419-243-3813 or 419-376-8882

October 26

Village of Toledo and SETT Institute Present Slingshot Hip Hop: Toledo Heights Library; 6pm: 419-973-0248

October 29

St. Paul MBC "Faith Friday;" 7:30 pm; Speaker Rev. Allen Smith
Harvest Celebration with the Isaiah Thomas Giving Foundation: Wayman Palmer YMCA; 5 to 7 pm; Fun, activities, music, food, games

October 29-31

St. Paul AME Zion Women's Day Weekend Celebration: "I Want to Be Healed;" Fri speaker Pastor Shirley Sparks of Walls AME Zion - 7 pm; Sat - Woman to Woman fellowship luncheon at 11 am with speaker Rev. Melody Bowen-Hall; Sun. service at 11 am with speaker TBA: 419-243-1063

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Ohio's Gubernatorial Contest

The race for governor essentially pits the incumbent Democratic candidate, Ted Strickland, against Republican challenger John Kasich and this may very well be the most important contest in the nation during this mid-term election cycle for several reasons.

We say "essentially" because there are two off-brand candidates in the race as well – Libertarian Ken Matesz and Green Party candidate Dennis Spisak.

There are two reasons why this race is so important for both major parties.

First, the party that controls the state's chief executive office in 2012, in this most important of all swing states, will have a leg up in that year's presidential election. If Strickland wins, President Obama gets to travel the state

with the incumbent, much to his advantage. Conversely, if Kasich wins, the Republican presidential candidate will have an enormous advantage on two fronts – he or she will have campaigned in Ohio during the primary and become well-known to the state's voters and then will have the sitting governor by his or her side.

The other reason for this race's importance is the re-districting that will take place next year. The re-districting committee is comprised of the governor, the state auditor, the secretary of state and two legislators. So, the party that controls two of the three executive appointees to the committee will be able to gerrymander to its heart's content and set up congressional districts that will be favorable for its candidates over

the next 10 years.

Strickland, a first-term governor inherited an economic mess in Ohio both because of the state's vanishing manufacturing base and the national recession that hit in 2008.

Kasich, former congressman and director at the now defunct Lehman Brothers on Wall Street, is claiming that he can do better and that the state has suffered at the hands of Strickland.

The questions for voters are – has Strickland done enough and can one believe the usual mantra of Republicans during this election cycle ("we're going to cut spending and lower taxes").

Ohio's Senate Contest

Lt. Governor Lee Fisher, a Democrat is facing off against Republican Rob Portman for

the seat being vacated by Republican George Voinovich and he is the decided underdog in this contest. The issues in this race are very similar to those being addressed in the gubernatorial contest – the economy and job creation first and foremost.

Portman is focused on the Republican line – that the federal government has to cut spending and taxes in order to stimulate the economy. Fisher has the challenge of fending off accusations that as Ohio's Job Czar he has failed to move the needle in a positive direction.

Ohio Attorney General

Incumbent Richard Cordray, a Democrat who has earned a national reputation as a crime fighter and a Wall Street critic, is facing Republican Mike DeWine, the former two-term U.S. Senator. DeWine began his political career as a county prosecutor.

Cordray has been particularly forceful in his willingness to go after financial institutions, rating agencies and predatory lenders. So far he has obtained judgments or settlements in the amount

of about \$2 billion from huge financial institutions

DeWine's campaign has focused on fighting crime, repairing the economy and ridding government in Columbus of scandal. He is particularly exercised about the Obama Health Care plan and has promised to join the suit against it that a number of other Republican state attorneys general have filed.

Ohio Auditor

David Pepper, Democrat, is running against Republican David Yost to fill the job vacated by Republican Mary Taylor who is running for lieutenant governor on the Kasich ticket. Pepper is on the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners and Yost has experience in Delaware County as auditor and prosecutor. As we stated above, the importance of this particular race is underscored by the fact that the winner will sit on the re-districting board in 2011.

Ohio Treasurer

Kevin Boyce, the Democratic incumbent, was appointed to this position by Strickland and is running for

election against Josh Mandell, the Republican. Boyce has been an active office-holder creating competitive bidding processes for banking contracts, focusing on cost savings and earning \$300 million in new investment income for the state.

Mandel, a state representative, has accused the officeholder of placing people he knows into the department positions and has stressed his experience in reconstructing the BWC Investment Fund after the scandal involving that fund during the previous Republican administration.

Secretary of State

Democrat Maryellen O'Shaughnessy is up against Republican Jon Husted for the cabinet seat that oversees election administration in Ohio. O'Shaughnessy, Clerk of Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, promises to continue reform put in place by the current Secretary of State Jennifer Brunner while Husted, state senator, vows to de-centralize the process. Again, the person in this seat, come 2011, will serve on the redistricting board.

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be the first time in United States history where minority populations will represent the majority.

Many have viewed this inescapable certainty as a threat rather than an opportunity.

Yet to turn back the clock on progress is wasted energy which puts our nation at a competitive disadvantage with those countries who embrace inevitable social progress. We are more powerful as a nation, when "everyone is pulling together and some groups are not sitting on the sidelines because they feel that they are not on the team because of racial, economic or other disparities." We need, states a local activist, "every young mind. We don't know what young mind holds the key to the cure to cancer or any of the other complex and interconnected societal issues

demanding solutions."

With the trends and challenges we face in the millenium, if the choice is to go forward we must also decide to choose effective 21st Century leaders. They are those who are able to unequivocally express a commitment to social justice, inclusion, and the empowerment of disenfranchised communities (Blackwell, Kwoh, and Pastor 2010).

They will also be able to "embrace the intersectional nature of individuals' identities including race, ethnicity, class, gender, and sexual orientation as well as promote the ability to work from a multigroup perspective, understanding the needs of each group and bridging them to work toward the greater good for everyone."

Going forward does however, require us also to look back, though not as through rose-colored glasses to a

false haven of comfort or faded sense of privilege, but to acknowledge a shameful past in order to confess our historical shortcomings that we may be healed and unburdened for a more authentic and effective advance.

Finally, going forward will also require us to teach a generation that lacks knowledge and respect of the history, struggle, and liberation of their past which has provided many of the opportunities that they currently enjoy.

We must simultaneously challenge them to "have expectations higher than ours, to accomplish more than we have in the past, and to go farther than previous generations." (McMickle, 2000)

For those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.

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Lucas County Commissioner

Lucas County commissioners exercise control of County expenditures, authorize public works, plan and administer welfare and let contracts along with appointing other officials to operate various departments.

This election cycle features a match-up between Toledo City Councilman George Sarantou, a Republican, and Carol Contrada, the Democrat.

Sarantou, a financial planner for the last 28 years, is the leading voice on city council when it comes to financial matters and intends to bring that business focus to the board of commissioners. "Achieving efficiencies and saving tax dollars will benefit all citizens," he wrote recently in answering a League of woman voters query.

Contrada serves as the chairman on the Board of Trustees for Sylvania Township and is an attorney in private practice. She has stressed her commitment to starting an independent citizen's study group to evaluate the "consolidation of services and government reform," she replied in answer to the same question from the League about government reforms.

Both candidates would bring a certain type of balance to the Board that has been missing in recent years. Sarantou would add the presence of the GOP and a business background. Contrada, on the other hand, would bring some geographical balance to the board.

Our Local State Races

Senate District 11

State Representative Edna Brown, Democrat, is term-limited from running for re-election to the Ohio House of Representatives so she is squaring off for the Senate District 11 seat against Toledo City Councilman Tom Waniewski.

Prior to her House experience, Brown served on City Council representing District 4.

Waniewski has served on City Council for three years representing District 6 and has been in the forefront of searching for and proposing alternative ways of funding city programs during that time.

He is determined to cut state spending and to increase efforts to bring in jobs to the state.

Brown's record in the House includes a number of achievements in the areas of health, human services and labor. She was the sponsor of a bill designed to extend civil protection to minors who were subject to stalking.

House Districts 46, 47, 48 and 49

Harry Barlos is back. The former Democratic Lucas County Commissioner is running against incumbent Republican Barbara Sears in District 46.

Democratic State Senator Teresa Fedor, term limited from seeking re-election to the Senate, will be moving to the House if she can beat Republican Rick Bush, a transit bus operator and independent housing provider for the District 47 seat.

City Councilman Michael Ashford, a Democrat, is vying for Edna Brown's place in the House and his opponents are Republican Carolyn Eyre - who will be focusing her attention on eliminating the Ohio estate tax - and independent Schylar Meadows, who supports a balanced budget without raising taxes and increased participation of state agencies in the Shared Services program.

Incumbent Democrat Matt Szollosi is trying to fend off a challenge from Republican Jeff Wingate in the District 49 race.

Our Local National Contest

Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur, a Democrat, is running for re-election to Congress and the seat she has held for 28 years. Kaptur, especially as she has accumulated seniority, has increasingly brought home the bacon to her northwest Ohio district.

Her opponent, Republican and former Food Town CEO, Rich Iott does not think that Kaptur's expertise in bringing home the bacon is much of an accomplishment. And counter-intuitively, he believes that she is out of touch with what her constituents want and need.

A recent report revealed that most of the Republicans and Democrats in Congress who voted against the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (the stimulus package), which they said would irrevocably damage the economy and do nothing to help get the nation out of a deep recession, have actually requested stimulus funds for their states and districts.

So it's pretty hard to take Iott's claim that bringing in federal funds to a representative's district is anything more than a campaign mantra that will go by the boards if elected.

Iott has spent four times the amount that the incumbent has in this race - not everyone suffered from the sale of Food Town - but he has yet to overcome a tendency towards outrageous gaffes and revelations of quirky judgment in the past.

He has managed to offend African-Americans, Jews, Slavs and descendants of "Third World nations that practice small animal sacrifices and glorify stealing as an art form," in a campaign fraught with unpleasant surprises.

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Gloves Come off in The Lucas County Auditor's Race

Sojourner's Truth Staff

What once might have seemed to be a rather tepid contest for the Lucas County Auditor's Office has heated up in recent months and taken a decided turn towards a blood-bath over the last several weeks.

Incumbent Democrat Anita Lopez won the seat in 2006 with a victory over the then long-term incumbent, Republican Larry Kaczala. This summer, Kaczala's widow, Gina-Marie Kaczala, who had worked in the Auditor's office for 21 years prior to Lopez taking over, decided to enter the fray.

The gloves have come off in the last several weeks and, on Monday, Lopez upped the stakes by accusing Kaczala and the Auditor's office of "cooking the books" during the previous office-holder's tenure.

Lopez announced that her staff had uncovered two sets of records kept during those years as a result of several public information inquiries and she unveiled a set of log books and computer printouts that seem to show that Kaczala was sick, or off work for other reasons, and yet still paid for her absences.

"It's a shocking employment history," said Lopez of Kaczala's work record. "And there were questionable payroll practices. She was receiving payment for not being at work and the result was hundreds if not thousands of dollars she received" for not working.

"I understand my opponent has stated she wants to bring integrity back to this office," said Lopez. "But this is not the type of integrity we need back in the office."

Lopez stated that she was "shocked by the number of days that have been missed" and that her office would be requesting that a special prosecutor be appointed to fully investigate the discrepancies.

During the press conference, Lopez unveiled about a half dozen copies of records from both sets of records.

A log book entry from a pay period of April 18 to May 1, 2004, for example, showed that Kaczala had missed work on April 20, 21, 23, 26, 27 and 28—all recorded as sick days in the log.

The computerized payroll record, however, showed that Kaczala received a full 80 hours of pay for that period, all as "regular" time.

The Auditor's office revelations follow on the heels of statements made last week by Lucas County Clerk of Courts, Bernie Quilter, who said that he fired Kaczala from his office in 2008, after about a year of employment, because of her frequent absences.

Kaczala went on the offensive regarding the allegations.

While challenging Quilter's record of her frequent absences, she noted that the state unemployment board had ruled that she had been "wrongfully terminated."

As for Lopez's log books, "I don't know who wrote these up," said Kaczala when shown the duplicate records.

"I hit a nerve with Ms. Lopez," said Kaczala.

Kaczala has based her campaign on the issues of who has been in the auditor's office for the past four years and Lopez's hiring record.

"She fired or forced out anyone who was truly qualified with experience in finance and real estate," said Kaczala of Lopez's actions upon moving into office in 2007. "It's nepotism at its worst when you hire people not qualified for the position."

Kaczala cited several examples of directors and manager who she said were not accredited in their accounting or real estate positions which

led to, as she noted, a lack of competence in the office, particularly when it came to re-assessing property values as they fell during the recession. One hundred thousand homeowners, said Kaczala, were not able to receive a timely re-appraisal of their properties.

The issue of nepotism was raised frequently during the Larry Kaczala years. In 1998, The Blade editorialized about "the stink" in the auditor's office from "government jobs being doled out as favors and paybacks to family and Republican insiders."

When asked on Monday whether she was claiming that the Larry Kaczala brand of nepotism was not as bad as the Lopez form of nepotism, Kaczala said she would decline to phrase the issue in that manner.

"Her nepotism is deplorable because people who she hires are not qualified, just political friends and some with shady backgrounds," said Kaczala.

There will be no more pulling punches in this contest.



Anita Lopez

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Dominique Wilkins: Spreading the Message of Limiting the Damage of Diabetes

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One of the most exciting players in National Basketball Association history, Dominique Wilkins, or "The Human Highlight Film" as he was frequently called during his stellar career, did not envision as a young adult that he would fall prey to Type 2 diabetes later in life.

"I went through denial for about a week," he later wrote of the initial shock after his diagnosis 10 years ago. "I can't have diabetes. I'm in great shape."

Not great enough, however.

Wilkins, who at the time had recently retired from the NBA, would later spend a good amount of time of reflecting on his chances of contracting Type 2 diabetes. But once he accepted the reality of the situation he moved forward with his life, did what was necessary to live a quality life and decided to bring the message to audiences around the United States.

On October 6, Wilkins, representing Novo Nordisk, Inc. a healthcare company that specializes in diabetes care, was in the Toledo area to deliver that message. Wilkins spoke at an educational forum on diabetes that was sponsored by Paramount Health Care, a member of the ProMedica Health System, and one of the largest healthcare



plans in northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan.

So why was Wilkins so surprised that he had contracted Type 2 diabetes?

"It's not a curse to live longer, especially in the African-American community,"

After all, he did have a family history of the disease. Both his father and his grandfather contracted the disease later in life. And as for lifestyle, while Wilkins would consider that his adult choices in diet and exercise, especially given his status as an elite professional athlete, were healthy ones,

that had not always been the case.

Wilkins grew up in the projects of Baltimore, MD, before relocating to

North Carolina as a high-schooler in order to further develop his basketball skills. "When you grow up in the projects, you eat whatever is available," Wilkins told The Truth during a conversation after his address at the forum.

By the time he was 40, however, Wilkins thought

that after several decades of taking care of himself, he would have had just a little better luck in evad-

ing the disease. Adding to that confidence was the fact that none of his eight siblings, even today, have yet to contract Type 2 diabetes.

Once he moved past the denial, Wilkins did what was necessary.

"I decided I had to do something about this," he later wrote. "Immediately I started the medication twice a day, every day. I started exercising. I took the sugar products out of my diet. I ate a lot of fish, chicken and vegetables. In two and a half months, I lost 37 pounds."

For the last 10 years, Wilkins has been spreading the message of healthy living, especially for youngsters.

"More importantly, I'm trying to encourage people to get tested. It's not a curse to live longer, especially in the African-

American community," said Wilkins. "We have to stop living in denial."

He has changed his eating habits as well as those of his family. Both of his sons are athletes and he has encouraged them to stay active and to eat healthy foods, just as he encourages those in the larger community who he has the opportunity to address.

There's no gainsaying the success Wilkins achieved on the court during his playing days. He made nine consecutive appearances in the NBA All-Star game and was the scoring champ in 1986 with 30.3 points per game. He was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 2007.

For basketball fans, the memory of his epic matchup with Larry Bird and the Boston Celtics in the seventh game of the Eastern Conference finals in 1988 is one that ranks with the great sports events of all time.

Such accomplishments could not shield him from Type 2 diabetes, however.

"The thing I would tell kids is to get away from the computer and the television and get out and stay physically active," Wilkins told The Truth. "It's a matter of prevention at that age. Eat fun food but don't get mad at parents who want to try to get you to eat vegetables."



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The Time to Stop Thinking “Democrat vs. Republican” Has Long Passed

By Rubin Patterson, Ph.D
Guest Column



column is about the cultural lag in the way we think about political parties in the United States. Despite the fact that most Americans continue to think in terms of Democrat versus Republican, the traditional material basis for thinking about those two parties as being organized around competing political philosophies and public policies on how best to move America forward no longer exists.

“Cultural lag” refers to the time when a cultural practice continues long after the material basis for the practice has ended. Expecting upper 20-something young men to buy dinner for women on dates today would be an example of a cultural lag. There was once a material basis for this cultural practice since men back in the day were far more likely to be in the workforce and to earn significantly more money than women, even if the women were working. Today, however, single, 22-30-year-old childless urban women are more likely to be in the workforce and, according to recent reports, earn on average eight percent more money than their male counterparts. So when a young man reaches for the check, it is likely to be more out of tradition than necessity.

Believe it or not, this is not a column about cultural lag in dating practices. Instead, this

Back when there was a material basis for thinking Democrat versus Republican, irrespective of which party was governing, sections of U.S. workers were bound to at least make some gains since the production investments were primarily in the U.S. and workers would be performing the labor to produce the products and services that resulted in profits for the investor class. That time has passed!

What happens when the U.S. investor class gains much of its new wealth from foreign investments? When that is the case and the investor class dominates both political parties, thinking in terms of Democrat versus Republican is only out of tradition and habit rather than material reality or prudence.

In other words, the real struggle today is not between Democrat versus Republican; rather, it is between those

who see the U.S. government as an instrument working on behalf of U.S. citizens versus those who see the U.S. government as an instrument working on behalf of not just the U.S. investor class, but also of the whole global investor class. For this reason, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce welcomes campaign contributions from foreign entities.

Those who see the U.S. government as working for the American people believe in rebuilding America’s infrastructure, creating substantially more high-wage career opportunities, and expanding the welfare state. Conversely, those who see the U.S. government as working for the globally oriented investor class are for shrinking and reconfiguring the U.S. government primarily to serve as a powerful institution for advancing global capitalism.

The top two percent of Americans who have their lobbyists and congressional members working overtime to extend their tax cuts and to cut them further are eager to invest those tax savings – over \$700 billion over the next ten years – in other countries and not so much in the United States. Consider that the last decade for the American stock market can be classified as the lost decade whereas stock markets

were buzzing in emerging markets. For example, Standard and Poor’s 500-stock index finished the decade with negative total investment returns whereas stock markets over the same decade in emerging markets were up by double digits and even triple digits in some cases.

Meanwhile, the *Wall Street Journal* recently reported that since 2008, U.S. businesses shut nearly 20 percent more manufacturing plants than they opened. In fact, there are only about as many factories in America today as there were back in 1972.

The U.S. investor class wants to buy corporate stocks

in the fastest growing economies. They also want to invest in places where, for example, the 900-mile industrial corridor is being built between New Delhi and Mumbai (i.e., between India’s version of Washington, DC and New York City). They also want to invest in China, which is just now building its versions of I-75 and I-95 interstate highways. As in the US decades ago, these new highways are magnets for new hotels, restaurants, office buildings, factories, new residential communities and other physical production. And new jobs are obviously created in China to carry out the production and expansion.

This globally-oriented U.S. investor class is not concerned with the Democrat versus Republican divide. Instead, they are only interested in putting into office as many members as possible who will deliver the legislation, policies and decisions that serve their global investment interests. Having five members on the Supreme Court deciding that secret, unlimited campaign contributions – recognizing that some of these contributions will be from foreign entities – are constitutional is a glaring example of the special interests of the globally oriented U.S. investor class.

Most of them will wear
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ESOP Still Standing after Challenging Year

Sojourner's Truth Staff

It's been a challenging last 12 months for ESOP (Empowering and Strengthening Ohio's People), an agency formed several years ago to prevent foreclosures in Ohio. ESOP, in fact, is the largest such agency in the state.

On Thursday, October 14, the Toledo branch of ESOP held a 2010 Gala Celebration to recognize those who have worked hand-in-hand with the agency in furthering its goals and to raise funds to continue the tasks of preventing the spread of foreclosures.

"ESOP faced the possibility of closing its doors," said board member Rita Fackelman as she welcomed the diners to

the event at the Ramada Inn on Secor. Fortunately for the agency, the federal government finally came through with financing after it had initially declined to fund Ohio's foreclosure prevention efforts.

As a result of an effort by ESOP, U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown, U.S. Rep. Dennis Kucinich, Ohio Attorney General Richard Cordray and others, the Obama administration handed over \$172 million in a second federal allocation.

And, according to Gov. Ted Strickland, that funding and the efforts of ESOP led to the saving of about 3,000 homes in Ohio during the past 12 months. "The vast majority of those who go to ESOP receive



James Jones, Sarah Penner, Greg Lyons

loan modification and help," said the governor in a video address played during last week's gala celebration.

ESOP honored two local elected officials last

week for their contributions to the cause of foreclosure prevention—Lucas County Treasurer Wade Kapszukiewicz and Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur (Dem.)

Kapszukiewicz received the agency's "Above & Beyond Award" for his continued support of ESOP. He recently partnered with the Toledo office to send notices of the agency's participation in the Restoring Stability/Hardest Hit Funds program to assist homeowners with delinquent tax bills.

Kapszukiewicz was also recognized for his leadership in forming a land bank to Lucas County as well as the creation of a Foreclosure Prevention and Intervention Task Force.

Kaptur received the agency's "Rooted in ESOP Award" for her support to ESOP's growth locally and on a statewide level.

"Rep. Kaptur has been courageous and forceful," noted Ken LaBiche, ESOP community leader, in his introduction. "She has been a voice about the plight of our neighbor-

hoods and has partnered with ESOP sending desperate homeowners — her constituents — to ESOP's doors."

ESOP currently has 10 satellite offices around the state. The Toledo office, founded in 2008 is staffed by James Jones, community organizer, and Sarah Penner and Greg Lyons, foreclosure prevention advocates.

The office is located at 500 Madison Avenue, Suite 200. The telephone number is 419-464-9885

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With a strong team of statewide candidates, including State Treasurer Kevin L. Boyce, Ohio's only sitting African American statewide officeholder, Governor Strickland and Lt. Governor Candidate Yvette McGee Brown will continue to make Ohio a place of equal access and opportunity for all.

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Treasurer's Tip: Secure your Financial Future with Seniors and Money

By Kevin Boyce, Ohio Treasurer
Guest Column



As Ohio's Treasurer, part of my job is to make sure that Ohioans have the resources

they need to make informed financial decisions. That's why the Treasury has created specific programs for people of all ages and means.

Seniors and Money is a two-hour workshop that provides important financial information to Ohio's senior citizens. The workshop covers topics including scams, fraud and identity theft.

As our economy gradually recovers, most of us have had to tighten our belts. With many living on fixed incomes, some seniors might find that

even social security and pensions don't always go far enough.

I want you to know that the Ohio Treasury is here to provide you with additional information on a variety of topics pertaining to your finances.

Here are some senior saving tips to help you stretch every dollar:

* Stick to the essentials – As you grow older it's important to reevaluate what is essential to your day-to-day life especially since your lifestyle has changed. By only buying

essential items you'll be in a position to save money and combat overspending. Essential items can include food, medication, transportation and housing. Even when buying the essentials make sure that you are getting the best deal possible.

* Create a budget – Once you retire, you should be prepared to keep a watchful eye on your income and expenses. Creating a budget is a good way to make sure that you aren't living beyond your means. Maintaining a budget will require some tough decisions and trade-offs. It will also take some thoughtful planning. Keeping a budget in place is essential to your financial future.

* Shop or dine out on

Senior's Day – Many local supermarkets offer a discount to seniors on a particular day of the week. If it isn't advertised, ask your grocery store manager which day of the week they offer a discount. On days that you enjoy a meal out, dine at restaurants that offer discounts to seniors.

* Schedule errands – Gas prices have continually been on the rise. A way to save on both fuel and time is by scheduling an errand day once a week. Scheduling an errand day condenses all of your errands into one day, that way you won't have to use additional fuel during the week. Consider teaming up with friends and neighbors on your errand day to save

more on transportation expenses.

To get more tips like these, attend one of our Seniors and Money workshops. All financial literacy programming provided by the Treasury is free of charge. Seniors as well as their children and even care givers are encouraged to attend. Participants may register on sight. For more information visit

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Join The Trend Toward Independence

According to a Direct Selling Association survey, more than 16 million Americans are direct sales representatives these days and they sell nearly \$30 billion worth of products and services, despite the down economy.

There are many ways to get in on this growing opportunity to become an entrepreneur and a surprising reason.

Doing Well And Doing Good

In some cases, you can not only make money, set your own hours and maintain your independence, you can help others as well. That's because of another trend in business: the emergence of entrepreneurs taking social responsibility to new levels. These forward-thinking business owners have woven the concept of "giving" into the very fabric of their companies from day one. While it's generally expected that companies make charitable donations once they have made it big, it takes an entirely different mind-set to create a profitable business model strategically based on the premise of helping others.

For example, one cause-oriented, for-profit business has expanded this concept further by putting giving power in the hands of its customers.

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Ask Yvon:

In Credit Recovery Cash is King: Fund Your Own Financial Recover

By S. Yvon Harper, CEO, Focus on Finance, LLC
Guest Column



Recently I had a client ask me "How do I rebuild my credit without getting any credit offers from banks?" In this economy this client is far from being alone. Let's face it with the more than 25 million Americans out of work, due to a stalled economy; many are facing a credit deficit. Nonetheless, it is imperative to rebuild new credit when recovering from any type of financial set-back that has negatively impacted your credit.

So how do you acquire genuine credit offers from a bank if you find yourself in a

credit recovery dilemma? First let's distinguish between the types of available credit sources, because there is a big difference. I like to refer to them as A-type credit and B-type credit profiles. Based on the facts for each type you may be able to determine which type of credit profile fits your situation.

A-type credit is the preferred standard. They are offerings from major financial companies genuinely received by individuals with near perfect credit, as validated by a high Fico credit score. A-type credit offers may provide perks such as program points for free travel, shopping or other services with use of the card. It provides a low interest rate along with no annual fees. A-type credit also provides a reasonable initial credit limit that is raised with responsible credit usage. Most importantly, it also attracts other credit offers from A-type creditors. This is the preferred type of credit that you need

to obtain in your financial recovery.

However, in this economy if you are credit challenged you don't need to look in your mailbox for A-type credit offers, because they are not coming. Quickly you will discover you have entered the world of B-type credit, which is substandard and far less desirable. B-type credit offers are made by credit vendors who intentionally target individuals with imperfect credit profiles. A low Fico credit score, bankruptcy, none or limited credit relationships, or other negative factors reporting on your credit report will place you in the B-type column.

The B-type credit card offerings generally provide a high interest rate; many require application, use and annual fees. Many times B-type credit cards provide extremely low credit limits, which in some cases are used up by initial fees before you even receive your official credit card. Sadly, they also

attract other B-type creditor offers. Avoid B-type of credit offers at all costs.

Again, how can you get A-type credit cards if you are credit challenged? The truth is you may initially have to pay for the A-type credit you need. That means you may have to provide the cash funding for the line of credit you desire. These types of self-funded credit cards are referred to as Secured Credit Card accounts. They are different and carry better benefits than pre-paid credit card, which do not assist you in rebuilding your credit.

Now I can hear some of you saying "Why would I want to do that?" The answer is simple, because you want to attract other A-type creditors who you won't have to self-fund in the future. Other advantages include they report your responsible credit activity on all three major credit reports to raise your Fico credit scores, it is legiti-

mate prestige of association with A-type mainstream creditors, and you control your desired credit limit. Best of all, if done correctly you can receive the return of your initial cash deposit, with the ability to continue credit card usage, in as little as 12-months

While you can look for these types of creditors on your own I have compiled a national list of my five top choices for A-type secure credit card companies to quickly use in your financial recovery. Believe me when I say all secure credit cards are NOT created equally. You can find out more information at www.FocusOnFinanceOnline.com or by calling me at 513-549-1363. Another place to look locally for an A-type credit card is at your community credit union. I highly suggest that if you do not have a relationship with a local credit union that you establish one. Credit unions offer many ben-

efits, one being they are able to connect with you and your credit situation as a real person and not just a paper application.

Don't be afraid to use your cash to build your credit options for the future. Credit recovery is a difficult task in this new economy, but if you know how, where and what to look for in available credit sources you will speed your financial recovery.

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Democrat vs. Republican

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Republican uniforms and some will wear Democrat uniforms. However, when officeholders veer from the agenda of this global investor class and pursue policies such as raising taxes on the wealthiest U.S. citizens, which lowers their cash pools for overseas investments, this investor class will work to defeat those officeholders.

Let us end the tradition

of thinking Democrat versus Republican when the material reality is now about who is for expanding sustainable opportunities in America versus who is for the globally oriented investor class.

Those who want to see America move forward with rebuilding infrastructures (from energy to education to transportation), generating bountiful new high-wage career opportu-

nities and expanding its welfare-state via a sustainable economy will have to pursue politics more cold-bloodedly to match the way the globally oriented U.S. investor class pursues politics.

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Book Review

First of State by Robert Greer

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By Terri Schlichenmeyer
The Truth Contributor

Promises are made to be broken, they say. But for you, nothing could be further from the truth.

You take your word seriously. If you say you'll do something, you'll do it no matter how hard it gets or how long it takes. A promise made is a guarantee.

When CJ Floyd made a silent commitment to the memory of a friend, he never knew it would take him years to fulfill the vow. In the new book *First of State* by Robert Greer, fulfillment almost cost CJ his life.

Fresh home from Vietnam, Calvin Jefferson "CJ" Floyd was desperately trying to put his life together. He'd seen too much overseas, things he needed to forget. Now, wandering, thinking, wondering if he'd ever feel normal again, CJ stumbled into GI Joe's, a local Denver pawnshop and former haunt.

Recognizing the stricken look on his new customer's face, Wiley Ames stood behind the counter, understanding. A veteran himself, Ames took an instant liking to the tall, dark-

skinned young man with the close-cropped afro. Within days, he trusted CJ, knowing that he would appreciate the value of old treasures. Before Vietnam, CJ had been a collector himself.

But the friendship was short-lived. On a chilly morning in the alley behind the pawnshop, Wiley Ames and a mysterious Chinese man were gunned down by a sniper. People claimed that Ames was fencing stolen goods but to CJ, it didn't matter. Ames was a friend, and his murder needed solving.

Over the years, as he slowly took over his Uncle Ike's bail bondsman business, CJ never forgot. He leaned on Ike's knowledge of Denver's criminal world, and he relied on friends to help him get by. He even solved a couple murders as a favor to friends of Ike's. But he never forgot about Wiley Ames.

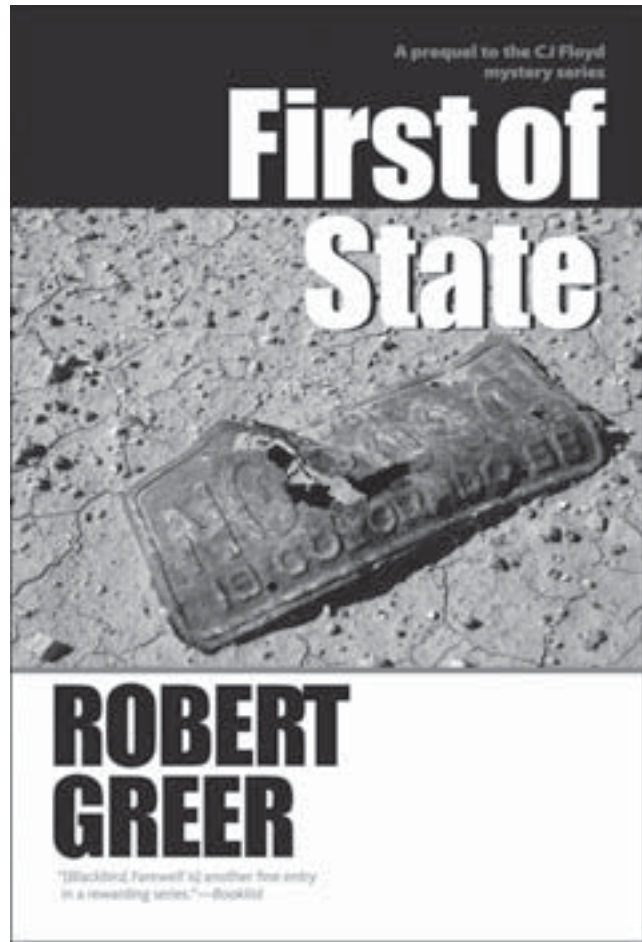
Seven years after Ames' murder, CJ was still trying to live up to his promise. Ames' only heir, a woman up in Sterling, was in no hurry to have the murder

solved. The police closed the case and even Ike was telling CJ to move on. But something stuck in the back of CJ's mind: was Ames really killed over a few small collectibles?

Looking for a big, action-packed detective story? Not with this book. Author Robert Greer's latest novel is softer, with tones of Western in it, and fans of his are going to love this new peek at an old friend.

As a "prequel" to the CJ Floyd series, this book takes readers back to a time when CJ was not sure what he wanted to do with his life, and Greer does a great job evoking the unsure, shaky 1970s and the innocence of the times. This is a homey, gentler novel than most, and I liked that.

If you're looking for a whodunit that won't ruin the surprise with too many clues, try this. If you want a mystery with Western flair, grab this. If you've never read the Floyd books, start here. For many, *First of State* holds much promise.



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Interview with D.L. Hughley

By Michael Hayes
Minister of Culture

Once again, I'm pleased to do another celebrity interview.

It's a good moment for our publication but it's also proof that Toledo DOES have entertainment options for you to enjoy.

D.L. Hughley is a bonafide comedy superstar, and he will be right here in Toledo this weekend at The FunnyBone at Levis Commons, Friday through Sunday

This is what we talked about:

Michael:

What are your thoughts on the comedy scene right now?

Kevin Hart and others are exploring various ways to stay funny.

What do you feel about the direction the genre is heading?

D.L. Hughley:

Comedy will always be comedy. I think everyone is exploring a lot of ways to gain exposure but ultimately you gotta make people wanna come see you.

I think that's the one caveat and it will always be that

way.

You've got to stand out. The medium isn't the same, I think the apparatus changed.

But you've still got to make them laugh, gotta stand out.

Michael:

I know you had some comments on T.I.'s recent situation, what are your thoughts on rappers getting in trouble these days?

D.L. Hughley:

I was in Atlanta and T.I. was there and I was joking. I laughed and he laughed. It was cool.

But later on it became a different situation but I wasn't being any different than how I would be with anyone. I think it's unfortunate when what you do kinda pre-disposes you to be in certain situations. You can rap a song, and then the law looks out for it and now it's a self-fulfilling prophecy. I think rappers tend to say stuff and then it happens to them.

Tupac and Biggie, when you put those things out in the universe sooner or later its gonna answer you.

Michael:

As someone watching other entertainers get in various situations, how have you been able to stay in the limelight yet stay out of trouble?

Like, virtually no drama.

D.L. Hughley:

I'm not a dramatic person, I love to go onstage and do my job.



I think that people get so enamored with fame, they will do almost anything to get famous.

A national news story of a woman who poured acid on her face just because someone else did it. You have a woman who's famous for being the daughter of someone who owns a hotel. Paris Hilton, what does she do? But she's on everything.

I don't ever see the Ramada chicks, they ain't on nothing.

People are so enamored with it. People will get on youtube and sing a dumb song or run around in a circle, just to get fame.

Michael:

What inspires you at this point in your career?

What makes you sit down and say 'I can make a joke out of this'?

D.L. Hughley:

If someone is training for a race, they don't just train for that race.

Comedy is like that. There's a whole bunch of things you do to get ready for

that one moment. Paying attention to information and how people perceive it.

Making sure you keep the point of perspective is clean. I try to take in as much information as possible, read a lot and be amongst as many different people as possible to get those divergent opinions. Just like you, your article is the smallest part of what you do.

Michael:

You're one of the few people who has done movies and can comment on what you think about the cinema coming out of Black Hollywood these days?

D.L. Hughley:

I think it's all about perspective. Amos and Andy, I thought they were brilliant.

But they were maligned by a lot of civil rights groups.

The reason you don't see any of their work is because of the stigma that was placed on it.

When I was doing my radio show, I took a snippet of Amos and Andy and I took a snippet of a Tyler Perry play. (Continued on Page 14)

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D.L. Hughley

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One is vilified and one is glorified.

But it's the exact same content. Both of them had an audience, both of them were successful. Both of them were very good, with viable talent.

But one is made a pariah, and one is a shining beacon of how to get stuff done in Hollywood.

Michael:

You are one of the only people who can comment on this, from having such a close proximity to him... how do you feel about the void Bernie Mac's passing created in the game?

D.L. Hughley:

I think Bernie was more or less a trailblazer.

Not too different from a lot of men that took the time to knock down the doors but ended up going to the promised land before they could get all the way in it.

Like Robin Harris started his movement and never got to see it.

But he definitely left a legacy.

Michael:

So you're in Toledo this week and happy to have you, what can people expect?

D.L. Hughley:

People can expect to laugh til it hurts.

I'm gonna talk about everything, might talk about Chile or the President the same things you see on the news every night.

What's funny to me is our love of religion. Like, the preacher can do ANYTHING. In some religions it would be okay to have the Bishop Long controversy.

But for a black church, it's amazing that our people get so worked up over things.

Anytime a bishop is wearing a tight ass shirt like that

and taking pictures of himself, it doesn't have anything to do with God but it has everything to do with a hustle.

Michael:

Did you see Bill Maher's *Religulous*?

D.L. Hughley:

Of course, yeah, I did. Bill is a good friend of mine.

I'm certainly not as cynical towards religion as he is but he did raise some good points.

It's funny, atheists know more about religion and its origin.

But you have this preacher in Gainesville, Florida that wants to burn the Quran.

But even many Bible scholars admit the Quran is older than parts of the Bible like the New Testament.

George Bush got a book, Sarah Palin got a book... but you wanna burn the Quran?

I think we are so hypocritical.

Michael:

I feel you completely, sir. So overall, what's next for D.L. Hughley?

D.L. Hughley:

Me and my wife have our own new show called *Glory Daze* and we just negotiated doing a drama with TNT and I will be returning to syndicated radio.

But overall, man, I'm having a great time.

Ed. Note: D.L. Hughley will be at The Funny Bone this Friday, Saturday and Sunday, October 22-24.

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Commandress Ball Brings out the Glitz and Glamour

By Brittany Jones
Sojourner's Truth Reporter

It was a night of glitz, glamour and class in the grand ballroom of the Park Inn Hotel.

With elegant table settings and a prim and proper atmosphere, the Mecca Court No. 73 held its 47th Annual Commandress Ball, honoring Daughter Debbie Dean-Mitchell on Saturday, October 9.

Having been next in line for Commandress, Dean-Mitchell has served 10 years in many positions while being a member of the Court. This was her time to be recognized for all that she has accomplished.

This annual dinner and ball gives various chapters and lodges the opportunity to pay tribute to their local court leader in Daughters of Isis. In addition, the event raises money and awards a scholarship to a student of a Toledo area high school.

This year's recipient is Dominique Menefee. She was a 2010 graduate from Robert S. Rogers High School. To be considered for the scholarship, an essay had to be written that explained why she wanted to attend college and what degree she was pursuing.

This year Menefee was the only applicant.

Menefee is currently enrolled at The University of Toledo, pursuing a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing.

As a special treat, the 42nd Imperial Commandress of the Imperial Court, Daughters of Isis, Charlesena H. Smith, was present as a member of their court.

This year Mecca Court No. 73 has made donations to local organizations such as The Ronald McDonald House, Mott Branch Library, YWCA, Naomi House and Holly Glen Nursing Home.

The Daughters of Isis is an auxiliary of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles Mystic Shrine of North and South America and its Jurisdictions Incorporated, Prince Hall Affiliation. They are a branch of Prince Hall Mason affiliation, which includes Shriners, Order of the Eastern Star and Order of Golden Circle.

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