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Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. January 15, 1929 – April 4, 1968

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This Strikes Us ...

A Sojourner's Truth Editorial

Has anyone read the United States Constitution recently? You would think, listening to politicians, pundits and legions of recently unearthed fans of the document, that virtually everyone had a copy tucked under his or her pillow and had committed and re-committed it to memory.

The problem, however, for our democratic society is that, after the Bible, the Constitution is the most misquoted piece of literature ever written.

And, much like the Bible, which is also filled with any number of contradictions, it's easy enough for folks to grab onto a favorite part of the Constitution and reference that part to build a case for their very narrow point of view.

For example, we currently have a congressman running around telling folks that the Constitution does not grant the government the authority to build roads or to establish public education.

If you're keeping track, we started arguing as a nation about that road-building power in the early 1800's and it still seems to be rearing its ugly head. Thank goodness the roads and the railroads and the waterways got built during the interim.

Recently, the U.S. House of Representatives gave official voice to the omnipresent mock adoration of the Constitution and held a reading on the floor of the House as members took turns reading phrases. Out of that exercise, in which even the Democratic minority participated – to their shame, came two delightful moments highlighting our national ignorance of the document.

First, the Republicans deleted the references to slavery and the designation of a slave as equal to 3/5 of a free member of society for the purposes of determining a state's population.

Why the deletion? Well, because such references expose the Constitution as a less than perfect document and reveals the fact that the founding fathers were sometimes flawed in their thinking. And who needs to know such facts?

Second, as a member was reading that choice part about who is eligible to be president, a "birther" in the gallery shouted a phrase about President Obama and the fact that she doesn't believe he qualifies. The same garbage we've all heard before.

A day or two after, a conservative radio show host was explaining the incident and referred to that excerpt in the Constitution as requiring that the president be born in this country.

Well, we don't know which Constitution or which country he was referencing, but the U.S. Constitution does not say that the president must be born in the United States.

We can appreciate the confusion on this issue because the Constitution's language is not clear and the Supreme Court has never ruled on the matter.

That's not the only part of the Constitution that lacks clarity, especially as the passage of time obscures the intent of the framers.

On the other hand, there are parts of the Constitution which are crystal clear and yet, somehow, staunch defenders, especially those who claim to be "originalists" and who decry the liberal tendency to look at the Constitution as a living document to be adjusted to the times as they change, pick and choose within those parts what they like and what they don't.

No better example of the rampant hypocrisy displayed by so-called defenders of the Constitution can be found by looking at legislation being proposed by four staunch conservatives in the U.S. Congress. Reps Steve King (R-IA); Phil Gingrey (R-GA); Gary Miller (R-CA) and Rob Woodall (R-GA) are your typical right-wing Republicans who oppose Obamacare because it is unconstitutional, call for the appointment of constitutional originalists to the federal bench and tout their Second Amendment credentials.

"I believe expanding gun regulations compromise one of our constitutional rights," says Gingrey of an amendment that is about as unclear and unresolved as any part of the Constitution.

However, on the matter of immigration, these four don't mind undermining a part of the Constitution that is about as crystal clear as can be.

"All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States ..." reads the 14th Amendment that was ratified in 1868.

The gang of four have introduced legislation to end the practice of automatically granting American citizenship to babies born in the United States to the undocumented – "anchor babies" as King and those of his ilk call such youngsters.

They justify such undermining of the Constitution by calling into question the "intent" of those who drafted the amendment, the obvious clarity of the language notwithstanding.

Clearly such a law won't get far and the action is just for show, another example of congressmen wasting time and taxpayers' money in political gamesmanship.

There really ought to be a law forbidding idiots to mention the Constitution. Let's see how we can work our way around that pesky little First Amendment.

Community Calendar

January 14

Lucas County Law Library Resources Board Meeting: 7:30 am; Board Room of the Lucas County Law Library: 419-213-4747

January 16

Third Baptist Church MLK Commemorative Concert: Featuring the David Carter Symphonic Choir, The Voices of Unity of Third Baptist, BGSU Graduate Vocal Performance Music Students; 4 pm

January 17

MLK Unity Celebration: UT and the City of Toledo's annual celebration of the life of Martin Luther King, Jr; 9:30 to 11:30 am; Savage Arena; "One World, One People;" Speakers include Dr. Lloyd Jacobs, Mayor Mike Bell; Interfaith Choir performs

MLK Community Soup and Resource Event: Mercy College; 3 to 7 pm; Education session topics include – speaking to kids about drugs; cyber bullying; human trafficking; stress management; developing health relationships: 419-251-1784

January 22

Warren AME 2011 Gospel Extravaganza: 4 pm; Calling all praise teams, choirs, praise dancers, vocalists, step teams. Drill and mime teams: 419-243-2237

Toledo School for the Arts Open House: 10 am; 419-246-8732 ext 250

January 23

Greater St. Mary MBC 2nd Annual Old Ship of Zion "Candlelight Service:" 6 pm; Toledo's finest and other special guests of honor; Bro. Larry Jones "Quartermaster" of the ship; Pastor Robert Lyons

January 29

UT/Toledo EXCEL 27th Annual Conference for Aspiring Minority Youth: "Success or Failure: The Consequence of Choice;" 8: 30 am to 1 pm; UT's Student Union Auditorium; Featuring author Wes Moore – guest speaker: 419-530-3823 or 419-530-3820

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



Art for art's sake is just another piece of deodorized dog-sh-t - *Chinua Achebe*

Is it just me? Why is it that there are high profile persons in Toledo who feel emboldened to publicly use coded, racially-charged and derogatory terms involving higher primates when describing African Americans or majority black institutions?

And, this is not the first time!

In a city where even highly professional and visible African Americans have been compared publicly to popularized and fictive superhuman simians such as King Kong, the racial insen-

sitivity and disrespect shown towards the African-American community continued last week in remarks made by a WSPD-AM 1370 radio personality in referring to Toledo Public Schools students.

In a society with an insatiable appetite for the vulgar and desensitized to the increasingly incendiary rhetoric in the media, what are we to make of the on-air comments of WSPD's Brian Wilson which seemed to refer to TPS students as "little monkeys?"

Were these merely words from a wannabe shock-jock

pop icon, intentionally designed to get a rise out of the public as well as ratings? Was it an innocent, no-harm-intended poor choice of words? Or were the comments a deliberately offensive and assertive racial slur?

I won't attempt to judge Mr. Wilson's motives or intent, but a discerning look into the repetitiveness of this and other similar violations of our dignity highlights for me, the following insights:

1) "Just because the water is still doesn't mean the crocodiles have gone away."

Overt expressions of racism are no longer politically correct and risk the condemnation of even likeminded bigots. Yet there is much to fear from many who do not hurl epithets but rather use a sanitized, color-blind method to "call minorities derogatory names."

Racism, although changed to a "more obscure" paradigm since the 1950s and 1960s, its "im-

pact" has not lessened. When black family median income is 1/12th that of white families, six million cases of housing discrimination per year still occur, black unemployment rates are double those of the majority population, where black college graduates earn the same pay as white high school graduates and there are great disparities in incarceration rates, profiling rates, homelessness, and medical racism - (the disparity in health problems and mortality rates), the message is clear. Racism is alive and well.

Contemporary bigotry rarely shouts, but has not gone anywhere. Any 21st Century leader who succumbs to the temptation to brush aside and treat this major obstacle to progress merely as a minor annoyance, is naive and/or disconnected and sets themselves up for breathtaking failure and spectacular ineffectiveness.

2) "It Starts with the person in the mirror."

When individuals feel empowered to exhibit disrespectful behavior, the irreverence is often an indictment upon the character of the disrespected. Therefore some community soul-searching must occur that seeks to determine "what is it about us that others feel that they have the right to treat us like this?" Or, "what is it in the character or the community's makeup that encourages others to disrespect us without fear of consequences?"

3) "It Doesn't Just Happen."

Approximately 75 Toledo Public School administrators, board members, union officials, and alumni along with members of a parents' organization assembled at a press conference to challenge Wilson's demeaning behavior toward the school system's students, according to the Blade. The local Urban League and NAACP also added their statements of protest to the mix.

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Is This What Should Happen ... ?

By Lafe Tolliver, Esq
Guest Column



in which people are to line up and give \$1000.00 or \$500.00 or \$100.00 and if you can not give any of those amounts, you are to give your 'best offering.'

"The guilt trip they put you under is overwhelming.

"I got some Bible sense and I know that tithing is not a mandate of the New Testament Church but at this church, if you do not tithe, you are seen as a suspect Christian.

"I do not want to leave since my baby's daddy goes here and I want him to see his kids whenever possible. Any suggestions?"

Hi Vortisha.

Your situation is not unique. Regrettably, there are many churches, black and white, where they are caught up in the false prosperity doctrine that originated from a New Age man named Phineas Quimby (Google the name) and that corrupted message has been "washed"

with Bible verses taken out of context and used by many, many pastors and teachers to line their pockets with your money.

They corrupt scriptures especially - "Give and it shall be given unto you..." - to get people who do not know the Word of God to give unto their own personal kingdoms.

And if you do not give, they will place you under a guilt trip and practically put a curse on you!

That is how devilish some pastors operate in this phony scam realm of, "name it and claim it" or as some say, "blab it and grab it!"

It is all the same. It comes from the flesh wanting more and more and some greedy pastors and teachers will seek attract like-minded greedy congregants who have the same itching ears and who want to get the same goodies as those pastors and prophets they give money to.

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Well, it's mailbag time again. The time that I sort thought the plethora of e-mails from readers asking me questions on various subjects.

You would think that I was a "Dear Abbey" with all the inquiries about not only my columns but also matters concerning the lovelorn, politics, events, people, money, disasters, losses, grievances and the list goes on and on and on.

One e-mail in particular from a Vortisha R. caught my attention and since it asks a serious question; I will put on my thinking cap and give her a serious answer.

But first, her question: "I go to a local church that is always asking for money. Every time you look up, the pastor is passing the plate for some occasion or event. It could be for his anniversary, birthday, vacation, "special offering" (they don't tell what is special about it), appreciation, love offering, sacrifice offering (sacrificing to whom and for what?), building fund or whatever.

"I am a single mom, who works and has three kids. One with ADHD.

I cannot afford to give what I do not have but the pressure to give is great. Sometimes they have 'lines'

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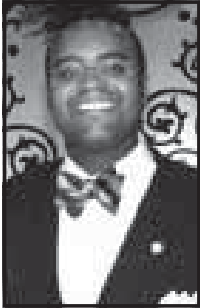
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Statement on Comments Made by WSPD Radio Personality Brian Wilson



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, "Rarely do we find men who willingly engage in hard, solid thinking." He went on to say, "Nothing pains some people more than having to think."

The Greater Toledo Urban League finds it most interesting and hypocritical that Brian Wilson, host of The Afternoon Drive on WSPD Radio, would condemn Toledo Public Schools for preparing students who were unable to critically think while at the

same time displaying an egregious lack of thought himself.

The statements made by Mr. Wilson during his Friday show and republished in the Toledo Blade on Saturday, January 8 were highly offensive to any and all solid thinking people in this community. To compare students within Toledo Public Schools to "little monkeys" is completely inappropriate and considered by us to be an uncalled for shot at our most precious citizens – OUR YOUTH.

In our attempt to ensure we understood "the context", we attempted to listen to the entire show again via podcast from WSPD's website, but ironically it was not available. Notwithstanding, statements of this manner carry a historically racial context which we find appalling and demeaning, and of which we are confident that Mr. Wilson,

WSPD Radio and Clear Channel are clearly aware.

In light of this episode, we are asking: 1) that Mr. Wilson make a public apology immediately for his comments; 2) that WSPD/Clear Channel discipline Mr. Wilson for his comments in accordance with their once-stated "zero tolerance" policy; and 3) that WSPD/Clear Channel revisit its policy related to racially-biased themes and stereotypes. We ask that they not only revisit the policy, but also republish and reinforce said policy to its fullest extent.

It is without question that our public school district has many areas in need of major improvement and change and we will continue to be vocal in advocating that every child receive a quality education in the right environment. We will not however tolerate our students being the base of ridicule or becoming points of con-

jecture based upon racial stereotypes, whether perceived or real.

We expect a full apology from Mr. Wilson and WSPD/Clear Channel and look forward to working collectively together to make our district and this community a better place. We believe that now is the time for each of us in this community to come collectively together to forge "a new way forward" that will lead to **Empowered Communities and Changed Lives.**

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However, while many are often available to begin a moral crusade against injustice, few actually do anything beyond the condemnation of an occasional public statement or press conference. What good is an apology? Change is made, not by prying meaningless insincere confessions from the mouths of idealogues or by continuing the old worn and feeble cry of begging for equal opportunity but is won by demanding and then achieving a tangible "equality of results."

What will it take to move from symbolic protest to successful real change?

It may be that what is needed is a return to a militant, "in-your-face, fight-the-power" movement with leadership that is, at last, unwilling to "accept poverty and urban decay, substandard schools, few or inferior jobs, old- and new-fashioned discrimination and that is committed to undress subtle and covert discrimination along those who have become "content with crumbs received" for their silence or inaction.

In addition, the African Hausa legend is correct – "Strategy is better than strength." Therefore a successful movement to bring about change must be superbly organized, creative, and resourceful as well as intentionally strategic.

But most importantly, real change will only be ushered in by a diverse, multicultural team of members who share the perspective and common political ideology that, in the words of John Anner, "understands how the struggle at hand transcends differences of race, age, gender or sexuality."

Until then, the same old unresolved issues will continue to reappear.

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Bedford Takes the Helm of the Toledo NAACP Chapter

By Brittany Jones
Sojourner's Truth Reporter

For almost 102 years, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) has strived to "ensure the political, educational, social and economic equality of minority group citizens of United States and eliminate race prejudice."

With more than a half-million members who are advocates for local civil rights and crusading for equal opportunities, this organization has made its legacy prominent in past, present and future.

The 96-year-old Toledo Branch, Chapter 3204, was chartered (1915) to continue and expand this mission and improve conditions for the people of northwest Ohio.

On Sunday, January 9, the chapter transitioned to new leadership as the 35th president, Rev. Kevin Bedford, pastor of the historic Third Baptist Church, succeeded WilliAnn Moore, who took office in 1999. In addition, the chapter's new executive committee members took their oaths of office.

The induction took place at Third Baptist.

With Stanley Waldon on organ, the Third Baptist Church Voices of Unity opened with the gospel hymn, "Look Where He Brought Me From."

Rev. James Willis, pastor of St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, gave the invocation and welcomed all in attendance.

The choir responded with the song "Oh, Freedom," which is a post Civil War African-American freedom song.

Scriptures from the book of Micah and Amos were read and then "Lift Every Voice and Sing" filled the house of worship from the congregation and choir.

Willis enlightened the guests with the reason for this day, which was titled "the occasion."

"This is an occasion, which the dictionary defines as 'special time or event suitable for celebration,'" he said. "This is the right call for this time."

Willis listed three purposes for the event: 1) to affirm and celebrate the act of installation the men and women who have been duly elected as officers and board members of NAACP Toledo Chapter 3204; 2) To affirm and celebrate each other as one body, as brother and sisters united in purpose as we recommit ourselves to the goals and ideals of the NAACP and 3) to hear from president-elect Kevin Bedford as he shares some of



The swearing in with Bedford and his wife

his ideas, hopes and aims that will help guide.

The next round of musical enjoyment was interestingly referred to as the music of the struggle and the music of the faith.

The Negro spiritual, "Go Down Moses," with choir member Franklin Brewer as the soloist, included the guests in singing the chorus of the song: "Let my people go."

Another spiritual, "Walk Together Children," concluded the section and led to "I Believe God," an uplifting gospel track, which was led by choir member Mary Hayes.

Then arrived the time for the installation of the new president and executive members. Moore, Bedford and his wife, Lettie, approached the pulpit to conduct the president's oath. With his wife standing next to him, his right hand up and the left on a Bible, Bedford was sworn in. As her final act as president, Moore pinned the official seal of the NAACP on Bedford, which was accompanied by an embrace between the two.

Next was the committee's time. I.J. Johnson, reverend of St. Marks Baptist Church instructed the group to turn and face the congregation with their right hand raised. He administered the executive committee's oath.

Then the newly-elected president addressed the audience, as his first act in this position. Everyone stood and applauded to receive president as he made his way to the podium.

He reflected back on one

of his father's sermons at Chicago's Second Street Baptist entitled "Moving from slave class to middle class."

From that, he urged the people to "embrace quality education and academic excellence, to embrace hard work and embrace economic justice." Bedford continued with the recognition that people have to be part of the real game and not just seeking handouts—not having a mere existence.

"There was a time when we sought to be employees, now is our time to be employers," he stated. "There was a time when there was an N-word to keep people from saying, but now there is a new N-Word I want them to learn to say and it is called 'net worth.'"

His goal is to keep people informed about events and to get them involved with the NAACP. Bedford acknowledged that he needs the community to "roll up their sleeves" with him and assist with making the area an improved place.

He invited people to join the organization.

"God has not blessed you for bragging rights, but has blessed you so you can be a blessing to others," concluded Bedford. "I'm not perfect and you're not perfect, but we can sure come together to make our schools better, deal with inner city violence and ensure economic justice."

As an act of this call to unity, the whole church linked hands and sang "We Shall Overcome." Bedford

concluded the program with the benediction.

Bedford is a Chicago native where he began the path of preaching in 1981. He is a part of the third generation of ministers in the family. He has held various leadership roles within the church as well as elected positions of NAACP branches in Carroll County, Tennessee and Norwich, Connecticut. Bedford has served as senior minister of Third Baptist since 2004.



Exec members being sworn in

"Time Flies When You're Having Fun"

That quotation has proven true for Cynthia and Jack Ford during the last 90 days!



Photo by Steve L. Hoff

The couple got on board with a pro-health company, Visual Sciences, and took the Body By Vi Challenge on May 1, 2010. They took the challenge with 12 friends to make health a larger priority in their busy lives.

Jack set a goal of losing 80 pounds to become eligible for placement on the kidney transplant list. Cynthia took the Body By Vi 90 Day Challenge to get fit, increase energy level and show support for Jack.

They are thrilled with the results! Jack has lost 54 pounds in 90 days! Cynthia has changed two dress sizes

and no longer munches granola bars and diet soda to get through the day. Now that they have achieved success without stress, they want to invite YOU to join them on the Body By Vi Challenge, too!

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Parker Enterprises Offers Businesses Opportunity to Embrace the Future

By Brittany Jones
Sojourner's Truth Reporter

In a miniature lecture hall of The University of Toledo's Savage and Associates Complex of Business Learning and Engagement, community leaders, business owners and curious minds gathered on Friday, January 7 to learn new tools to "thrive in the new economy."

Parker Enterprises, LLC held the leadership symposium in order to share findings and practices that could benefit those who want to improve their business, organization or career.

Starting at 8:00 a.m., Karl Parker, president and CEO of Parker Enterprises, welcomed the guests and presented an overview of what they should expect from the program.

"We want to put the business people on track to make it in the new world," he explained. "We want all to embrace the future and identify what you want to do differently."

He continued with describing the background of the company, their mission and introduced the speakers for the day.

First up was Shanda Gore, assistant vice president for Equity and Diversity at UT. She spoke on the topic of "New Leadership Requirements for the 21st Century."

Most of her information was derived from experiences with recruitment for corpora-

tions and higher education in addition to training sales forces across United States.

Some of the points that she examined were the importance that leaders have in their primary responsibility to communicate and promote the values of company, their need to collaborate with the personnel team and their goal of hiring that right person who is willing to incorporate the company's values and



Tamiko Parker



Front row: Donnell Cathey, Coleena Ali, Corey Parker
Back row: Tamiko Youngblood, Karl Parker

mission.

"As managers and leaders you are ultimately responsible for the culture of your organization," she said. "If it's not working, it is your responsibility to change that culture and a change is favorable as well as necessary."

After a power break, Donnell Cathey presented "Sustainability Leadership in the New Normal." He is the CEO of Parker Enterprises.

He addressed what he termed the "new normal" or new economy and how people can deal with changes such as business trends. He also expanded on the qualities of a sustainability leader.

"An organization exists because of its products and services that it offers and it stays in business because of its healthy transactions," Cathey stated. "It fails because of people who are resistant or have an inability to change and ineffective leadership."

Other topics he touched on were accepting the fact that globalization is in full-effect, reaching different avenues to solving problems (internet, social networks) and embracing the new millennial generation (technology sufficient age group)

He also mentioned 12 business trends such as conscious consumerism, simplification of products, mobile purchasing (texting money to Haiti) and reputation management (ending of the gatekeeper for information).

During lunch, President and CEO of N-SYNC, LLC, Deborah Barnett took on the task of speaking about "Legendary Customer Service."

She began with the Golden Rule: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

"If you start out wanting to do what's right and what's good, then give that level of service to your customers and make it memorable," Barnett said. "We've got to be ethical about how we run our business."

Another subject she discussed was how to recognize two types of customers – those that are internal (employees one works with) and external (those who give business). She stressed that if they need a function fulfilled, than that is a customer because one may need them in the future.

Tamiko Youngblood, founder and CEO of Youngblood Enterprises, spoke on the topic of "Converting Strategy into Measurable Results."

She had attendees think about their competitive edge in the workforce – finding their niche in their industry.

Youngblood offered a layout for assessing their position such as look researching locations, partnerships, how it benefits the community and customer value.

"You need to understand the industry where you are competing, where is it going and how can you grow," she said. "Analyze and use resources and business reports as well as using new technology to increase effectiveness."

Rounding out the last couple of hours of the seminar were Coleena Ali, CCO of Parker Enterprises and Parker.

Ali addressed "Talent Management, Creating High

Performing 'A-Teams.'" She highlighted how to create an effective team that can efficiently handle situations.

Parker closed the event with his section: "New Change Leadership-Deploying Voracious Revolution." Before starting, he thanked everyone for attending and those who gave presentations.

Defining "voracious revolution" began his section, which Parker clarified was "a hunger for change, an accelerated transformation."

"You have to understand the rhythm of change and when you understand the reason for change is when you embrace dancing with change," Parker declared. "You need something other than the normal and the reason why individuals do not embrace change is because they do not understand the outcome."

Parker Enterprises began in 2008 and evolved from a brick-and-mortar construction company to one that deals with strategy, development and global connectivity. It is located in three locations: Toledo (headquarters), an office in Houston, Texas and one in Cincinnati, Ohio.

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St. Francis de Sales Knight Life: A Chronicle, part V A Killer Interview

By Keon Pearson
 Sojourner's Truth Reporter



I answered the phone on a wintry Thursday evening. "I am calling for Keon Pearson," the purposeful voice on the other end of the receiver declared. "This is he," I replied. "Good evening, Keon. I am Larry Friedman, the Harvard representative in this area. You've been referred to me for an interview. We need to schedule you for an interview as soon as is possible."

Although my heart stopped beating for about 60 seconds, I managed to spurt out a few syllables signifying that I could come into his office for an interview on the following Sat-

urday.

So steeped was I in thought that I do not remember hanging up the phone. First, I was disconcerted by Mr. Friedman's matter-of-fact way of speaking. He wasn't terse or harsh, but he certainly did not mince words. What if my responses didn't appeal to his predilection for straightforwardness? What if, in the interview, my answers were verbose, but signified nothing?

Second, it dawned on me that my interview with a representative from the top university in the country would occur in TWO DAYS! I was so excited that, ironically, I immediately fell asleep, even though the time was only around 5:00 in the evening.

Usually, my disposition is calm and pensive. However, learning that I would have an interview with my dream school pushed me to the brink of discomposure. Fixed in my mind was the idea that the admissions de-

partment really was not convinced that I could do well at Harvard, and an interview would be the deciding factor. If I "passed" the interview, I would have a shot at getting into Harvard; if the opposite occurred, I would have to seek higher education elsewhere.

When I went to school on Friday, I immediately went to my counselor for some guidance. He gave me some literature on college interviews, and suggested that, above all, I be myself. I read the materials all that school day. While I exercised after school, I thought about my responses to frequently asked questions. I thought that if I didn't prepare for the interview, it would inevitably end disastrously.

I didn't realize how false all of my ideas and speculations were until I stepped foot into Mr. Friedman's office. Plastered on his walls were political cartoons and pictures of fly fishing. I wore khaki pants, a

sweater vest, a tie, and a sport coat; Mr. Friedman wore jeans and a camping vest. Rather than the dry, businesslike professional I had imagined him to be, Mr. Friedman proved to be a witty, comical, humanitarian.

I expected the first question to be something along the lines of "So, can you tell me a little about yourself?"

Instead, our first topic of conversation was about his family history. Then he delivered a spirited diatribe on the behavior of pundits like Glenn Beck and Sarah Palin. Then he apologized to me for having drunk too much coffee that morning. At length, we finally broached the subject of the interview: me.

By that time, I had thrown all the tidbits I had read in the interview literature out the window, and was completely comfortable with talking to him. After an hour, the interview was scheduled to be done, and my mom returned to pick me up. Mr. Friedman politely asked her if he could have another hour to talk with me!

We talked about subjects ranging from the philosophical writings of Marcus Aurelius to my writings in *The Sojourner's Truth* to reparations for descendants of American slaves. We finished the interview after discovering that we both delighted in the mellifluous satire of Tom Lehrer. I never would have thought that

songs like "Poisoning Pigeons in the Park" and "The Masochism Tango" would improve my chances of going to Harvard!

About a week after the interview, I received a letter from Harvard which stated that, so long as my grades and the like were maintained, I am guaranteed a place in the Harvard class of 2015.

I'M IN!

Ed. Note: And a hearty congratulations to our St. Francis correspondent from the staff of The Truth. Harvard has made a wise decision and will be fortunate to have Keon in the Class of '15.

Bricker & Eckler offers Charles H. Walker Minority Scholarship for 2011

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African-American Community Called on to Help Break the Cycle of Low Literacy Volunteers Needed to Read to Central City Children, Tutor Adults

Two nationwide studies sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education have revealed that the African-American community faces a literacy crisis.

The 2003 National Assessment of Adult Literacy (NAAL) found that 20 percent of African-American adults read at the Below Basic level and are for all practical purposes functionally illiterate. This compares to nationwide figure of 14 percent for all Americans.

The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) found that 83 percent of low-income fourth grade students and 87 percent of African-American fourth grade students scored below the Proficient level on the reading portion of the test. This finding is particularly troubling because being able to read proficiently in the fourth grade is necessary if the student is to master later classes in which he

must "read to learn." Breaking the Cycle of Family Low literacy

"Low adult literacy is directly linked to low childhood reading skills," said Jim Funk, director of Read For Literacy. "According to the NAAL study, 29,000 adults in Lucas County read at the Below Basic level. Our experience is that parents who read at this level find reading so difficult that they rarely read to their children. As a result the children enter kindergarten with less devel-

A child from a middle-income family typically enters first grade with about 1,000 hours of one-on-one picture book reading time with parents, other relatives, or teachers, compared with a child from a low-income family, who averages less than 100 hours.

First graders from lower-income families have a vocabulary half the size of children from higher-income families

"By age three, children in low-income homes will have heard one-third as many words as children in middle and high-income homes (10 million versus 30 million words).

"Gaps such as these put children behind the educational 8-ball from the first day of school," said Funk.

Creating Young Readers Helps Central City Children be Ready to Read

Because of the concentration of low income house-



hold early literacy skills that do their peers from middle- and upper-income households.

According to the Annie Casey Foundation:



holds in Toledo, about 35 percent of Toledo Public Schools' kindergarten students score in the lowest tier on the state-mandated Kindergarten Readiness Assessment Test.

In contrast, only four to 10 percent of children from Ottawa Hills, Perrysburg, Sylvania and Anthony Wayne schools score in the lowest tier.

RFL launched its first program for children - **Creating Young Readers** - in 2009 to help level the educational playing field for children from low literacy households.

The CYR program is being funded by grants from the Stranahan, Toledo Community and Anderson foundations, with supplemental funding from the Toledo Rotary Foundation and the Downtown Toledo Kiwanis Club. Through the CYR program, volunteers read to children on a one-to-one basis using a technique known as

Dialogic Reading that has been proven to be effective in increasing early literacy skills.

Earlene Bond, Read For Literacy Board Member and volunteer tutor, reading to a child as part of the Creating Your Readers program.

More African-American Volunteers Sought

RFL currently serves about 1,350 adults and children, about half of whom are African-American adults. "But only three percent of RFL's 1,300 volunteers are African-Americans," said Funk. "Based on these figures, it is clear we have not reached out sufficiently to the African-American community to make its members aware of volunteer opportunities — an oversight we are now working to remedy."

140 Volunteers needed to serve 150 additional Central City Residents

Ninety volunteer readers are needed to read to low-income preschool children

at Frederick Douglass Community Association, the Friendly Center, the Toledo Day Nursery, East Toledo Family Center, Monroe Street Neighborhood Center, Head Start sites at the Jefferson Center and the Rosa Parks and Sherman elementary schools and GESU elementary school.

Another 50 volunteers are needed to tutor adults on a one-to-one basis in RFL's *Read to Succeed* program, which serves adults aged 16 and over. Tutoring will take place at the Main, Mott & Lagrange branch libraries, Women Blessing Women and other community agencies.

If you would like to help a child or adult learn to read, call Read For Literacy at 419-242-7323 or send an email to readfl@toledolibrary.org for more information or to register for any of the training sessions.

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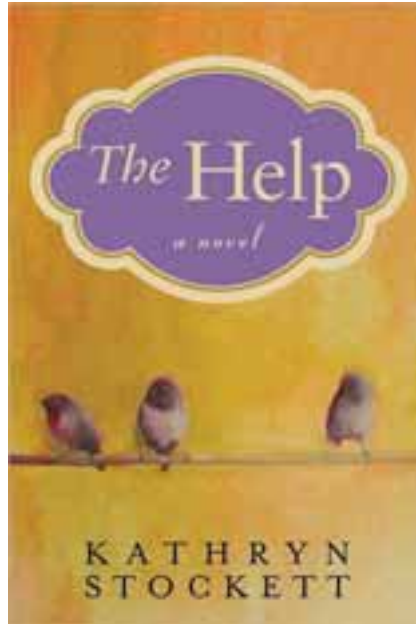
The Library's Reading Selection of the Month – JANUARY 2011

The Help, a debut novel set during the Civil Rights Movement by writer Kathryn Stockett is the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library's recommended reading for the month of January.

In writing about such a troubled time in American history, Southern-born Stockett, of Jackson, Mississippi, where the novel is set, takes a big risk but one that pays off. The plot focuses on budding writer Eugenia Skeeter, a young white woman just home from college in 1962. Skeeter begins to collect the stories of the black women on whom the country club set relies and mistrusts enlisting the help of Aibileen, a maid who has raised 17 children, and Aibileen's best friend Minny, who finds herself unemployed more than a few times after mouthing off to her white employ-

ers. The book Skeeter puts together based on their stories is scathing and shocking, bringing pride and hope to the black community, while giving Skeeter the courage to break down her personal boundaries and pursue her dreams.

Critics praised Stockett's skillful depiction of the ironies and hypocrisies that defined an era, without resorting to depressing or controversial clichés. Rather, Stockett focuses on the fascinating and complex relationships between vastly different members of a household. Additionally, reviewers loved (and loathed) Stockett's three-dimensional characters—and cheered and hissed their favorites to the end. Several critics questioned Stockett's decision to use a heavy dialect solely for the black characters. Overall, however, *The Help* is a compassionate,



original story, as well as an excellent choice for book groups.

Sources: Bookmarks Magazine and Amazon.com

Owens Community College Foundation Announces 2011-12 Scholarship Program Opportunities

The Owens Community College Foundation is investing in northwest Ohio's educational future by making available thousands of dollars in scholarship opportunities as part of the academic institution's 2011-12 Scholarship Program.

Through the generosity of businesses and individuals within the surrounding communities, the Owens Foundation will offer current and future students the opportunity to apply for over 50 available scholarships for the upcoming 2011-12 academic year. Scholarship applicants must complete and return the application to the Oserve Office on either the Toledo-area or Findlay-area campus by Feb. 15. Scholarship award notification will begin in March and will continue until all awards have been made.

For scholarships based on financial need, a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) application for the 2011-12 academic year must be on file in the College's Oserve Office by Feb. 28. FAFSA and Foundation Scholarship Program forms are available in the College's Oserve Office or can be downloaded by accessing the Owens website at www.owens.edu.

In addition, Owens currently participates in several need-based federal and state funded grant programs, work study opportunities, and loans, which all require applicants to file a FAFSA form to determine financial need. Specific programs accessible to students include the Federal Pell Grant, the Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant, the Owens Community College Grant, the Federal Direct Stafford Loan, the Federal Direct Parent

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Library's Bookmobile Provided Weekly at Kent Branch Library

By Rhonda B. Sewell, Library Media Relations Coordinator
Guest Column

The Toledo-Lucas County Public Library's Outreach Services Center is now providing weekly **Bookmobile** services in the parking lot at the Kent Branch Library site, 3101 Collingwood Blvd.

The Bookmobile staff will provide library services from 1:30-3:45 p.m. on Fridays. Patrons who visit the bookmobile can expect to find a great variety of books, movies and more.

Library officials and Board of Trustee members deemed these weekly services necessary due to the temporary 20-month closing of the Kent Branch Library, which started last year on November 15. The branch is now temporarily closed to the public to make way for a state-of-the-art public computer center, funded by a Federal Stimulus grant. The grant will also fund a cybermobile, complete with computer

monitors and broadband access.

The Kent Branch is scheduled to re-open to the public in 2012.

"The Bookmobile is parked at Kent Branch every Friday. We all felt this was necessary in order to continue Library services to our valued patrons who live in and near the historic Old West End area. The Bookmobile offers full Library services so patrons can check out items right on the spot," said **Pat Nigro**, Outreach Services manager.

Faith Hairston, Kent Branch Library manager, said she is thankful these accommodations have been made for patrons.

"Outreach Services' Bookmobile is so helpful to our children, adult patrons and seniors in the community who live near Kent Branch and to many others who value and utilize the

Library. The branch upgrades are all very exciting and the community is looking forward to the changes. We are grateful for our pa-

trons' understanding during this time and now they won't have to travel outside of the neighborhood to continue Library services,"

said Hairston.

For additional information on Outreach Services or the Bookmobile at the Kent

Branch site, please visit toledolibrary.org, or call 419.259.5207.



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During the renovation of Kent Branch Library, patrons can utilize the services of the **BOOKMOBILE** stationed in the Kent Branch parking lot. Check out, order, pick up or drop off any library materials for any age! The following nearby branch locations are also available during Kent's temporary closing:

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- **Mott Branch Library**, 1085 Dorr St.
- **Toledo Heights Branch Library**, 423 Shasta Dr.

* Kent Branch Library is expected to open in 2012.

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Lourdes Drama Society announces one-act playwriting competition winners

The Lourdes Drama Society sponsors an annual one-act playwriting competition offering cash awards for first, second and third place, as well as an opportunity to be considered for production at the group's Festival of One Acts. This year's competition garnered international attention with 59 submissions received from across the US and Canada. The following winners have been selected for the 2010 one-act playwriting competition:

“First Place: Off Campus by Russell Weeks, Seattle WA
Rebecca, Holly and Ann have left the dormitory for the freedom of living off campus. Along with freedom comes a fire drill; a high-stakes evacuation testing their friendship, their courage and their ethics.

“Second Place: It Ate Houston by Wil Denson, Eau Claire WI

An isolated rural radio studio. Night. A summer

storm. A group of radio actors and technicians producing live – a horror show. When unknown to them, the events they portray over the airwaves begin to actually happen in the studio.

“Third Place: Petz Rocks by Lynda Gaug, Saint Joseph MO

Dezy the dog is obsessing about his favorite pastime – riding in the car with THE GUY – while Correy the cat chases a bug around the room. When Ponce the parakeet becomes his new target, Ponce repeats one of his favorite classic movie lines, “Houston, we have a problem!”

All three plays will premier in this year's Festival of One Acts scheduled for April 29 through May 1, 2011. Stay tuned to www.lourdes.edu/dramasociety for additional details. For more information about the Lourdes Drama Society, contact advisor Keith Ramsdell at 419-517-8881 or email

kramsdell@lourdes.edu.

Lourdes College is a private, four-year educational institution of professional studies and arts and sciences providing a values-centered education in a caring and supportive community. More than 2,300 students are enrolled in programs such as Business, Education, Environmental Science, Nursing, Social Work, Criminal Justice and the Arts & Sciences. In addition to undergraduate and pre-professional programs, Lourdes offers Master degrees in Education, Nursing, Organizational Leadership and Theology through its Graduate School. Lourdes' Community Outreach Programs include the Apollod Planctarium, Lifelong Learning Program, the Life Lab and Theater Vision. Discover us online at www.lourdes.edu or by phone at 419-885-3211. Lourdes College is a sponsored ministry of the Sisters of St. Francis of Sylvania.



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PLUS Loan and Federal Work Study, among others.

The Owens Foundation was incorporated in April 2002 and has over \$2.5 million in assets. The Foundation Board of Directors currently is comprised of 29 community leaders from Lucas, Wood and Hancock counties. The mission of the Owens Foundation and its Board of

Directors is developing and providing resources to advance the College's overall mission of serving students and the surrounding communities. The Foundation is also dedicated to removing barriers to education by providing student scholarships and supporting growth and innovation at Owens.

This past academic year,

Owens provided more than \$110 million in grants, scholarships, loans and federal work study to support the educational needs of students. For more information on the various scholarship opportunities, call (567) 661-7603 or 1-800-GO-OWENS, Ext. 7603.

LCCS Sponsors Video Contest for Lucas County High School Students

“How Can I Prevent Child Abuse” to Raise Awareness of Important Issue

Lucas County Children Services (LCCS), with support from BCSN, is sponsoring a video contest for Child Abuse Prevention Month in April 2011.

The contest is open to students living in or attending high school in Lucas County. The theme is,

How Can I Prevent Child Abuse? Students and student groups are invited to create and submit a

30-second commercial addressing that theme. Entries will be judged for their creativity, originality and appropriateness. The winning commercial will be incorporated into the agency's Child Abuse Prevention Month media campaign in April.

The group or individual submitting the winning entry will also receive a \$400 gift card, and the runner-up will receive a \$100 gift card. Entries should be submitted in Quicktime or Windows Media Player format on a DVD no later than March 15, 2011. Information, rules and submission forms are available on the agency's website at www.lucaskids.net.

“Our local high school students are amazingly perceptive and resourceful,” said Dean Sparks, executive director of Lucas County Children Services. “We're looking forward to seeing how they use their creativity and skill with video technology to help us get the message out that child abuse is unacceptable in our community.”

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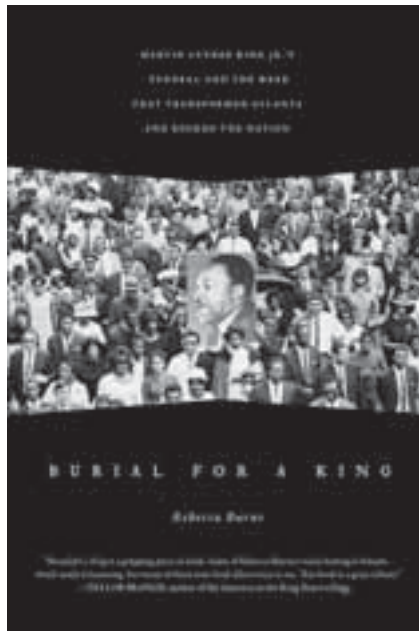
Book Review

Burial for a King: Martin Luther King Jr's Funeral and the Week That Transformed Atlanta and Rocked the Nation by Rebecca Burns

c.2011, Scribner \$24.00 / \$28.99 Canada 256 pages, includes notes

*By Terri Schlichenmeyer
The Truth Contributor*

In days of old, when someone messed with a King, he was usually thrown in the dungeon without trial or jury. Justice was swift and mercy was rare. That's because, oftentimes, the King held things together. Loved or hated, he was a force to be reckoned with. He had power and powerful friends, and messing with him wasn't advised. On that subject, little



has changed through the centuries, as you'll see in *Burial for a King* by Rebecca Burns.

Xermona Clayton was working on an unusual project the night that Martin Luther King, Jr. was shot: she was trying to set up a meeting between King and Calvin Craig of the Ku Klux Klan. As King's director of public relations, Clayton was used to hoaxes. When a waitress handed her a note that said Dr. King had been shot, she ignored it.

When she realized it was true, she hurried to Coretta King's side.

Robert Kennedy was told about the shooting shortly after it happened. He spoke briefly to a small crowd of supporters, mentioning his brother's assassination (something he rarely discussed). When he finished talking, he went to his hotel and wept.

Media swooped in on Memphis' Lorraine Motel on the evening that Dr. King was killed. News cameras captured J. Edgar Hoover's FBI working the scene. They also captured the hotel's housekeeper, as she tried to scrub

bloodstains from the balcony.

Georgia's Governor Lester Maddox, fiercely against integration, refused to lower the capital's flags on the day after Dr. King was assassinated. He capitulated when advised that he was disobeying a federal mandate.

There was violence in almost all major cities in the days after Dr. King was shot. Riots broke out and entire neighborhoods burned. Unbelievably, some officials incited rioting. Others begged for it to end.

Thousands of people descended upon Atlanta for Dr. King's funeral. They slept on church pews and park benches for a chance to

squeeze near Ebenezer Baptist Church, barely allowing mourners to pass or the coffin to be placed on the wagon that bore it to the cemetery. And when everything was done and the celebrities went home, Dr. King's body was quietly moved, and moved again.

Over the last 40-some years, a lot has been written about Dr. King, his assassination, and his work. Burial of a King takes things beyond, in an almost minute-by-minute account of a weekend that witnesses will never forget.

And you'll never forget this book. Through interviews, letters, personal accounts, and papers kept by

mourners and others, author Rebecca King allows readers to peek at the smaller moments that filled that historic time: babies born and elders dead, laughter amid the tears, jaw-droppingly misplaced words, families changed by small actions, and life continuing.

Anyone old enough to remember Dr. King's assassination will appreciate this deep look at what happened surrounding that day. Anyone younger will enjoy the perspective given in this book. Either way, for readers interested in cultural history, *Burial for a King* could be the crown on your bookshelf.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Holds 19th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Scholarship Breakfast

George Rice III to speak

ThoseFellas LLC to receive 2011 "Drum Major" Award

On Saturday January 15, 2011, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Alpha Xi Lambda Alumni Chapter will sponsor the 19th annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Breakfast.

The MLK Breakfast will be held at Central Park West, which is located at 3141 Central Park West. The program begins at 9:00 a.m. and doors open at 8:30 a.m. The theme for the 2011 program is "Where Is The Love" to symbolize that commitment and accountability for ourselves and each other will be necessary to uphold Dr. King's dream of freedom and equality.

The MLK Scholarship Breakfast raises money for the Alpha Phi Alpha scholarship fund. Each year the fraternity sponsors two programs to raise money for scholarship: the MLK Breakfast and a Golf Outing, which enables the organization to award over \$3,000 in scholarships to deserving college-bound young men who reside in the Toledo area.

The program features a keynote address from George Rice III, Associate Director of the Multicultural Student Services Center at George Washington University (GWU) in Washington, D.C. In addition to his role at GWU, Rice is also the Chief Empowerment Officer (CEO) of Triple Threat Enterprises, LLC, where he is able to provide coaching, training, and mentoring to young people to help them surpass their own expectations.

Alpha Phi Alpha will present a community award called the "Drum Major" award to ThoseFellas LLC, an organization that connects people for the purpose of community, economics, and social growth. The Drum Major Award is given to a deserving individual or organization who has served the community in the spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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Young, Married and Happy in Toledo: A Chat with Elaina & Darryl Hills

By Michael Hayes
Minister of Culture



I talk openly about love, sex and relationships.

It's not always about my personal situation, it's just at topic of great interest to me.

Back in sociology class at The University of Toledo, I actually did a small survey of people's attitudes toward romance, commitment and the like.

I've always been out to prove that men may in fact feel things deeper than women, and that in many cases it's the women who aren't always ready, willing or able to commit.

A deeper issue was soon un-earthed.

Narrowing it down to my generation, my theory of how the sexes approach love seemed true but, overall, there just seemed to be less successful relationships than those of the generation before us and our parents.

Generation Y is my generation, I'm at the beginning of it.

By many accounts and research it includes everyone born from about 1976 to 1990 or 1992

(some feel a generation is the span of years most humans have historically matured to age of reproduction. 14 to 16 years).

Basically it has started to become evident that Generation Y was affected by our timeline running concurrent with the growth of hip-hop culture and also with the increase of marriages ending in divorce.

That makes our perspective on love particularly interesting, maybe even necessary.

In forums and unofficial focus groups on this topic in school, I would always point out that women have always had outlets to speak on relationships but men have not.

Daytime talk shows like Oprah etc, authors such as Terry McMillian and countless movies on Lifetime and in theaters have been a constant for our generation.

The woman's point of view on men and love and commitment has always had the spotlight.

For many years I just wanted to balance that out by giving the neglected male point of view some shine.

Evolving beyond just wanting to balance the argument, I have awakened to a greater need for just supporting functional examples of love for our generation.

So throughout this year I plan on giving full articles to couples in Generation Y who I want to showcase as proof that perhaps that dream we all had growing up is still possible.

Just this evening someone was telling me about her love life and how believing it was possible, made it possible.

Elaina aka Laney is a friend of mine and when I heard she was married, I instantly became supportive of her finding love.

This is the interview with her and her hubby.

I present, Elaina & Darryl Hills: The Interview

Michael: How did the two of you meet?

Elaina: We met through mutual friends. My cousin was friends with one of his friends. She called me days later with his phone number. He thought I was cute.

Darryl: After meeting her I asked my boy to give her my number.

Yeah, I thought she was cute.

Elaina: We didn't really hit it off. About a year and a half later, he sent me a friend request on MySpace. That is how we really got to know each other. Before then, he didn't even know my name. I gave him my number and we began talking. He sent me a few kisses on the Kiss Me App, inbox message here, comment there and the rest is history.

Michael: What was the reaction your friends and family had when the relationship got serious but they knew you met online??

Elaina: Nobody really cared. I've always heard that meeting men on the Internet is crazy, but you can meet a crazy man anywhere.

Michael: What ideas did the two of you have about love before you met?

Darryl: I thought it was stupid and a waste of time.

Elaina: I thought I'd be the crazy cat lady, can I say that? I love so hard and so strong. I was single for years before we got together. And I thought I'd be that way forever. Plus, I never thought I'd find someone to except my weirdness. I'm very offbeat

and he gets that.

Michael: I've always told people relationships start or end based on two things: compatibility and chemistry. How does your relationship embody both these traits??

Elaina: He is truly my other half. We are everything together, and I can for surely say I would not be able to breathe without him.

We are true peas in a pod. He is my soul mate.

Darryl: We get along really well. We enjoy the same things.

We don't get on each other's nerves.

Michael: People in our generation (34 down to 20)

the beginning I knew I wanted to be with him forever, married or not.

Michael: Do you think people in our age group in this city believe in love?

Elaina: No. People are too lustful, too greedy, too selfish to even love themselves let alone anyone else. I think that the majority feels that love is beneath them. Who wants love when you can be a "player."

Darryl: I don't think most know what love is. They're more worried about material things.

Michael: How does raising a family but still being young affect having a suc-

cessful marriage?

Elaina: We have a mini Brady Bunch. I have a son, Evan, who's five and his daughter Madison is also five. I think it adds to the unity of our family and shows are children that marriage can be done the right way. We traded in our VIP passes for Chuck E. Cheese tokens and a Netflix membership.

Michael: What couples do you look up to?

Elaina: We both love Will and Jada. They are the couple to be. Young, Black, successful, great baby-mama relationship, great kids. We love them!

Michael: What do you

want to tell anyone who is looking for the type of love you have?

Darryl: Keep family and friends out of your business, and do what's best for you and your relationship. You can't base yours on someone else's. More importantly, don't settle for being someone's mistress. And if you are already married, don't stay in a struggling, unhappy relationship. That does worse damage in the long run.

Elaina: He stole my answer! Lol! Seriously, though, keep friends and family out! I don't talk about us to anyone. And I don't hang out with single women. I hang with my hubby, and anyone that doesn't feel that is probably single.

Well there you have it, everyone.

Please know that my article deals with entertainment (props to local people, props to my people and majors). But also know that culture means everything we experience so regularly that it affects our lives.

Our perception of love, of each other and what's possible - I have a personal obligation to use the ink in this page to effect some type of awareness.

I appreciate the read every, get at me:

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seem to be falling OUT of love with love, what is like being your age and in a successful marriage??

Darryl: Its very fulfilling. I think men in my age group are too worried about sleeping with the same woman forever to think about marriage.

Elaina: It is a dream. I love waking up to the same man every morning.

I love having his toothbrush next to mine. I love cooking for him every day.

I live for family. Being single sucks!

I see women put up with a lot from men that don't love them, but get married and trip off little stuff. I know when I'm wrong and I'd rather sleep on the couch then have my husband sleeping at someone else's house.

"Michael: What made you know it was time to get married?

Darryl: I was thinking about it for a long time. I figured it was no better time.

I couldn't keep waiting forever, it was time. I knew we would be together.

Elaina: I couldn't believe my ears when he asked. From



Is This?

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You could say, like minds flock together. They believe that God is their messenger boy or a slot machine and if they speak the Word or pull the lever, God is obligated to give them what they want. Pure flim-flam.

They mistakenly see financial prosperity as a mark of God's blessing.

Some false teachers call it the Laws of Prosperity so as to impress you that it is something that is found in the Bible. Don't worry. It is not.

It is only found in their greedy hearts and they simply want more of your money.

Notice how they always say, that if you give, you will get, but they never give to you... it is always a one way street... you giving to them!

That is on purpose. That way, they can build their personal earthly kingdoms, ride around in luxury cars and live in sumptuous houses and

wear expensive clothes and then tell you, with their mouths dripping full of non-Bible gibberish, "See what happens when you give!"

I can empathize with you because I sat for many years under different ministries where the dollar is exalted next to God and sometimes that same dollar gives God a good shove in the side!

My caution to you is this: if you are being fed at that location, stay put but if they are constantly valuing you no more than being their personal ATM and placing you on guilt trips to give what you do not have....leave that place

and find a church where they preach and teach a balanced gospel.

Regrettably, more and more pastors and teachers are succumbing to the temptation to preach what is called, "Money Cometh!" because they are financially overextended or they simply want more goodies in their basket and which means, less goodies in your basket.

As a single mom with three kids, your first priority is to your family and their welfare. God is not angry with you for not giving what you do not have to give, so be strong and when the pastor or the teacher puts his thumbs on your purse or pocketbook to give, simply give what you are comfortable with and without trying to impress anyone.

There are few things worse than a church that has been corrupted by an allegiance to mammon (money) and emotionally stoke up a worship service with constant appeals to money.

That only merchandises the saints of God and causes divisions because the love of money has found fertile soil in that church and people will do strange things to get it transferred from your pocket to theirs!

Some tips. When they use scripture numbers to justify giving an amount based upon that number (John 3:16...and everyone is told to give \$316.00 dollars...etc...) you are in the presence of a moneygrubber.

When they want everyone to stand in a certain

dollar line and give so that everyone can see you...you are in the presence of a moneygrubber.

When the pastor already drives a new 500 SEL Benz but wants a special offering to get an upgrade to a Porsche Carrera, you are in the presence of a moneygrubber.

When you have been a faithful member and have given sacrificially when so asked and it is your turn for some financial help and the church elders or deacons or pastor says "no," you are in the presence of a moneygrubber.

When you want to see your church books as to what monies came in and what monies went out (and to whom and why!) and the pastor or the prophet say it is none of your concern, you are in the pres-

ence of a moneygrubber. Lack of financial transparency is a huge red flag!

If the pastor or prophet likes to play dress up and wear garish colorful costumes and weird hats as a means of trying to impress you with their authority or titles, you are in the presence of a moneygrubber.

Flee such clip joints.

I hope this has helped. E-mail if you need specific names of local churches or pastors that I consider are fleeing the saints of God with their shameless shenanigans but being done under the professed leading of the Holy Spirit. Hogwash!

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PURPOSE:

1. To highlight pertinent data and information regarding identified social services problems, needs, resources, and gaps in service along with recommendations to the proposed two-year county plan.
2. To elicit public comment, suggestions, and recommendations relative to the County's proposed Social Service Plan.

DATE: January 13, 2011

TIME: 3pm-5:30pm

LOCATION: Lucas County Department of Job & Family Services, 3210 Monroe Street, Toledo Room on the 4th floor. Individuals wanting to provide verbal testimony at the hearing should register either by email or phone with Lucas County Department of Job & Family Services before 4pm on January 11, 2011 to assure that a time slot will be available. You must provide the name(s) of the presenter(s), a brief description of the issue, phone number(s) and email address(es). Individuals and organizations must submit written copies of their comments at the hearing. At the time of the hearing, individuals providing testimony will be asked to identify themselves and who they represent. Written statements of funding recommendations will be accepted from those who choose not to present a verbal testimony until 5:30pm on January 13, 2011. These statements should be submitted to Lucas County Department of Job & Family Services, Attention: Associate Director of Client Services, 3210 Monroe St., Toledo, OH 43606 or via email to the address below.

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In Memoriam

Joan Russell – March 22, 1933 – January 2, 2011

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Joan taught at Maumee Valley Country Day School, Waterville Elementary and Scott High School before starting her career in the music industry. Joan Russell is best known for her partnership in the restaurant and jazz club known as Murphy's Place in downtown Toledo and her decades of support of that American cultural treasure, the music and musicians of jazz.

Joan and her companion of 38 years, bassist Clifford Murphy, founded Murphy's Place in 1991 on Madison Avenue, after many years on the road. Joan and Clifford moved Murphy's place to its current home at 151 Water St. in 1996 and hosted many legendary jazz musicians over the years, including Ray Brown, Frank Morgan, Jon Hendricks, Kenny Burrell, Joe Henderson, Sonny Fortune, Johnny O'Neal, Antonio Hart, Roseanna Vitro, Dominick Farinacci, Little Jimmy Scott, Billy Taylor, and Wynton Marsalis.

Joan produced several CD's with Claude Black, Clifford Murphy with other greats such as David "Fathead" Newman under her own label, Sophia Records.

Murphy's Place became the heart of the Northwest Ohio jazz community; Toledo's own Stanley Cowell will be presenting his latest CD at Murphy's Place on January 8th. Joan was famous for her skills in the kitchen. She was known for the blueberry pie and chowder recipes that she inherited from her Yankee family. She always picked up the local flavors in her extensive traveling, becoming well versed in soul, Cajun, and many other ethnic cuisines.

In addition to Clifford, Joan is survived by her sister, Barbara Shuttleworth of Amherst, MA., her daughter, Martha (Dave) Petrovick of Barre, MA., her son, William (Sandy) Russell of Fort Collins, CO., three grandchildren, 2.77 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

She is survived by her partner, Clifford Murphy, his five children, fourteen grandchildren, eleven great grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren as well. Her family was not limited by any conventional notion. Joan Russell's family encompassed many lifelong friends, musicians, employees, and the random passing acquaintance. Her generosity and compassion were exceeded only by her courage and love of life.

A celebration of Joan's life and extended family will take place at Murphy's Place on January 16, 2011 from 3 to 8 pm with the usual focus on the musicians and music that she loved so much. In lieu of flowers, Joan's family and friends suggest a contribution to the preservation and support of our local jazz tradition, Joan Russell Jazz, in care of the Fifth Third Bank. Blanchard-Strabler Funeral Home (419-269-1111) Online condolences: blanchardstrabler.com



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