African American Legacy Project Legends

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Male Empowerment
By Rev. Donald L. Perryman, D.Min.

What the (young black male) needs to know is that there are men in this world who are like him, African-American, who read and write and find the whole process of academics (and involvement) something valuable. The epidemic of failure in the African-American male population is not going to stop unless we, African-American men, begin to do the job that we can do. – Spencer Holland

The black male has become the poster child for crime and violence, the symbol of all that is negative in our society. The symbol is not going to stop unless the epidemic is contained. The Sojourner’s Truth, 1811 Adams Street, Toledo, Ohio 43604

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The Top Ten What??

By Lafe Tollever, Esq
Guest Column

Well, it is out there. On the cover. On the top 400 richest people in America and you can almost hear people inhaling and exhaling as they ooh and aah and gush over the gold-plated individuals who are the truly accredited members of the ‘one-percenters’ club of this country.

On the cover of the magazine, are the top ten billionaires plus, who along with their other 390 named cousins, control the levers to political power and economic clout.

These are the ones that purportedly can make things happen. They are touted as the job producers. They are given polite deference due to their having bank accounts that groan and say 24/7.

When they say, “Jump,” your only legitimate response is to say, “How high!”

They are the scions of industry, entertainment and the controller of other goods and services and their financial tentacles reach out and touch practically everything that you may eat, touch, sleep on, borrow, wear, ride in, rent, watch, twitter, walk on, drink and anything else that has to do with you living from day to day.

Are they known? Some are. Some aren’t. Privacy has its benefits of not being hounded for handouts, of being able to walk down the street without heads turning, of going to a movie or a restaurant without people gawking at you.

America worships at the altar of the almighty-dollar. Sure, we give perfunctory lip service to saying that we are a Christian nation trusting in God but when the dollar hits the road, we want to ride with that dollar!

When in doubt about a policy or a practice or why something can or cannot be done...follow the money trail and invariably it will show you what is what and who is and doing what to whom.

Now, I want to present a different list. A list of unknown people who you will never know. A list of nobodies who will never be seen on Oprah or Piers Morgan or interviewed by Anderson Cooper.

These people will not hobnob at the Four Seasons Restaurant in NYC. They will not fly to Bermuda in a Gulfstream jet. They will not venture into the Hamptons and get a good table at a tony restaurant. These people will not be found at country clubs or teeing off on a par 5 hole at a ritzy golf course.

They will not wear $2,000 custom suits or have a four-headed shower in their bathroom. These are the top 10 poorest people in America: Leslie Gayout, Derek Folsom, J.B. Carr, De De Sullivan, Ronce Matthews, Phil Zarkowski, Mabel Aronson, Ty Carter, Ned Singletery and Robert Sampson.

Recognize any of the names? Didn’t think so.

When was the last time you bought a crumb? On the flight from London, were they seated next to you reading a book about credit swaps in Argentina?

But yet, we fawn and dawdle over the rich and famous (especially if they have a British accent) as if being served, they will throw a crumb or two your way and possibly smile when you dive for the crumb.

Every year Forbes magazine publishes the list of the 400 richest people in America and every year we look and dream and think...just think that with the right breaks or luck or family ties, we could join that list and thus be somebody.

We allow the media hype and our human nature about being rich enough to enslave us and to captivate our thinking to the point that we now allow con men and women in the pulpits of too many of our churches to spread the lie that being wealthy is your God-given right.

These charlatans preach a different gospel of health, wealth and prosperity and try to pawn it off as being the gospel of Jesus Christ. Nothing is further from the truth.

These con men and women conjure up images that if you, “name it and claim it,” God is obligated to bless you with material wealth. God becomes a genie and all you have to do is close your eyes and speak the imaginations of your vain heart and by your words, you will control and remold your world and you direct the forces around you to obey your commands.

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The Facts on Voter ID
First let’s clear up some misinformation.

You do not need a driver’s license to vote in Ohio. In fact, you don’t need a photo ID of any kind to vote in Ohio. All you need to do is prove that you are who you say you are, and there are a number of ways to do so.

If you have a valid driver’s license, state, or military ID that’s great, use that. If you don’t you still have plenty of other options. You can use a current utility bill, a bank statement, or a paycheck/government check.

Whether you choose to vote absentee, early in person, or on Election Day—we’ll cover each of these methods in upcoming columns—you’ll be fine if you have one of these documents.

You may have heard otherwise. That’s not surprising.

There are some politicians who would like to make photo ID a requirement for voting in Ohio. They even tried to pass a law last year. They have been unsuccessful so far, but that doesn’t stop them from allowing, and in some cases spreading, misinformation.

They often claim these laws are necessary to protect election integrity. Of course they rarely mention that all of us are already required to prove who we are at the polls.

That’s because they aren’t talking about “actual” election integrity. Actual integrity would be making the process as easy, accessible, fair, and accurate as humanly possible for ALL eligible voters, recognizing that access to the ballot is a fundamental American right.

But actual integrity is not what these politicians are looking for. Elections are just another game to them, something to be manipulated to their advantage whenever and however possible. To these people integrity is just a smoke screen, a codeword for the other game to them, something to be manipulated to their advantage whenever and however possible.

See, there are two ways to win an election; one is to encourage more of your supporters to vote. The other is to game the system, making it harder and more confusing for your opponents supporters to cast their vote.

But how do they determine who to target?

Despite what we’re led to believe, a person’s age, bank account or skin color does not always determine their political beliefs. It’s nearly impossible for politicians to know exactly how every individual will vote. So they pigeonhole, categorize and target people based on data and trends.

Stop the Crisis: Souls to the Polls

Our country is in crisis...a crisis of economics, apathy and anger. The economic system under which we live and work is broken. The gap between the rich and the poor is widening, not just financially, but in education, politics and culture. People are beginning to feel that there is nothing they can do to stop the spiral down, that their vote doesn’t count and that no one wants to hear from them anyway. Being ignored gets old quick and anger takes over. Our educational system is pathetic, the dropout rate for African-American males has skyrocketed and the pipeline to prison is ever expanding.

The sense of powerlessness is pervading the black community. Why is this? There are plenty of answers. One would be that, the truth is, we have given away our power. We have given it back to the white majority who has nurtured their privilege until we don’t even notice it any more.

When the Black Power movement began and throughout its history, Anglos perked up. They realized that we had a cause that was real and they began to look at us and themselves in a different manner. Respect was shown in new ways for the variety of people that are in this country and in this city.

We started to get comfortable, or at least we got more comfortable than we were. We began to have black elected officials, black leadership in corporations and organizations. People began to take note of some of the great things that went on in our community and to support us as we worked to make our community better.

We got so comfortable that we missed the fact that the white majority began to control our community — it was their money that poured in to help us with housing, with social services, with educational programs and even with jobs. With the increase in support, especially financial support, we turned our organizations and offices, and thus our power, over to those in charge.

Another answer is that we gave up on making change. Recall the times in the 60s when people from the African-American community marched, met and made changes in radical ways. Remember when the pastors patrolled the school hallways, when there were regular meetings with the mayor and city council around issues specific to the betterment of the black community?

Remember those leaders from the black community who showed us the way to effect change through dialogue and sometimes demands? Some of them are still here, but many of them are gone. They have not been well replaced by us. And in the religious community it seems that the clergy are more divided than ever.

With all of the situations facing us here in Toledo and in our nation, now is not the time to fold up and go home. Now is the
Souls to the Polls

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We have experienced the recession of the last several years and we have experienced some improvement. People in our community are still hurting and are still unemployed or underemployed.

We need to call upon our leaders to do something about these issues. However, if we don’t use our vote to elect those whom we believe will make a difference and improve the situation, we have no room to complain. Every voice must be heard and every person who is eligible must vote.

For those of you who have never registered to vote, or who have not voted in some time, there are options to register and/or re-register. If you don’t want to register because you’re afraid of getting called to jury duty, that’s a lame excuse. There are reasons that allow people to refuse or be excused from jury duty. But voting is a privilege that should not be ignored.

A copy of a current utility bill or cell phone bill, a bank statement, paycheck, government check, or other government document (including hunting or fishing licenses)

When you go to vote, be sure to have your ID with you. Go to the correct precinct for your neighborhood or go to the early voting polling place downtown. If you don’t know which precinct to vote in, call the Election Board or go to any polling place downtown. If you forget your Driver’s License number or your State ID number or the last four digits of your Social Security Number to vote provisionally and the Election Board will have to verify your information. We’ve come too far to give up our rights now. Every person, every SOUL needs to get to the polls this November. It doesn’t matter who you vote for, it matters that you vote. Don’t give up your right and privilege. Let’s get our Souls to the Polls this November.

Rev. Cedric Brock President, Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance

The Facts

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And in this case both the data and the trends are pretty clear. It’s estimated that approximately 890,000 Ohioans do not have a photo ID. Many of these people are either very young (students), very old, very poor, or people of color. Data also shows that many voters in this group tend to lean toward Democratic candidates.

The tactic is simple; pass a law requiring a form of ID these people don’t possess and the resulting anger, confusion, and apathy will stop at least some of them from casting a ballot.

Those votes may well be the difference. One politician in Pennsylvania admitted as much, claiming proudly that his state’s new photo ID requirements, which could affect hundreds of thousands of Pennsylvanians, would essentially seal the deal for his preferred candidate, Mitt Romney.

Ohio tried to go down the exact same path, before they were backed down with threats of a lawsuit.

It’s simple dirty politics. We have been categorized, pigeonholed and targeted by people who see us as a threat to their desired outcome. The fact that we are perfectly eligible voters who already have to prove our identity to cast a ballot is irrelevant to them.

That’s the real irony of all this. Shady politicians all over the country are trying to undermine the integrity of our elections by gaming the system for political advantage, and they are doing it under the guise of protecting election integrity!

It’s enough to drive a voter crazy. In fact that’s the goal. They want us to be frustrated and confused, so frustrated and confused that we stay home on November 6.

But we are not helpless. We are empowered. You know the ID requirements and it’s very likely that you already have one of these forms of identification. Even if you don’t, you have time to obtain one of them before Election Day.

The strongest statement we can make to the people who don’t want us to vote is to cast our ballot in spite of these challenges. Our ancestors fought tirelessly for the rights we have today. It is our responsibility to claim them, and to overcome any hurdle that stands in our way.

VOTE

Rev. Kevin J Bedford, President
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Minority Leader of the Ohio’s State Senate - Eric Kearney – to Celebrate Legends

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

State Senator Eric Kearney knows how to pay it forward! On Saturday, October 6, 2012 Senator Kearney, minority leader of the Ohio Senate will join an distinguished group of men and women on the dais during The African American Legacy Project’s 2012 Legend’s Luncheon at the Hilton Garden Inn, Perrysburg. Kearney will travel to Toledo to join the community in honoring eight men and women for their incredible service to community. In the past Kearney has served on the Senate Financial Institutions Committee, Judiciary Committee, Finance Committee, Insurance Commerce and Labor Committee and Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources Committee. In January 2012, Kearney was unanimously elected as the Senate Minority Leader.

Kearney understands and honors the achievements of men and women all across Ohio who labor and achievements paved the way for others. Kearney will travel to Toledo on Saturday October 6 to join this community in honoring six true “Community Legends!” This year The African American Legacy Project will honor Clara Hodge-Branson, an educator who has dedicated her life to embracing our most fragile children nurturing them and giving them tools – when others had given up – to move forward in life. Kearney has and continues to work side by side with his colleague, State Senator Edna Brown, who is being honored by The AALP for her constant community work and lauded for being the first African-American women to hold a senate seat from northwest Ohio. Brown is also Assistant Minority Senate Whip.

Emerson Cole was the first African American to be drafted by the Cleveland Browns when "The Browns” initially joined the NFL. Cole served as regional director of the Ohio Civil Rights Commission which encompassed 23 counties. He was inducted in to The University of Toledo’s Hall of Fame in 1984.

The community will also celebrate George Davis, Jr., the first black chairman of the Lucas County Democratic Party. Davis is credited with his ability to gain employment for hundreds and hundreds of Toledoans – both inside and outside of the UAW.

Lancelot C.A. Thompson, Ph.D., is heralded as the first black vice president of Student Affairs at UT. He received his Ph.D. from Wayne State University and began his career at the university as a professor of chemistry. Among his many accolades, Thompson was inducted into the Morgan State University Athletic Hall of Fame and received the Outstanding Teacher Award from UT.

Cenia M. Willis retired after 39 years of service to the Toledo Public Schools. Willis’s honor will be bestowed upon her for her activism and impact upon workers of color and women in the labor movement. She remains active in numerous service organizations including the Coalition for Labor Union Women, Ohio AFL-CIO, the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists and AFSCME/Ohio Council.

Two individuals will be honored posthumously; both were educators and both beloved. All “Bulldogs” (Scott High School) share a particular reverence and fondness for artist/educator Ernie Jones. His wife Gloria will accept his posthumous honor.

The AALP will also honor the charismatic and caring, Alvin B. Stephens, another long-term educator who concluded his career as a principal at Keyser Elementary School. Stephens’ wife Juanita will accept on behalf of his family.

Kearney represents the 9th Senate District. A lifelong Cincinnatian, he is a graduate of Dartmouth College and received his JD from the University Of Cincinnati College Of Law. He is married to Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney Esq. and they have two children, Celeste and Asher. In 2004 the Kearney family was honored as the Black Family Reunion’s “Family of the Year.”

Established in 2004, The African American Legacy Project is dedicated to preserving the histories of African Americans in northwest Ohio. This is the Eighth Annual Legend’s Weekend. The event begins on Friday, October 5, 2012 with a reception at the Toledo Club beginning at 5:30 pm and the celebration concludes with a luncheon at the Hilton Garden Inn, 1:00 pm, Saturday, October 6, 2012.

Tickets to this year’s event underwritten by The Blade and KeyBank ($30.00 for the reception and $40.00 for the luncheon) may be purchased by calling 419-720-4369.
Indiana Ave MBC’s Annual Women’s Day Urges Wiser, Stronger, Steadfast Women in Christ

By Artisha S. Lawson
Sojourner’s Truth Reporter

Historically, a congregation’s women’s day marks the uplifting of women through scripture, fellowship, and unity through color selection. The women of Indiana Avenue Missionary Baptist Church have continued this tradition during their Women’s Day celebrations.

These activities, called Pre-Women’s Day activities, focus on sisterhood and service. The festivities opened this year with a home-style bake sale of foods prepared by committee members, and later a family movie night.

Festivities continued on September 8 with the entrepreneur luncheon that connected community vendors and featured Denise Cardwell as speaker, and concluded with the September 16 morning and afternoon programs.

The history of Indiana Ave’s Women’s Day dates back to founder Rev. W.J. Stephenson. During that time, for 19 years the missionary society arranged the order of service. Through the years, under the leadership of Pastor Rev. John E. Roberts, D.Min., the day expanded to include all women of the congregation.

First Lady Bernice Roberts serves as the committee’s advisor, and Women’s Day is celebrated each third Sunday of September. Over the years the day of celebration has grown from an afternoon service to include Sunday school, morning and afternoon service, and pre-women’s day activities.

The Sunday celebration began with Bible study, then morning worship during which Sis. April Valentine, of Indiana Ave was the speaker. Sunday events concluded with Sis. Jean Lark of Union Grove Baptist Church as afternoon speaker. Both women connected their message to the theme “becoming a better, wiser, stronger, steadfast woman in Christ,” with scriptures from Proverbs and Ruth for those in attendance.

“I want to thank my pastor, Pastor Roberts. First Lady Roberts, my church family, our choir and especially my committee,” began Sis. Michele Y. Ewing, Women’s Day chairman. She continued to speak as tears rolled down her face. “Thank you Pastor Roberts for giving me the chance to be part of this wonderful experience, I wish my mother could have seen this.”

The morning service included a special tribute, while the 40-member women’s day choir sang powerful selections during both services. Celebration colors of white and aqua decorated the sanctuary and women’s accessories.

Afternoon speaker Sis. Lark focused on the relationships between women of different ages and experiences. She referred the theme passages Proverbs 31:10, Ruth 1:16-17, Ruth 2:4-12, and Ruth 4:13-17. “Look at Ruth, a heathen woman, a widow, and with no means of taking care of herself. Life events don’t determine who you are, God determines who you are.”

Rev. Roberts, pastor of Indiana Ave Missionary Baptist Church closed the celebration with remarks. “We’ve been blessed today. Our speakers today have encouraged us.”

The committee members were: First Lady Mother Bernice Roberts, Chairman Michelle Y. Ewing, co-Chairman Maxine Forney, Church Banner Chairman Janette Hodges, Music Department Chairman Debra Roberts, Planning Chairman Maggie Sprott, Pre-Women’s Day Chairman Fran Miller, Pre-Women’s Day Co-Chairman Debra Hill, Publicity Wilma D. Brown and Social Chairman Letha Goree.
St. Paul’s Women’s Day Focuses on Christian Women Living in the Moment

By Artisha S. Lawson
Sojourner’s Truth Reporter

Elegant and fashionable styles of blue and white crowned the heads of St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church women and guests during the annual Women’s Day celebration on Sunday, September 16. “Christian Women Living in the Moment,” was the theme, inspired by scripture from John 11:1-3, 23-27.

Worship leader Sis. Yvonne Gayle opened the program, while Sis. Lynnell Jones, Sis. Deborah Gardner and Sis. Michelle Jenkins led a spirit-filled devotion. Throughout the service, Derrick Roberts, EdD, softly accompanied various portions that received responses of “amen,” hand clapping and standing ovations.

Total Praise, a praise dance ministry, offered one selection. The smiling 30-member Women’s Day choir sang three-part harmony during their two Christian selections. Sis. Mary McKinley-Reed introduced the speaker, and Beverly Tucker of St. James the Armory sang a solo.

“I look forward every year of the women getting together. This year’s theme Christian women living in the moment is such a blessing. The committee, the women, the speaker have blessed my soul because they are living in the moment,” shared Rev. James H. Willis Sr, pastor.

Guest speaker Pastor Linda R. Mullogotta is a native of Detroit, founder of Simply Yes Moving from Glory to Glory International Women’s Ministry and president of Top Ladies of Distinction Detroit chapter. Her message centered on the importance of family, Christian-living and calling women to be patient.

“God has a season for everything, so don’t worry about those things beyond our control, Mullogotta said. “Someone may have a beautiful home, and you respond by saying that you will never have a home like that. There, you did it, you spoke it by that you will never have a home like that.”

The congregation welcomed over 30 guests to this program and through generous donations raised funds to support the ministry. As a result of the guests and members in attendance, the sanctuary, waiting area and choir stand was filled to capacity. The program chairman concluded the service by standing in front of the congregation to say thank you. “I have been blessed today. I am very happy and delighted to see everyone here. St. Paul’s you deserve the credit, I don’t deserve the credit, because anything I asked of you was done,” said Sis. Marelen Cook.

The committee leaders are: Chairman Cook, Co-Chairman Sis. Sharon Hubbard, Finance Chairman Sis. Carol Adams, Finance Co-Chairman Sis. Karen Glover, Music Co-Chairmen Sis. Michelle Jenkins and Sis. Lynnell Jones, Nurses Chairman Sis. Lucyetta Price. Program Chairman Sis. J’vann Winfield, Publicity Chairman Sis. Linda Gardner. In addition to committee chairmen and co-chairmen, there were usher and decoration committees, and devotion was led by the church deaconess.
United Way of Great Toledo Announces Goal

The magic number this year is $13,800,000! That’s the fundraising goal announced by the United Way of Greater Toledo during a breakfast kick-off on September 11 at the Hilton Gardens Inn in Perrysburg.

This year’s fundraising chairman is ProMedica President and CEO Randy Oostra. The featured guest speaker for this year’s event was Geoffrey Canada, founder and CEO of the Harlem Children’s Zone.

“lf your kids are going to be saved, you’re going to have to do it yourselves,” Canada told his audience of more than 600 warning them not to rely on government intercession to educate youth. “We’ve lost sight of whose job it is to raise our kids.”

TOLEDO’S GOT TALENT, a benefit concert held to benefit Maturing Young Men & The Homeless Youth Initiative took place August 26, 2012 at the Ottawa Park Amphitheater. According to Alexis Smith, who handles public relations for the Maturing Young Men & Aspiring Young Women program, the purpose of the talent show was not only to give back to the community but to also showcase local talent. Proceeds from the concert went to benefit the Homeless Youth Initiative and to provide care packages for the family house.
Alluring, Awesome, Auspicious, Awni

By Jennifer Lewis, Special to The Truth

Philadelphia native, Tyrone Barge, made Toledo, Ohio one of many locations to introduce the AWNI Hair Weave Collection. Barge sees the hair weaving industry as a way to improve the economy in the black community.

His initial interest began 13 years ago when he financed the North Philadelphia-based Life Styles Beauty Salon. He noticed that women who came to the salon for weaves were being told by their beauticians to buy the hair from Korean salons for weaves were being advertised. He noticed that they didn’t sell to blacks wholesale. The wholesaler informed him that if they entertained the idea of selling it to blacks wholesale, it would negatively impact their bottom line. When he asked why, he was told that it’s because blacks are the biggest consumers of the hair weaves industry. Barge had no idea how much African Americans impacted the hair industry until he began to do research. He ran across a documentary entitled, “The Korean Takeover of the Black Hair Industry” by Aron Renen. In this documentary he found that African-American women account for 70 per cent of hair weave purchases in the U.S.A. Upon this discovery Barge recognized the importance of manufacturing his own hair product. Barge had no idea how to negotiate a deal to import 100 per cent human hair from India and establish a factory in China to produce the hair. It took eight long years of diligence but AWNI hair is a reality.

AWNI’s launch date was April 9, 2012. The hair was first introduced to over 200 stylists and salon owners in the Philadelphia area. During the seminar they learned about the potential to make additional revenue by selling AWNI hair directly to their clients. In Toledo, stylists and salon owners were given the same opportunity.

In order to prepare for the seminar Tyrone and his team selected four local models on September 7. These models then had the AWNI hair installed the next day by top stylist from Philadelphia. On September 9th the seminar ran from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Elife Marketing building at 4143 Monroe Street in Toledo.

At the seminar stylists were able to feel the quality, style the hair and purchase the hair. All who were in attendance agreed that the hair was a superior product and competitively priced. Tyrone Barge did not lose sight of his main objective, to improve the economic position of African-Americans. Many times you will hear him say, “it’s about us making a conscious decision about how we spend our dollars, and taking back control of this industry to reap the benefits. It’s really not a personal thing. I want to show salon owners and stylists how they can make money. I want to empower us economically, and for us to understand the true power of our dollar.”

AWNI is available at local salons and on the internet at www.awniproducts.com.

African Art Has Arrived!!

Hundreds of wood carvings from Ghana have recently arrived at The Truth Gallery – masks, statues, village scenes! All at unbelievably low prices!

The Gallery is open Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 4 PM

See more art online at www.thetruthtoledo.com

Mature Nightlife & M&T Entertainment held their fall edition of Circo on Docks this past Saturday, September 22 at Admirals American Grill. By midnight the venue was brimming with beautiful faces from all over the Glass City. Party-goers danced the night away in the event hall while the DJ played the latest in hip-hop and R & B. The VIP guests enjoyed free Circo all night as well as gourmet hors d’oeuvres catered by Admirals American Grill.

Photos courtesy of Pozativ ProMotions, LLC
Lately, your parents have been grumbling at the TV a lot. Your dad hits the “quiet” button on and off all night long. He might even throw things at the television, or rip up some of his mail. Your mother shakes her head and avoids the telephone, and you think you know why: there’s an election going on this year, and grown-ups are fierce about who should win the contest.

It’s odd, isn’t it? And it might not make a whole lot of sense to you, but read the new book *Vote for ME!* by Ben Clanton, and you may understand a little bit better. Elephant and Donkey were holding an election. Both of them wanted to win but, of course, only one or the other could.

Donkey said that people should vote for him because he was adorable. Donkey thought that was ridiculous.

Donkey offered to hand out candy if everyone voted for him. Elephant offered to hand out peanuts. Donkey said he was like family and you have to vote for family. Elephant thought that was ridiculous.

Elephant didn’t like that much. He started to throw big gobs of mud at Donkey. They began calling one another names and the mud-slinging was everywhere. The names were loud and they were really mean. Things got nasty because Elephant and Donkey were angry at one another.

And when you’re very, very angry, it’s easy for someone to get their feelings hurt—which is exactly what happened. Donkey and Elephant were both sad for that. They apologized and decided that they could still be friends.

But friendship doesn’t settle the vote and somebody still needed to be chosen for First Place. Who would you vote for? And who do you suppose was the all-time big vote-collecting winner?

You know that little kids have big ears, so there’s no doubt your child has been listening to what’s going on in the country. But does (s)he understand? Maybe not, so *Vote for ME!* is a book to find.

Using iconic symbols for the Republican and Democratic parties, as well as a story that perfectly illustrates the squabbling that happens, author Ben Clanton shows kids that all the yelling and literal (in this book) mud-slinging might be scary and mean but, in the end, we can all try to get along again.

Kids will appreciate that message because it makes this grown-up fight seem rather silly. Along those lines, I think this book will charm the socks off adults, too, whether they’re foam-at-the-mouth politicos or just tired of the whole darn thing.

If the election has been Topic One at your house, then take a second look at this book. For you and your child both, *Vote for ME!* should be a front-runner.

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**TOLEDO BRANCH OF THE NAACP GENERAL MEMBERSHIP NOTICE**

The Toledo Branch of the NAACP will have their General Membership Meeting, Tuesday Oct 9th, 2012 from 7pm until 8pm at the Historic Third Baptist Church, 402 Pinewood Ave., Toledo, Ohio 43604.

If you would like to become a member of this branch please send your check payable to the Toledo Branch NAACP, P.O. Box 9388, Toledo, Ohio 43697.

Adult Memberships are $30 (includes a Crisis Magazine), Youth Memberships age 20 and under are $10 without the Crisis, and $15 with the Crisis Magazine.

For more information please call the Toledo Branch Office at 419-407-6488 or email us at info@toledonaacp.com. We encourage the public to attend our meetings.
My Response To Romney’s Republicans

By Michael Hayes

The Welfare Lie
People do NOT stay on government cash assistance indefinitely.

Working class Americans collecting welfare have a strict time limit to find a job or else their cash assistance ends. I repeat…all cash assistance ends.

It’s been this way for over a decade.

Do Republicans have any idea how welfare works?

I’m not saying this to earn sympathy or promote charity.

I’m saying this because their idea of welfare seems to be from the 1980s and not at all connected to modern reality.

If you don’t know anyone on government assistance, and aren’t willing to look at the actual programs that give assistance then how can you talk about those on assistance?

Mitt Lies, Numbers Don’t
Mitt Romney hides millions of dollars in offshore bank accounts to avoid the small tax that U.S. millionaires should pay. Yet he calls YOU a moocher.

But for any Republican/Tea Party/Right Wing voters who believed the lies in his infamous secret video, here’s the truth. According to the Tax Policy Center, only 18 percent of American households pay zero taxes. That group is made up of U.S. military (active duty and veterans), and also seniors and working class families far below the poverty level. Eighteen percent. Not 47 percent.

The majority of Americans do pay payroll tax.

If you make less than $250,000 a year, 35 percent of your payroll is taxed.

Mitt Romney, who makes about $20,000,000 a year (that’s twenty million, no typo) only pays 14 percent in taxes.

That’s the system Democrats want to change (search Buffet Rule, whitehouse.gov).

If you make $40,000 a year, you’re basically working for free three months out of the year. It would greatly affect your livelihood and purchasing power if that 35 percent tax you pay went up or down. But if you make $400,000 a year … you could afford to have that 14 percent low tax rate you enjoy go up without sacrificing your way of life.

Don’t Tax Me Bro!
Even in terms of pursuing power and consumer economics, it makes no sense whatsoever for lower earners to pay higher taxes.

From the 1950s to the late 70s, millionaires were taxed far heavier than everyone else.

During that time, the country used that money to build the U.S. interstate system, offer affordable healthcare and college education for everyone.

That’s why you’ve never met someone still paying off student loans from the 1960s.

School was affordable and HMO’s hadn’t been invented yet.

People could buy a home, send their kids to college and live comfortably on middle income wages.

Until the Republicans in government began to lower the taxes on high earners (while outsourcing jobs).

Taxing the wealthy isn’t about robbing them of their wealth.

Taxing the wealthy isn’t about punishing success.

It’s simply about who can afford to shoulder more without risking their quality of life.

It’s simply about government playing its role to ensure the greater good for all, not just a select few.

They numbers back up what President Obama always says, growing an economy starts with strengthening the middle class. That’s whom policies should benefit, not the upper class.

The Moocher Class
You don’t like struggling. You want to go to work, you want to be self-sufficient.

So where did all those jobs go?

American cities are full of abandoned factories and warehouses because employers moved their operations overseas for cheaper labor. More profit for them. No job for you.

At first it was just labor/manufacturing but now its tech jobs, high skilled jobs and support service jobs… all going overseas some millionaires can become billionaires.

But because you can’t find work, they call you a moocher.

They are depriving you of your ability to be stable, yet blaming you for not being stable.

In the same way they are purposely not voting on or approving the Presidents policies, yet lying and saying his policies have failed.

Out of 114 million U.S. households, only five million are what can be considered wealthy.

The five million households that are wealthy isn’t the problem.

It’s the percentage of those wealthy households that subscribe to the Republican notion that the remaining 109 million households are full of lazy deadbeats waiting on a handout.

That’s the problem. You may be un-affected by what Romney’s friends at that $50,000 a plate dinner think of you. Maybe affluent right-wing Americans viewing the majority of their fellow citizens as peasants is to be expected… perhaps even tolerated.

We all want to be rich, so it seems we put up with a lot of BS from rich folks.

But rest assured, their view of you can affect your day-to-day life.

Slavery lasted for centuries because the money didn’t see their “workforce” as deserving of basic human rights.

Workers were exploited for decades by employers until people were allowed to form unions and demand humane treatment, pay and conditions.

We are in present day with the same plantation owners claiming to be job creators.

This type of thinking is an illness.

Feeling Entitled…
If France, Canada, England, Germany and others can provide universal healthcare to their citizens, why can’t we?

You damn right I feel entitled to free healthcare.

The government intervenes in the food we eat, the crops we consume, the ingredients we digest and the water in our tap. If the government has a hand in making us sick, why not have a hand in making us well?

I don’t care if you call it socialism.

I don’t care if it has a few flaws in it at first.

Every American wins if we have free healthcare.

And yes, Mitt. I DO feel entitled to food.

That’s not making the United States government responsible for what I put in my body, but it is saying the government should stop doing business with companies whose chemicals poison our livestock and rob our agriculture of nutritional properties (sorry, too deep!.. good luck on that one).

I feel entitled to TRUE democracy, not the corrupt so called “representative” republic where lawmakers can be influenced by wealthy lobbyists and special interests.

I feel entitled to transparency. I want news media that tells the TRUTH about Iran and Israel and at least does journalistic due diligence on obvious lies like 9/11.

This myth that America is the cream of the crop is a bunch of bull.

There are other countries with higher life expectancy, affordable – NON DEBT BASED college, higher quality of life, fewer incarcerations…on and on and on.

We are building more prisons than schools here in America.

So obviously the government has a plan for many of us.

Just because we want the plan to actually be a GOOD plan that benefits us, doesn’t make us entitled… it makes us human.

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The Top Ten What??

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This Word of Faith nonsense has captured the imaginations of “church” people to the point that they will give and give to these actors and scammers, their veritable last dollar in the hopes of being blessed with money from God and that they will be blessed with divine health if they give offerings or tithes to these false teachers and preachers.

Tragically, a lot of the church has bought into this mental and verbal trickery and they buy gobs and gobs of books and tapes and attend pricey seminars of these fakirs, who by reason of deceit and fables, have amassed “wow-wow” wealth at the expense of biblical illiterate and greedy people who do not know the real gospel message.

These rip off artists exude artificial charm and appeal along with their gross distortions of scriptures that it would make even the Bible apostles blush out of shame for those hucksters.

Like a snake charmer, these certain pulpit rascals, woo and entice people who want their ears tickled with the giberish that they want to hear and they visualize themselves being super rich and having dominion over others.

And the poor, who have no Forbes magazine to elevate them, are left scratching for financial leftovers and are shunned by certain politicos as being part of the 47 percent who are loafers, idlers and as such, deserve only contempt and scorn.

Why America continues to bow down to the god of Mammon is because America openly worships this smiling god. A god that they believe will be their deliverer. A god that will comfort them and bless them with goodies so they can forget about others and draw to themselves like-minded people who also bend their knees to a god that satiates the flesh but leaves the spirit empty.

Dear reader, shun that which will not produce life. Shun those who make you fawn and covet for things that will one day pass away and will only be a memory. Shun those who promise your best life now in return for a fat faith offering.

Stop saluting the wealthy and their minions but take time to help those that Jesus spoke about when he said, “when you do this unto the least of them, you do it unto me.”

Contact Laff Toller at toller@juno.com
Notice to Bidders: Inquiry # FY13-24, (Project # 5004-13-1753) for Chilled Water Upgrades for the University of Toledo Health Science Campus. Sealed bids for this project must be clearly marked with the project number on all inner and outer envelopes and/or shipping containers.

Bids must be addressed and delivered to the University of Toledo, Main Campus, Facilities and Construction, Plant Operations Room 1100, 2925 E. Rocket Drive, MS 216, Toledo, Ohio 43606 before 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 9, 2012. Bids will be publicly opened that same day at 2:05 p.m. in the Plant Operations Building, Room 1000. Copies of Plans, Specifications, and Bid Forms may be obtained from Becker Impressions, 4646 Angola Rd., Toledo, Ohio 43615. Call 419-385-5303 for an appointment to pick up bid package. A cost of $45.00 will be charged per set. Any further information may be obtained from Jay Lingnell, AIA of The JDI Group at 419-725-7161. One Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Tuesday, October 2, 2012 at 10:00 a.m., in the Health Education Building, Room 105, at the University of Toledo, Health Science Campus, 3000 Arlington Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43614. Total Bid Guaranty and Contract Bond are required per section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code. EDGE Participation Goal: 10%. Project Estimate: $384,000.00; Breakdown: HVAC: $349,900.00 & Electrical: $39,100.00.

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Position is based at Unison’s Woodlawn site. Candidate must possess a Master’s Degree, current Ohio License as LSW or PC, and have a minimum of two years experience working with adults with mental health/substance abuse/trauma/criminal justice issues. LSW or LPCC preferred.

Send resume with salary requirements or apply to:
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Send resume and salary requirements by 10/31/12 to: LCCS, 705 Adams St., Toledo, OH 43604 Fax: 419-327-3291 EOE valuing diversity. No phone calls please.

Bus Trip
New Hope Church’s bus trip to Meridian, MS - 12/7-12/10 - celebrating Pastor Anniversary for Rev William Brown of Fifth Street Baptist. Anniversary message by Pastor Michael Prince. Call Dea Brown at 419-902-3169/ NHMB at 419-244-2964

Art in Public Places Coordinator
FIT employment with The Arts Commission. Will coordinate all aspects of public art programming and oversee the administration of the City of Toledo’s 1% for Art program, including acquisition, conservation and education initiatives. Send cover letter, resume and letters of recommendation by 10/31/12 to www.theartscommission.org

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We are seeking an experienced driver to provide transportation services on an as needed basis Monday through Friday during day and evening hours. Candidates must be able to work split shifts if needed. Previous experience driving large passenger vans and working with individuals with mental illnesses is preferred. The individual must be at least 21 years of age, have a current Ohio Driver’s License (CDL preferred) and have a driving record that would enable them to be insured under the agency policy.

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Unison Behavioral Health Group, Inc.
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HVAC/R TECHNICIAN
Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority (LMHA), located in Toledo, OH, is seeking experienced applicants for a HVAC/R Technician position. For complete details of the position and to apply, visit our website at www.lucasmha.org. Only online applications received at the above website by Friday, October 5, 2012 will be accepted. Please note on your submittal if you are a LMHA Public Housing resident or Housing Choice Voucher Program participant. This is a Section 3 covered position and HUD recipients are encouraged to apply.

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Musical Shines Light on Relationships Between People and God’s Love

Artisha Lawson
Sojourner’s Truth Reporter

Historically, a congregation’s women’s day marks the uplifting of women through scripture, fellowship, and unity through color selection. The women of Indiana Avenue Missionary Baptist Church have continued this tradition during their Women’s Day celebrations.

These activities, called Pre-Women’s Day activities, focus on sisterhood and service. The festivities opened this year with a home-style bake sale of foods prepared by committee members, and later a family movie night.

Festivities continued on September 8 with the entrepreneur luncheon that connected community vendors and featured Denise Cardwell as speaker, and concluded with the September 16 morning and afternoon programs.

The history of Indiana Ave’s Women’s Day dates back to founder Rev. W.J. Stephenson. During that time, for 19 years the missionary society arranged the order of service. Through the years, under the leadership of Pastor Rev. John E. Roberts, D.Min., the day expanded to include all women of the congregation.

First Lady Bernice Roberts serves as the committee’s advisor, and Women’s Day is celebrated each third Sunday of September. Over the years the day of celebration has grown from an afternoon service to include Sunday school, morning and afternoon service, and pre-women’s day activities.

The Sunday celebration began with Bible study, then morning worship during which Sis. April Valentine, of Indiana Ave was the speaker. Sunday events concluded with Sis. Jean Lark of Union Grove Baptist Church as afternoon speaker. Both women connected their message to the theme “becoming a better, wiser, steadfast woman in Christ,” with scriptures from Proverbs and Ruth for those in attendance.

“I want to thank my pastor, Pastor Roberts, First Lady Roberts, my church family, our choir and especially my committee,” began Sis. Michele Y. Ewing, Women’s Day chairman. She continued to speak as tears rolled down her face. “Thank you Pastor Roberts for giving me the chance to be part of this wonderful experience, I wish my mother could have seen this.”

The morning service included a special tribute, while the 40-member women’s day choir sang powerful selections during both services. Celebration colors of white and aqua decorated the sanctuary and women’s accessories.

Afternoon speaker Sis. Lark focused on the relationships between women of different ages and experiences. She referred the theme passages Proverbs 31:10, Ruth 1:16-17, Ruth 2:4-12, and Ruth 4:13-17. “Look at Ruth, a heathen woman, a widow, and with no means of taking care of herself. Life events don’t determine who you are, God determines who you are.”

Rev. Roberts, pastor of Indiana Ave Missionary Baptist Church closed the celebration with remarks. “We’ve been blessed today. Our speakers today have encouraged us.”

The committee members were: First Lady Mother Bernice Roberts, Chairman Michele Y. Ewing, co-Chairman Maxine Forney, Church Banner Chairman Janette Jones, Decorations Chairman Frankie Anderson, Finance Chairman Barbara Jones-Robinson, Floral Chairman Gerrilyn Hodges, Music Department Chairman Debra Roberts, Planning Chairman Maggie Sprott, Pre-Women’s Day Chairman Fran Miller, Pre-Women’s Day Co-Chairman Debra Hill, Publicity Wilma D. Brown and Social Chairman Letha Goree.
Is Your Behavior Socially Incorrect?

Are you “that” person? You know, the one who talks on her cell phone loud and obnoxiously in public? Or maybe you’re “that” person who never RSVP’s but shows up to the event anyway. Do you or someone you know cough without covering your mouth or unashamedly pick your nose in public? It seems that with the changing times, so has changed our regard for manners and how our lack of them affects our fellow man. And with the advancement of technology, we have taken rude inconsiderations to a “whole – nother” level. Whether out socially or professionally, there are certain behaviors we should not engage in and other, more socially acceptable behavior that we should. Often times we may not be aware that our behavior is rude, ill-mannered or downright disgusting however, if you answered yes to any of the above questions, you my friend are Socially Incorrect. Not to worry, the following tips will help you “correct” that Socially Incorrect behavior.

Cell phone – Face-to-face conversations should always take precedence over cell phone conversations. This includes the cashier at the check out counter. Be considerate of others and keep your surroundings in mind when you’re talking. In other words, we don’t need to hear the intimate, sometimes crazy, details of your private life.

Movie talkers – You make a witty comment during the movie, the audience laughs and now you think you’re more entertaining than the actual movie we paid $10 to see. Let me be the first to tell you . . . you’re not. Save the commentary for a Redbox movie and your living room.

Coughing without even attempting to cover your mouth – coughing is an involuntary reflex that we usually can’t control. If you don’t have a tissue available, cough into the elbow or upper-arm area of your sleeve. Do not cover your mouth with your hand. Shielding your cough with a balled up fist might give the appearance of being socially “correct” but does nothing for shielding others from your germs.

RSVP - The purpose of the RSVP is for the host to know how many people to plan for. You are socially incorrect if you, a) RSVP and not show up; b) Don’t RSVP and show up anyway; c) Show up with extra guests and ask to take a plate.

Blowing your nose at the dinner table – If the occasion of a runny nose arises, it’s acceptable to wipe your nose at the table, especially when you consider the alternative. Blowing your nose, however, should be done in private even if it means excusing yourself from the table. If for whatever reason (none of which I can think of) you must blow your nose at the dinner table it should be done quietly and discreetly and for god’s sake don’t look at it!

Engaging in socially acceptable behavior will not only make you feel good about yourself but will improve your social life and help you make and keep friends.

African American Chamber Hosts Chicago Author Maggie Anderson

Club Evolution played host to the Toledo African American Chamber of Commerce membership drive event September 12, 2012 which featured Maggie Anderson, author of Our Black Year and CEO and co-founder of The Empowerment Experiment Foundation. Guests enjoyed cocktails and hors d’oeuvres as they networked and mingled and were then addressed by Chamber President Jay Black and Maggie Anderson, followed by a book signing. Anderson, in imploring the attendees to support black-owned businesses, told them there are “no excuses” not to do so.

Maggie Anderson and Jay Black

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