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"We Are Made for This Moment and We Will Seize It"



"We, the people, still believe that every citizen deserves a basic measure of security and dignity. We must make the hard choices to reduce the cost of health care and the size of our deficit. But we reject the belief that America must choose between caring for the generation that built this country and investing in the generation that will build its future."

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Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.: Awaken from my Dream:

I must question your motives America. I have been awakened only to see that you now seek to be lavished with the *theocracy* of the rich and famous, instead of the *democracy* for all, by all.

Should I take you back to that part of my speech where I encouraged *you to rise to the majestic heights of meeting physical force with soul force*. Your hearts must still guide your souls, and you must not give in to the pressure of the polls. So please do not excuse the behaviors of some of your brothers and sisters because of the weight of their pocketbooks vs the weight of their crimes.

Oh yes, I know that I've been gone from you for a long time now, and that it is a new day in the lives of the politicians and the evils that torment

Hello there world. I am Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Remember me? I lived in times of transitional peace through non-violent means. However, it appears that the times that you are living in now, have proven to be very different and more difficult times than when I was there with you.

So I have awoken to discover that some of you have slipped back and regressed into a dismal state that leaves me in a quandary of disbelief. When I left you, I left with the hopes that progress was inevitable and that the report that I would receive here would be one of encouragement, excitement and immeasurable ecstasy.

However, I am reviewing the latest fashions, trends, APB's, eblasts and OMG Insider, and discovering that my dream is still not a reality and may have even progressed into what looks more like a nightmare than a reality; IJS.

So I am choosing to reflect back upon the *"I Have A Dream"* speech that I wrote to you, which appears to keep a place in your programs that you have each January in my honor, and to convey to you what some of my concerns are. I will not remind you of all that I told you because it appears that you have either failed to remember or selectively chose to forget the importance of it.

So let me first recap for your memory and point to some of the areas that I mentioned in my speech. I first spoke about the *Emancipation Proclamation* when it had been signed five score years ago and what it was intended to do about the flames of withering injustice that was suppose to last for a lifetime for all of us, not just Negro slaves. But I have awakened to find out that some of its momentous decree was never initiated and some still swallow in injustices, and some still have a problem with it after all of these years.

The doors of opportunity have been opened to all of God's children as I mentioned, but the devastation appears gloomy because of what some have and have not done as they were given a door to walk through; IJS. And should I remind my people, that in the process of gaining our rightful place, that we must not be guilty of wrongful deeds?

I know that Rodney King was with you for a while and has now left you, but he was on to something when he pricked our consciousness with that faithful saying and question that lived for a long time in us: **Can We Just All Get Along?**

It appears though that you have slipped into an insurmountable tumultuous coma that has left you without feelings of self worth, which gives the appearance of the absence of caring for each other which was always at the foundation of every trial, movement, campaign, and just plain ole human suffering.

So let me just ask you America, *have you chosen to satisfy your present-day thirst for freedom, peace, tranquility, or equality, by convoluting it with insatiable desires to be happy by any means necessary, choosing not to drink from the cup of bitterness and hatred but turning to self-mutilation with the drugs, alcohol, gangs and violence?*

and punish them into their caves and dens of iniquities. But you must understand America, that not only Negroes have voting rights, everybody can vote now.

I also hear that our Hispanic, Asian, and Third World countries' brothers and sisters have all made an unexpected arrival and their visibility economically is formidable. In fact, I am told that soon our Hispanic family status will no longer be in the minority status but will matriculate into the majority.

Therefore, take heed and beware in all areas. And oh, by the way my fellow politicians, just a word to you as well: what you do privately yields public scrutiny now, IJS!

Now, you must understand that I am speaking from an inward force that has guided my being, from the point of my life to the point of my death. So my internal cues are still with me about you America and your being.

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Community Calendar

January 24
Coat Giveaway Monroe Street Community Center: 10 am; Gently used coats collected by Kroger

January 26
Warren AME Church 2013 Gospel Extravaganza: Featuring youth and young adults; 4 pm; Praise teams, choirs, vocalists, poets: 419-243-2237

January 27
Bethesda Christian Center Cathedral Men's Day: 11 am

January 29
BGSU Student Musicians Free Concert: Manor House Wildwood Preserve Metropark; 7:30 to 8:30 pm
Self Improvement Workshop Series: "Gang Violence and Its American Roots;" East Toledo Family Center; 6 to 8 pm; Presenters Ben Hester, Waymon Farmer, Washington Muhammad: 419-322-5107 or 419-283-1017 or 419-973-0248

January 30
The Arts Commission Workshop – Ohio Vendors' Licenses for Artists; The Professional Building; 6 to 8 pm: 419-254-2787
United Church of God Financial Workshop: 6 pm; Meal fellowship at 4:30 pm: cars7146@yahoo.com

February 5
BGSU Student Musicians Free Concert: Manor House Wildwood Preserve Metropark; 7:30 to 8:30 pm

February 9
Bereavement Meeting: Bethlehem Baptist Church; 2 pm: bereavement@buckeye-express.com

February 10
Bethesda Christian Center Cathedral Women's Day: 11 am

February 12
BGSU Student Musicians Free Concert: Manor House Wildwood Preserve Metropark; 7:30 to 8:30 pm

February 16
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Bethesda Christian Center Cathedral Black History Program: 5 pm

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Refusing To "Wait My Turn"

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



....If women want rights more than they got, why don't they just take them and not be talking about it.
- Sojourner Truth

There is an adage (and book) that says "Nice Girls Don't Get the Corner Office." This principle, however, takes on added magnitude for African-American females, particularly those with aspirations to "be blessed and a blessing."

Linda Ewing, recently retired senior vice president of Fifth Third Bank, is one who has successfully navigated the complex intersectionality of race and gender to quietly "break through" these and other multi-dimensional obstacles and achieve both career success and community impact.

Ewing reflected on her career of corporate and community service.

Perryman: You and I actually go back to the 1960s when we were both students at The University of Toledo. What I most vividly recollect is that you were always seen going to class rather than hanging out in the Student Union.

What are your thoughts concerning today's low African-American college graduation rates?

Ewing: I was a working student so I had to have my priorities together. My parents met me at a certain point and I had to contribute, so it was important that I took care of business. I kept my eyes on the prize of getting my degree and going to work so it was a commitment that I made to myself and to my parents.

Today's student has to be mature enough to open a book, go to a library or find a good study buddy because college is pretty much a requirement to compete in today's environment.

Perryman: We were among a group of baby boomers that were first generation college students and also shaped by the twin social movements of the civil rights and women's rights movements. You emerged from that experience to become a pioneer in broadcast

media at WTOL - 11.

Ewing: Charlene Mitchell would've been the first on-air female of color at Channel 11 and I replaced Charlene. So officially, I was probably the third female of color on Toledo market television because Elaine Hughes was number one over at Channel 13.

Perryman: Please describe the experience of coming into an industry dominated by white males.

Ewing: It was a struggle trying to establish credibility as a female in general. However, as a female of color it was even harder. There were times when either those in the communities or other males, would let us know that we were their minority employee.

Perryman: Has the industry changed?

Ewing: It is still extremely competitive despite a number of females and males of color in the business. You see some conservative smaller markets where there is maybe one person of color on a particular station. But the larger markets will typically have more diversity.

Perryman: How has banking evolved since you broke in 28 years ago?

Ewing: You have to talk about a Percy Rankin, Willa Stiles, Judy Ellis, Deb Barnett, Larry Sykes and then a Linda Ewing as pioneers. John Moore would also be there. Typically, many of those individuals worked their way up the ranks to become vice president. That was the pinnacle when they were coming along.

So I've got to give credit to Fifth Third for stepping up

and making me a senior vice president and being the only individual of color at that level in this market. Amongst the other banks in the Toledo market, I'm the only senior vice president of color.

Perryman: How does having a senior vice president of color in Toledo benefit the community?

Ewing: It means that the community has a voice at the senior level management table. Any officer of the bank is at an important position but a senior vice president is someone who has truly had exposure, worked their way through the ranks and will speak for the people, particularly when it's a community development discussion.

Perryman: Someone has aptly stated: "it's hard to describe the sunset when you have only seen the sunrise."

So after arriving at the sunset of this particular season, please share your reflections and insights from your current vantage.

Ewing: First, know that you make your own opportunities but also that you've got to have somebody to help you.

There have been a number of people who have helped me along the way. I have to give credit to Bob LaClair at Fifth Third for giving me the opportunity to do what I do for as long as I've done it. I'm also grateful for the opportunity to have the exposure and the platform to be able to facilitate financial empowerment. Money is power and I have been blessed to help single moms raising their kids and others in poverty to stretch their

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The Party Of Neutering...?

By Lafe Tolliver, Esq
Guest Column



Well, there you have it! Democratic Party fat cats throwing razor blades at those who would disagree with them.

Trouble is that one of those knife throwers, Dennis Duffy, had a particular target in mind - Councilman Joe McNamara, and Duffy wanted to "denutt" McNamara and/or tar and feather him.

McNamara's offense? He spoke against the powers that be and so angered the union bosses on the Democratic Party Executive Committee that someone would question their powers and authority and not be continually kissing their ring fingers.

And, for that disagreement, Joe McNamara was threatened with castration.

I sure am glad that Joe was not a black man doing this in the early 20's or 30's in the South. If and when they would have found him, Joe would have been singing soprano or an alto solo in a church choir.

Man, that was some tough language by Dennis Duffy. That language was really a racial reminder of an era when black men were routinely tarred and feathered for any perceived or actual violation of the social segregation codes of the South (and the North was not far from it either).

Now tell me. What Joe McNamara said about making sure that black politicians have parity with the at large seats on city council....did it take all of that threatening and posturing by Dennis Duffy to make his point?

Is it at the place that if you do not tow the union line, that you face being denutt'd by the likes of a Dennis Duffy? I had no idea that Dennis was into kinky and toyed with the idea of castrating people who speak against his positions or that of the Democratic Party (at the utterance of that phrase, I bow my head in a moment of homage).

Wow! Dennis Duffy is a dangerous man who bears watching. Any person who can harbor such

animosity and threaten another politico with such grievous bodily harm to the point that he would have

someone (or maybe he himself would do the outpatient surgery) take a knife and cut off the "family jewels" of another person...that is scary.

That is what white Southern men did to uppity Southern black men in the South and, especially so, if they were caught or were perceived to be involved in a sexual tryst with a white woman. As far as I can determine, Joe is white and his wife is white.

Sensing that something was out of order with the local Democratic fat cats, a party honcho who wishes to remain anonymous, implored me to get involved by promulgating a procedure that will be used when such future imbroglgios arise.

I was greatly reluctant to get involved on the basis that if Dennis Duffy was still on the loose,

I could be his next victim of being tar and feathered or worse yet... denutt'd.

In order to get me involved, I was promised 24/7 police protection against Duffy and any of his "denutting" team, so I nervously agreed. Herein below are my proposed procedures.

The Democratic Party Executive Committee promised a swift vote on my recommendations at their meeting on February 21. We agreed that other proposals are to be submitted as a ruse in order to accept mine.

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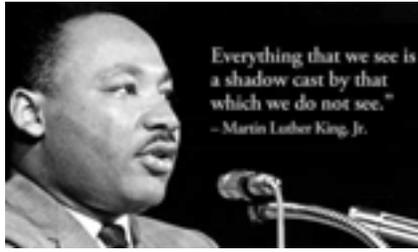
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.: Awaken From my Dream:

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Even though I have been awakened to the perils of your present state, I am still shaken by the news that infiltrates your homes daily that seemingly have no end to the violence, injustices, demoralizing, bewilderment, trickery, scams, schemes and divisiveness surrounding our once secured institutions of family, church, schools and communities. America, what has happened to the fibers of the blood, sweat and tears that dared not shake *our* beliefs, commitments and vows that *we* not only thought about but lived out? Remember, I was once with you. I witnessed what we believed. Even when we were wrong, we were wrong with a sense that we agreed to disagree.

I understand now that you do more violating each other than protecting each other. You do less talking and more acting out. Family has become separate instead of being united. I understand that there are more foster homes than parents at home.

I had an opportunity to look at the latest hip-hop tracks and you now have DVD's, You-Tube, Facebook, Twitter, Skype



and more that allows your young people to do their own thing without parental consent and I have to ask, what happened America?

I noticed, parents, that since you started believing that you wanted more for your children than you had, that your youth have seemingly lost respect for you and have even resorted to violent tendencies in their music; that their music even causes rivalry that has erupted into competition that leads to death.

I even heard about the deaths of Tupac and Biggie Small and the rappers' chaos; that music no longer serves as mere pleasure anymore. You must know that I hear everything up here where I am.

And then I was torn by

the fact that the AMA reported more unnecessary and increased medical mistakes than ever in the history of medicine. That more homes are being foreclosed than could ever be imagined in the history of America; that businesses are closing in record numbers; that our churches are no longer safe houses anymore; that Chicago is now the murder capital of the States; that schools, theaters, and grocery stores have now become slaughter houses; that parents have turned on their children and they are being victimized without remorse; that guns have replaced love; that lies have replaced truth; that our leaders have lost their integrity to lead and have become bewitched.

America, there is so much

more that I have received reports about. But I am about to wake up. But before I awake from this nightmare, let me also tell you that I have even gotten the report that my people have progressed to experience the shock of their lifetime; You have a Negro, black, African American, or some have called him, mixed, president! Wow, America, you have taken a part of my dream and made it a reality. So I thank

you.

But! The question is are you *still judging by the color of one's skin* or are you a nation that has progressed to what I dreamed would one day become a reality, *the content of their character!*

And as I leave you and when I awake from this dream to only realize that this is my nightmare, America, I still believe that the faith that I have will allow me, even up here, to

sing with a new meaning: "*My country tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing. Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims' pride, from every mountainside, let freedom ring!*"

Affectionately Submitted,
Marjorie Holt, Ph.D.
January 16, 2013

All Things Dogs: Remember to Purchase Your 2013 Dog Tag

Special to The Truth

Dog Warden Julie Lyle along with Board of County Commissioners President Carol Contrada and Auditor Anita Lopez would like to remind loving dog owners in the county to purchase their 2013 tags before the January 31 deadline.

Dog tags are required by law for all dogs over three months of age. Licensing serves to protect your dog and will identify the owner so that the dog can be returned home if lost. Dog tags for 2013 can be purchased until January 31, 2013 at the Auditor's Office, Lucas County Dog Warden or area agents.

Winners from the Lucas County Loves Dogs contest will be announced at the Dog Warden's office. Four lucky winners will receive prizes from local area businesses. Purchasing a dog tag entitles dog owners to be entered to win in the next drawing. Visit the Lucas County Loves Dogs website to see the winners.

Don't forget about the contest for 2013's #1 Dog. To promote responsible pet care and ownership throughout Lucas County, dog owners can nominate their dog for the contest by submitting an essay on why *I Love my Lucas County Dog*. The winning dog will receive the #1 tag, a complimentary 2013 tag, and their pet's picture on all 2014 dog tag renewal forms. A complete list of contest rules can be found on the Auditor's web page www.co.lucas.oh.us/auditor

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(1) From this date political office is to meanor charge within forward, that no candi- have any conviction of the past 20 years. date for any civic or a felony or misde- (2) Furthermore, the

Senator Brown Introduces Children's Nutrition Bill

Legislation seeks to aid childhood hunger during summer break

Special to The Truth

State Senator Edna Brown (D-Toledo) has re-introduced a bill that will require schools to be available as summer feeding sites in areas where 50 percent or more of the local children qualify for summer meal programs. The legislation is a part of the legislative priorities for the 130th General Assembly that the Ohio Senate Democratic Caucus recently announced. "This is a simple bill which addresses childhood hunger in our state. That is why it has been elevated as a priority for our Caucus and why it has received bipartisan support. I look forward to working with my fellow legislators from both sides of the aisle to move this bill forward," said Senator Brown.

Many schools have been forced to end their summer food programs due to a lack of finances. This has left children in need without a means of obtaining proper nutrition. "Hunger does not take a break in the summer," said Senator Brown. "Many children are unable to obtain a nutritious, well-rounded meal once the school year ends due to a lack of accessible sites. Schools are often the center of neighborhoods and are already convenient locations for children to access. By taking advantage of this, we can open up new opportunities for food programs to meet the needs of the children who depend on them during the summer months."

Under the proposed law, schools could provide the meals themselves or explore partnerships with local governments, faith-based providers or nonprofits to aid in the delivery of nutritious meals to children in the summer months.

The bill includes a revision to current Ohio law which prevents children from eating while on a school bus. This revision would permit school districts to use a stationary school bus as a place where children can consume their meals. Once one group of children has finished their meals and exited the bus, it could be moved to another location, creating a mobile feeding site to help meet the unique nutritional needs in each neighborhood.

The proposed law would also create a new food license for family childcare providers which would allow them to offer fresh produce. Currently, in order to serve fresh produce family childcare providers are required to secure the same commercial food license needed by supermarkets and restaurants which is prohibitive.

prior sacred act of kissing the ring of any Democratic Party official or party boss as a prerequisite for any party favors is hereby suspended until further notice.

(3) That no party boss shall engage in any public acts of threatening to denunt or castrate any fellow party member or official. Also, threats of tar and feathering are to be removed from the lexicon of the Democratic Party due to their salacious racial history.

(4) That Dennis Duffy will voluntarily submit to a psychological examination paid by the Democratic Party from their budget with the line item of: Party Favors.

(5) That the Democratic Executive Committee will, over the period of the next five

years, reduce its membership and financial dependency upon unions to that of no more than 10 percent of its executive council membership makeup and total budget.

(6) That the Democratic Party will stop kowtowing to the fat cat union bosses but rather reach out to the rank and file for future membership and leadership.

(7) In the event that credible reports of other members of this party or citizens in general have, in the past, been intimidated by similar language of a Dennis Duffy or someone of his ilk, the Democratic Party will set up a trust fund to generously compensate those victims for such verbal intimidation or harassment.

(8) That Dennis Duffy, by a near unanimous vote of this coun-

cil, will publicly apologize to Joe McNamara or, the Executive Committee chairwoman will have the option to either denunt or tar and feather Dennis Duffy at a public forum.

SO ORDERED this 21st day of February 2013.

Ayes: 66. Nays: 1. Abstaining: 1 (Dennis Duffy).

I think the above resolutions will quickly put an end to such juvenile behavior and posturing by the Dennis Duffys' of the Democratic Party and will send a firm message that if you want to denunt or tar and feather someone, you will face some bad Mojo.

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Owens Dental Program Offers Free Dental Services for Children During Give Kids A Smile Day, Feb. 1

Special to The Truth



Oral hygiene, X-rays and fillings will be the focus of free dental appointments at Owens Community College as more than 150 area elementary and high school students' teeth are transformed to pearly whites during the nationwide Give Kids A Smile Day on Friday, Feb. 1.

Owens' Dental Hygiene program, in collaboration with the Toledo Dental Society, will be offering a day of free dental services for children with limited or no access to care ages six months to 18 from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 1-4 p.m. at the College's Dental Hygiene Clinic. The clinic is located in Health Technologies Hall on the Toledo-area Campus.

Additionally, Toledo Dental Society dentists and Expanded Functions Dental Auxiliary will provide restorative

treatments such as fillings and extractions for patients on Feb. 1.

Give Kids A Smile Day is a national initiative by the American Dental Association, which is dedicated to focusing attention on the epidemic of untreated oral disease among disadvantaged children. Held each February in conjunction with National Children's Dental Health Month, Give Kids A Smile Day provides free oral health education, screening and treatment services to children from low-income families across the country.

"Owens Community College's Dental Hygiene program is excited to once again participate in such a worthwhile endeavor and provide dental services to individuals in need," said Beth Tronolone, Owens Chair of Dental Hygiene. "Give Kids A Smile Day is also a wonderful opportunity to raise the importance and awareness of preventive dental care such as flossing, brushing and regular dental visits. Our goal is give each attendee a positive dental experience and help them feel comfortable smiling again."

Owens Dental Hygiene second-year students, faculty and alumni, and area dentists will be

conducting dental services, which will include dental education and screening, X-rays, oral prophylaxis (cleanings), limited restorations and dental sealants. In addition, first-year students from the health program will provide educational presentations for parents and children.

The College's Dental Hygiene program provides more than 40 students with a fully accredited, scientifically current and competency-based curriculum annually. Students receive classroom instruction as well as hands-on experience in the Dental Hygiene Clinic, while preparing to sit for the national, state or regional exam in dental hygiene. Owens' program also offers dental services to area residents through its Dental Hygiene Clinic. The 20-chair clinic is staffed by dental hygiene students and supervised by licensed dental professionals at Owens, and appointments are available during the Fall and Spring semesters for a \$30 fee.

Individuals interested in receiving free dental service are encouraged to contact the College's Dental Hygiene Clinic at (567) 661-7294 or 1-800-GO-OWENS, Ext. 7294. Appointment reservations must be made prior to the event.

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dollars and to improve credit.

I have also been able to impact the community directly by working with a number of small business owners who now have lines of credit and loans. They have been able to build their businesses as a result of my time here.

I also leave a legacy of

progress at the Toledo Urban Federal, in the schools, with the CDC's and in the Hispanic community.

And I will continue to assist. My sponsorships may be a little smaller but I will remain active supporting financial education and connecting individuals with the resources that I have developed over 28 years. So I hope

people see me as a friend of the community.

I think my sun is still shining and I am blessed. I am blessed because I've met great people.

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Obama Finally Unveils His Liberal Leanings

By Fletcher Word
Sojourner's Truth Editor

President Barack Obama was sworn in again by Chief Justice John Roberts on Monday – a day on which the nation also celebrated the life and times of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.

This time around, the president offered no ol-

ive branch in his inaugural speech to his political opponents as he did four years ago. There was little of the “we can all get along” concept that was the theme of his 2009 address and much more of the “this is the direction in which we need to go.” And that direction was unapologetically liberal.

“We, the people, still believe that our obligations as Americans are not just to ourselves, but to all posterity.”

agenda.” A clear declaration of political philosophy. Regrettably it’s not productive for progressives to do that in this political climate, only conservatives can identify themselves and proclaim their true colors and not receive blowback from opponents.

As for that olive branch, which - in its absence - the president’s political opponents are wringing their hands over

in frustration, let it be remembered that the olive branch of 2009 was met with disdain by the Republicans. Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell immediately stated at the start of 2009 that the Republican Party’s number one pri-

ority would be ensuring that President Obama would be a one-term president.

The reality is, sadly enough, there is no value in the president giving voice to working with the right when the right is determined to block him at every turn.

Therefore, this time around, the president called for movement on those issues near and dear to progressives everywhere – immigration reform, rights for gays and

lesbians, climate control, protection of entitlement programs, gun control.

Make no mistake, second presidential terms in recent years have generally been far less than successful even though Americans would anticipate big, possibly great, things from a president who does not have to worry about seeking office again.

Supporters of this president will fall into that trap – history notwithstanding. Even as the Republican-majority House of Representa-



tives stands in the way of much he would want to achieve, Obama loyalists are hoping that his victory will mean something in terms of moving that agenda forward.

This president will seek to secure his place in history as one of the great ones. Immigration reform, climate control and Supreme Court appointments (two at least) are the means to that end. Coupled with economic recovery and disentanglement from foreign wars – both well within reach – accomplishing

those three items will secure that place in history – placing him in that second tier of those who are considered great. Washington, Lincoln and Franklin Roosevelt have a stranglehold on the top tier given the circumstances they inherited.

Reagan, Theodore Roosevelt, Jefferson and James Polk (perhaps the closest comparison in terms of definitive accomplishments) comprise that second tier that President Obama will be trying to reach.

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The exhibition is made possible this year by the dedicated efforts of the Black History Month Exhibit Committee, chaired by artist Aaron S. Bivins, and is supported by the generous contributions of the City of Toledo / Mayor Michael P. Bell; JN House Enterprises, Inc.; Dale-Riggs Funeral Home, Inc. and other community-minded corporations and individuals.

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The Perfect Marriage by Kimberla Lawson Roby

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By Terri Schlichenmeyer
The Truth Contributor

Once upon a time, you promised to love for better or for worse.

And so, through sickness and health, you tried your best in your marriage. Whether you were richer one day and poorer the other, you loved fiercely, honored often and obeyed your heart.

Maybe that worked. Maybe it didn't. Maybe you got the relationship you dreamed about, but in the new novel, *The Perfect Marriage* by Kimberla Lawson Roby, desires outside this household are stronger than the ones inside it.

Denise Shaw had everything she'd ever wanted.

She had a very-well-paying job she loved. Her adoring, handsome husband, Derrek, who'd come from a broken home with shaky roots, also had a great job with a fat salary. They had a beautiful home, fancy cars, good money saved and a wonderful, smart daughter who was the light of their lives.

Yes, things were stressful sometimes. Life was hectic. Yes, she and Derrek used cocaine, but it was no big deal. It was just a harmless little now-and-then pick-me-up.

Derrek, on the other hand, thought they needed to stop getting high.

When he was a child, Derrek's parents were addicted to crack and the drugs became more important than their twin sons. Derrek and his brother were raised by their grandparents, which was the best thing that ever happened to Derrek. Dixon, however, had become an addict like his parents and he was always asking for money.

Over time, that destroyed the brothers' relationship; in fact, Derrek hadn't spoken to Dixon in three years. So when Dixon's number kept popping up on caller ID, Derrek was annoyed and angry. He wasn't about to give more cash to some deadbeat drug addict. Dixon was just

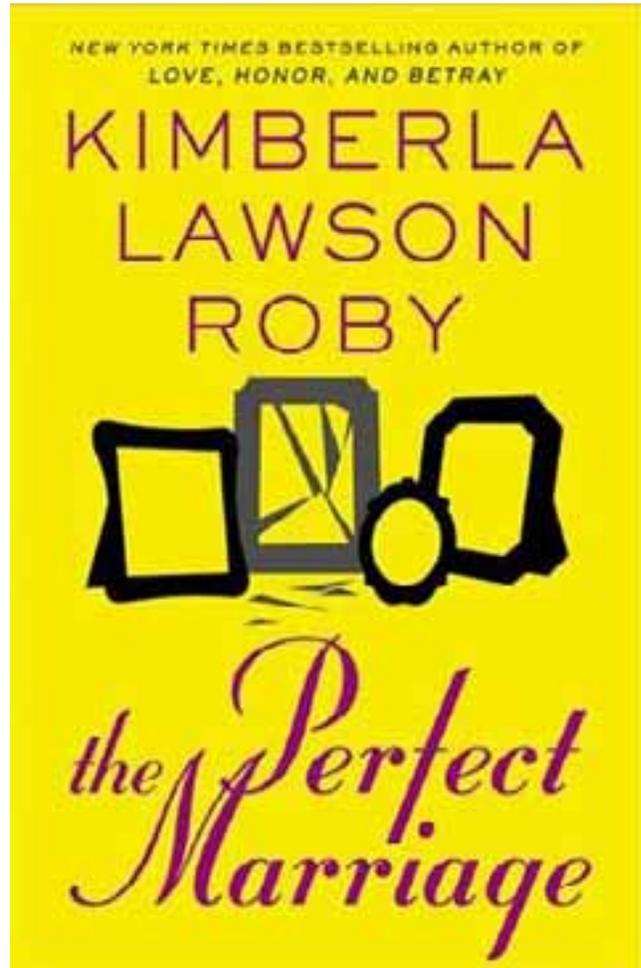
no good.

But then Derrek learned that his brother wasn't calling for money. He was calling to say goodbye because Dixon was terminally ill. And when he died just hours after the two patched things up, it sent Derrek deep into grief.

Instead of reaching for his wife for comfort, though, he reached for something powdery white...

Scan the first few pages in this book and you'll know exactly what's ahead. Even reading this review, you can probably tell. You know — but you can't not look, which is a curious downfall for *The Perfect Marriage*.

The funny thing is that I couldn't wait for this novel to end. It's an uncomfortably squirmy book to read simply because we do know what's coming, and author Kimberla Lawson Roby doesn't make that discomfort any easier: her main characters seemed awfully uppity to me and I thought,



without ruining the plot for you, that the actions of their "smart" daughter were pretty dumb. On one hand, that distastefulness heightens the experience of reading this

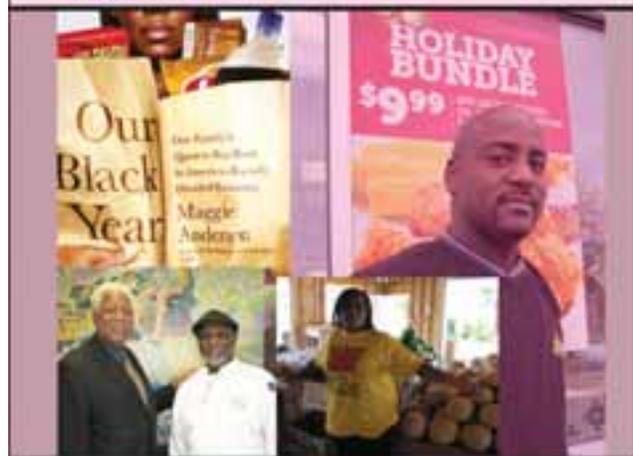
story. On the other hand, that made me race to end it.

Overall, this isn't a bad book. It's not great, either, but it's worth a look-see. If you want a quick-to-read

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Securing a Better Deal for Ohio Homeowners

By U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown
Special to The Truth



In 2011, Jeanne Brigner reached out to my office after her mortgage servicer misapplied her monthly mortgage payment – an action which led her into foreclosure. Unlike many Ohioans, Jeanne was able to keep

her home, but only after paying thousands of dollars in unnecessary fees. Unfortunately, the state of mortgage servicing is so bad that Jeanne is considered one of the lucky ones.

Last week, in Columbus, Youngstown, and Toledo, I heard from Jeanne and other homeowners who were unjustly foreclosed on – upending families and economically depressing local communities. We all know the devastation that foreclosures inflict on our communities, homeowners, and families.

From fraudulent legal

documents to scheming mortgage servicers, U.S. homeowners have endured egregious violations by big banks. Enough is enough.

In 2010, America discovered that the same Wall Street banks that had brought our economy to the brink of collapse were taking advantage of homeowners to pad their own pockets.

While one in 10 Ohioans was out-of-work, the nation's largest banks were generating billions in profits by ignoring the law and foreclosing on homeowners who were trying their hard-

est to pay their bills on time. And today, middle-class families are still suffering from mortgage lenders' malfeasance.

Earlier this month, 10 of our nation's largest banks reached an agreement to pay \$8.5 billion to homeowners who were affected by unlawful foreclosures. The settlement money will be divided among all 4.4 million eligible homeowners—including about 96,000 Ohioans. Resources will be split between mortgage relief for borrowers, including loan modifications, and direct payments to

homeowners. While borrowers will be contacted by the end of March if they are eligible, I also urge you to contact the Ohio Housing Finance Agency, a housing counselor, or my office if you believe you are eligible but have not been contacted.

Though each borrower is eligible for up to \$125,000 in relief, most will receive much less than that. If every eligible borrower were provided equal relief, each household would only receive about \$2,200. This would hardly compensate families who lost countless hours in disputes and possibly their homes as a result of wrongful foreclosure proceedings.

That's why I'm calling for some common sense reforms that will make this a better deal for homeowners.

Last week, I sent a letter to regulators demanding that every dollar distributed gives homeowners the maximum benefit and prevents banks from avoiding their responsibilities.

But while these payments will provide some relief to homeowners, we must also stop these abuses before they start. That's why I'm urging regulators to use the lessons learned from the foreclosure review process to fix a broken mortgage servicing model.

If we're going to shore up our economy, we need

reforms like those in my Foreclosure Fraud and Homeowner Abuse Prevention Act. The reforms I have proposed would require banks to provide meaningful protections for borrowers before they near the point of defaulting; participate in loan modifications; stop foreclosures when borrowers are trying to work with banks to pay their bills on time; and hire enough staff to work with homeowners instead of issuing default judgments on foreclosures.

As the recent bank settlement shows, this bill would have prevented bank abuses if it had been in place in 2009 and 2010. Congress must pass this important legislation.

The truth is that we all have a stake in this fight. Even the most responsible homeowner can get caught up in the web created by sloppy mortgage servicing practices. And entire neighborhoods see their property values decline when foreclosures increase. That's why we all benefit when these big banks take responsibility for their actions.

We must provide relief to the millions of homeowners forced into foreclosure. Now is the time to move forward and correct the problems in our housing market to protect future borrowers.

Owens Community College Presents Free 'Incognito' Theatrical Performances on Diversity, Jan. 30-31

Special to The Truth

Area residents interested in gaining insight into such issues as race, identity, diversity and stereotypes are invited to Owens Community College as nationally-recognized writer/actor Michael Fosberg presents the theatrical performance "Incognito" on the academic institution's Toledo-area and Findlay-area campuses, Jan. 30-31.

Fosberg's performance is being presented in conjunction with the College's celebration of Black History Month. The theatrical presentation and open discussion will begin at 2 p.m. on Wednesday (Jan. 30) in the College's Audio/Visual Classroom Center Rooms 125-128 on the Toledo-area Campus. A second performance by Fosberg will occur at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday (Jan. 31) in the Education Center Room 111 on the Findlay-area Campus. Owens' To-

ledo-area Campus is located on Oregon Road in Perrysburg Township, while the Findlay-area Campus is located on Bright Road in Findlay. Admission to both events is free and the public is encouraged to attend.

During the performance, Fosberg will inhabit over a dozen characters as he masterfully tells the true story of finding his biological father. Raised in a working-class white family, Fosberg discovers at age 32 that his father is actually African-American. Fosberg's performance is intended to challenge audiences to carefully examine their own assumptions about others. Each performance will be followed by an open discussion led by Fosberg.

Fosberg began to study acting, directing and writing at the University of Minnesota. While attending college,

he founded the Small Change Original Theater, producing, writing, directing and conducting workshops for children throughout Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota and South Dakota.

A move to Los Angeles in the late 1980s had him appearing in television and film, while continuing his work with young students as the Director of Education for the Living Library Theatre, a Stage Combat Instructor at the Buckley School and a Teacher/Director for the South Coast Repertory's Young Actor's Conservatory Program. Fosberg also worked as a guest artist at the Sundance Institute's Summer Residency Program, teaching educators how to utilize drama in the classrooms.

Since 2000, Fosberg has been touring his autobiographical solo-show "Incognito". His one-person theatrical production has made

appearances at colleges and universities, high schools, performing arts centers, festivals and theaters across the country, including at the California African American Museum in Los Angeles, the Missouri Repertory Theatre in Kansas City and Illinois Theatre Center in Park Forest, Ill.

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Now in its fifth year in a row, MyFreeTaxes.com provides free tax preparation and filing assistance for qualified individuals, both online and in person.

1.) File online for a faster refund.

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Many paid tax preparers offer free federal returns or free e-file, but then charge for the state return so aren't really free. The MyFreeTaxes Partnership offers two ways to file both federal and state taxes for free with no state or federal tax preparation or filing fees. Taxpayers can file online at MyFreeTaxes.com if they earned \$57,000 or less in 2012, or in person at a community-based tax preparation site with IRS-certified volunteers if they earned \$50,000 or less. Visit MyFreeTaxes.com to find in-person filing locations in your community.

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MyFreeTaxes.com also offers accessibility assistance for taxpayers with disabilities, phone assistance with tax software questions by calling 855-My-Tx-Help, plus help finding an in-person filing site in your community.

4.) Ensure you receive refunds and credits.

MyFreeTaxes.com offers a handy checklist so taxpayers can gather the right information, from W-2s to bank account numbers for direct deposit of a refund to Social Security numbers for each member in the household. Plus, eligible taxpayers can qualify for valuable tax credits like the Earned Income Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit, which can be claimed for up to \$5,891. One in five Americans are unaware they qualify for the EITC and lose money they could be receiving in a refund.

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WORD FROM WASHINGTON Citizenship And Selective Service Registration

For many people born elsewhere, moving to the U.S. represents an opportunity for a new life. For young men, this opportunity comes with an obligation.

When a young man turns 18, he is required by law to register with the Selective Service System. It's important to note that this law applies to almost all male U.S. citizens and male aliens living in the U.S. who are 18 through 25.

Noncitizens Must Register

The obligation for young men to register with the Selective Service upon turning 18 also applies to illegal

aliens, legal immigrant residents and refugees. The general rule is that if a male non-citizen takes up residency in the U.S. before his 26th birthday, he must register.

Noncitizens who are in the U.S. on student or visitor visas, and men who are part of a diplomatic or trade mission and their families, are not required to register with Selective Service.

The Selective Service does not collect any information that would indicate a man's immigration status. Dual nationals of the U.S. and another country are required to register, regardless of where they live, because they are U.S. nationals.

Penalties For Not Registering

A man who fails to register may, if prosecuted and convicted, face a fine of up to \$250,000 and/or a prison term of up to five years.

Those who fail to register with Selective Service before turning age 26 may also find that some doors are permanently closed to them. For example:

- Registration with the Selective Service is a requirement for U.S. citizenship if the man first immigrated to the U.S. before his 26th birthday.
- Men who should register and don't will not qualify for federal student loans or grant programs. This includes Pell

Grants, College Work Study, Guaranteed Student/PLUS Loans and National Direct Student Loans.

• Federal job training programs under the Workforce Investment Act are only open to those men who register with Selective Service.

• A man must be registered to be eligible for jobs in the federal government and the U.S. Postal Service.

• Some states require proof of registration to get a driver's license.

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What's Good... What's Really Good? A Look at Reality Television

By Michael Hayes
Minister of Culture



The music industry makes cheaper music these days and the television industry makes cheaper shows. Why worry about bargaining over paying big dollars to credentialed actors when you can just set a camera in front of regular people and create a hit show?

A perfect storm of cost cutting and changes in media intake have created the climate we have now. This means that reality television is the new norm. This means you are far more likely to stumble across non-famous people becoming famous for fame's sake rather than tried and true artists whose fame was just the byproduct of success in their field.

The shows are hit or miss. Some are good, most are terrible.

Usually appealing to the lowest common denominators of taste, comedy and what we will accept as entertainment. However, 2013 is already shaping up to be an interesting year for these kinds of shows and here's why:

"All My Babies' Mamas" Congratulations black America.

You barely mobilize to vote out the Congressional Republicans blocking the jobs bills and healthcare that you need, but when it's time to go in on a cable network you will petition your ass off!

Okay, let me stop because it's actually good that we came together for this one. If

you remember the "snap rap" that dominated hip-hop around 2005/2007, then you surely recall it as one of the lowest points in the genre's history.

Rap fans walked away from rap music in droves.

"Laffy Taffy" (yes, as in 'shake dat laffy taffy') was considered to be one of the worst songs ever released in the history of rap music, although music fans outside the genre helped it become a crossover success. Comedians dogged it, The Boondocks lampooned it, and scores of DJ's took oaths to limit the song's lifespan as best they could for the sake of hip-hop but it was too late.

Shawty Lo and his group D4L were responsible for that song.

In a completely different direction however, Shawty Lo seemed to be somewhat of a genius when he came back with his solo joint "Dey Know" - a certified banger that smashed the charts and propelled his independent release into the stratosphere.

But just like his cross town rival (T.I., for anyone unaware) ... he would soon be making the transition into basic cable reality television.

Shawty Lo literally has children by 10 different women.

So the title was appropriate. But when the network rolled out official promo for "All My Babies Mamas" official air date, the backlash was so immediate that now all plans to air the show have been scrapped.

The public outcry, mostly voiced via social media, was brutal but raised a good point:

At a time when the numbers tell the true story of who is and isn't on welfare and who does and does not come from broken homes, we can't afford this depiction of what will surely be an image attributed to us as a whole.

At a time when congressional law makers are basing

what legislation they pass on their perception of us (which is mostly outdated by at least 15 years), we can't afford to have this show right now.

I like to point out that reality TV usually demeans all races equally, but I must admit we would have suffered a set back if this show had reached the air.

Not just because Shawty Lo is the bad guy... he actually does successfully provide for all of his children. But because having a television show is not just the domain of the person on screen. It may not be fair, but the truth is... until we are truly 'judged by the content of our character' we will be judged by perception.

Hell, even black people would've been dogging black people if this show aired.

Since we love to hate each other, some of the first in line to attribute Shawty Lo's situation to our entire race would have been a bunch of black people.

Maybe it was the title. Maybe it was the timing.

But in any case, we just don't need those problems right now.

REALITY SHOWS YOU SHOULD WATCH!

"King of the Nerds"

Moogega Cooper is exactly the kind of representation of black women I have been wanting to see on television. It's nice to have a highly educated, slightly awkward but captivatingly beautiful answer to the images of black women we've seen far too much of on 'Wives of such & such' and 'love & whatever'.

The show itself seems to follow the same trajectory (ahh, nerd word!) as Cooper... acting as one big, refresh button for the stale images we've been subjected to for years. The show is accessible to all because it's not just about smart people, but intelligently produced in a way that speaks of quality

and respect for the viewer.

A collection of scientists, engineers, hackers and comic book collectors doesn't seem like it would be great television but once you have them compete against each other... it's

MUST GEEK T.V.! (see, TBS should have me do their P.R.!). Catch "King Of The Nerds" on TBS Thursday nights at 10 p.m.

"Real Husbands of Hollywood"

I think Kevin Hart is secretly trying to take over BET.

If that's the case, it may be the best thing that's happened to them since you know who (if you read my article from last week, you feel me).

I've never watched "Real Housewives of Hollywood" or whatever it is, but I watched the mini-spoof lead by Kevin Hart during the BET awards and after seeing that, I didn't need to watch the original.

"Real Husbands of Hollywood" is genius because it's a parody of reality television as a genre but framed in a sitcom format and delivered with expert comedic writing. It's obvious Kevin Hart is the anchor but any of the other characters could easily carry the humor on

their own too... yes, even Robin Thicke!

Duane Martin, Boris Kudjoe, J.B. Smooth, Nick Cannon, Nelly and the aforementioned Robin Thicke all join Kevin Hart onscreen and even in the first episode they proved all these stars could co-exist cohesively while giving viewers a good idea of who they are in the show.

It was hands down the funniest, smartest and most enjoyable piece of original entertainment I have seen on BET in years! This might actually lead black people back to watching the network again.

"Catfish"

I remember someone talking to me about Snooki one day as if I knew this person.

When I finally found out who Snooki was, I felt dumber for even knowing the person who told me to find out who Snooki was.

Reality TV is tricky. Sometimes you have shows like "Flavor Of Love" that become guilty pleasures that you know are just wacky nonsense but still mostly harmless fun.

Then you have that mess that hurts to watch and you find yourself wondering where humanity went wrong.

MTV has finally created a program that people be-

comes Maury Show-bound tween-agers can enjoy. Online romance is two people trying to carry out a relationship over the internet. But if you just happen to meet someone online and you move to phone calls and visits, that's a long distance relationship.

If you are stuck between those two points and you find out the person you've been falling for is not who they say they are, you've just been 'catfished.'

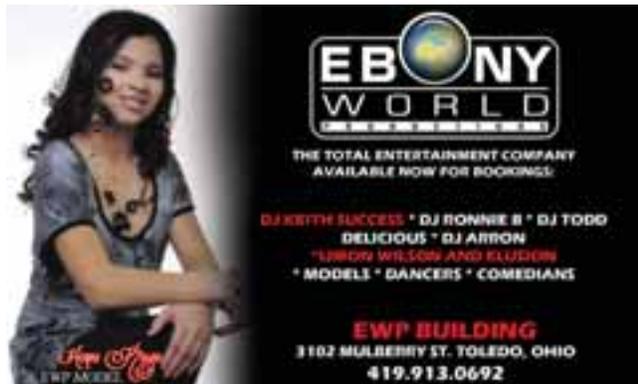
Nev Shulman's show is so interesting because it grew out of his own story of being deceived by a woman he was falling for. This allows other people who are falling for someone they've never met in person to have Nev and his filming partner use the tactics they learned during his situation to help others in theirs.

Although the deception is deplorable, the show has a heart warming appeal because at least one side in these romances possess genuine feelings and it's always captured as such.

One episode and you'll be hooked!

Watch "Catfish" on MTV on Monday nights.

Hit me up: mercuryspeak@gmail.com



Bringing Together A Community To Stop Alzheimer's Alzheimer's Prevention Registry To Help Support Critical Prevention Studies

Approximately 5.4 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's today, with one new case diagnosed every 69 seconds. And, of those affected by the disease, minority populations suffer a disproportionate burden. African Americans are twice as likely as whites to develop Alzheimer's.

The higher incidence of the disease in African Americans is attributed to other conditions such as high blood pressure, diabetes and stroke. Further, African Americans tend to be diagnosed in later stages of the disease, limiting the effectiveness of therapies that depend on early intervention.

Banner Alzheimer's Institute (BAI), a nonprofit organization dedicated to research, treatment and care,

wants to help address Alzheimer's in the African American community. That's why BAI and its partners around the country have developed the Alzheimer's Prevention Registry. Through this initiative, they want to defeat the disease without losing another generation.

The Registry is an online community of people interested in the latest research studies and promising therapies. Some members may be able to participate in future studies. The Registry is open to anyone 18 and older; signing up is quick and easy.

"The Registry will bring together individuals who are ready to make a difference in the fight against Alzheimer's," said Eric M. Reiman, M.D., executive director of the Phoenix-based

BAI. "It offers them the chance to learn about prevention research and about studies in which they might enroll. We ask people from every state to join us now."

The Registry is a shared resource for the general research community and organizations nationwide and a resource for anyone interested in the latest advances in Alzheimer's prevention work. It draws on the support of its other partners, the Geoffrey Beene Gives Back Alzheimer's Initiative and the Alzheimer Research Forum, and the guidance of leading U.S. researchers and advocates, including Drs. Paul Aisen, Marilyn Albert, Jeffrey Cummings, Jennifer Manly, Ronald Petersen, Reisa Sperling and Michael Weiner. The Registry is part

of the Alzheimer's Prevention Initiative (API), an international research collaborative.

"African Americans are seriously underrepresented in clinical trials of potential treatments for Alzheimer's, and it is important that our work accurately reflects this population," said Jessica Langbaum, Ph.D., BAI principal scientist and API associate director. "By joining the Registry, we can work together to fight against a disease that steals life before ending it."

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CORRECTION

The Truth erred in our January 2 issue in an article about Second Baptist Church. We inadvertently wrote Georgia Baker. The correct name is Georgia Rogers.

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