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# Point: Why Keith Burris Was Wrong

By Lafe Tolliver, Esq  
Guest Column

I read the Sunday Blade columnist Keith Burris's take on the flap regarding Judge C. Allen McConnell not marrying a same sex couple and the aftermath of that refusal based upon the judge's religious convictions.

It seems that Burris was ostensibly shocked and dismayed that the law was not followed and that it is his mantra that the law, above all, must be followed.

This is where I gag at that soupy logic and lack of historical review that Burris conveniently forgets or does not fit into his fabricated outrage about a municipal court judge telling a same sex couple to find another judge to marry them.

In Burris's rant about the sacredness of the law and how it must be obeyed despite one's personal feelings, it was that same mottled logic that produced the ill-famed U.S. Supreme Court case known as the Dred Scott decision.

That decision issued by the racist Chief Jurist Taney clearly and without equivocation stated that, "There are no rights of a black man that a white man must respect."

Did you hear that Keith Burris? No rights and this was the law of the land and this was the law that Keith Burris, if he was living at that time with his now-held views, would mean that he would be a law breaker if he were to champion a different result or application.

Morally, the Dred Scott decision was horrendous and vile and odious but it was the law of the land and, according to Burris, it should be obeyed by all of the judges since, after all, it came from the U.S. Supreme Court and, as we all know, they possess infinite wisdom in all matters pertaining to governance and the human condition.

Dred Scott was the law of the land for a hundred years and spawned the legal right of unlimited white harassment and oppression of black people but it was the law and, according to Burris, every judge should obey it and not counter it. How dare any judge counter the Dred Scott decision!

If Dred Scott meant keeping black people in perpetual servitude, then so be it! The highest court in the land has spoken and how dare anyone say otherwise or do otherwise than to listen and obey.

That is the abysmal logic of Keith Burris. In his column he makes no historical analysis of such decisions and its awful impact on both black people and the scarring of America's psyche for hundreds of years.

No, all Keith Burris is concerned is that the law is the law and you better follow it regardless of its impact. That is how shallow the column was that Burris penned for The Blade; and he wants to take some moral high ground and rebuke Judge McConnell for making a moral decision regarding his belief that there is no such thing as marriage with same sex partners.

Now, if Burris were to check further into history of this country, he would find that this country was ostensibly founded on Christian principles and one of those principles was following the Word of God

regarding issues of morality.

Not my words. Read the history for yourself and you will see that marriage was never designed or seen or contemplated to be other than a man and a woman...no matter how much Keith Burris would have it otherwise under the guise of obeying the law of the land.

Burris also engages in some "rabbit hole" arguments when he states that one of the same sex marriage partners did not want to be the poster child of this issue. Duh! Ya think so?

Being that marriage licenses are open to the public and being that she and her partner are of the same sex, she lost that right to be hidden or not to be discovered. What is she so ashamed about? What she was doing in private is now being condoned in the public and she is now reticent about it? Give me a break! Yeah, your friends will soon know what you did.

The other false rabbit run issued by Burris is that somehow by Judge McConnell not acquiescing to performing a same sex marriage that the whole system is in danger of falling down. Not so. Judge Michelle Wagener has graciously agreed to perform all weddings at the court in spite of Judge McConnell seeking to be removed from the judicial rotation that may have had his name reappear in the near future so as he would not possibly be marrying a homosexual couple.

That possible resolution is not good enough for Keith Burris. He wants his pious piece of flesh and wants to wax on about how the judge should have confronted this couple with this news as opposed to sending his bailiff to tell them.

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## Community Calendar

### June 13-September 12

Evangelical Church of God: Free parenting classes and free anger management classes: 419-297-3530

### July 18

Hope Outreach Ministry Free Community Ice Cream Social, Baptismal and Communion: Noon to 4 pm; 2916 Stickney: 419-727-0074

### July 19

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### July 20-24

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### July 22-26

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### July 25

United Church of God Community Baptism: 1-6 pm; 670 Phillips: 419-810-6335  
Swanton Area Railroad Club Model Display: St Stephen's COGIC; 11 am to 5 pm

### July 29

Community Dialogue and Public Forum on Urban Revitalization Through the Lenses of Peace and Justice: 9 am to 5 pm; Fredrick Douglass Community Association; Lunch, coffee, snacks provided: 419-530-2552 or info@i-i-p-e.org

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# Counterpoint: Why Keith Burris Got It Right

By Fletcher Word  
Sojourner's Truth Editor

You can read the entire article by our esteemed guest columnist and not know what Keith Burris of The Blade wrote about the Judge C. Allen McConnell affair – an affair that has now become national news.

Burris wrote: "No judge has a right to opt out on his responsibilities because of personal beliefs. No judge can selectively pick and choose the laws he wishes to enforce."

Now, Burris wrote a bunch of other stuff about the inconvenience to the gay couple that Judge McConnell declined to marry, and the judge's lack of courtesy in not informing them himself and the impact of the recent Supreme Court ruling on black churches.

None of those side issues really matter. The issue at hand is the law and, it appears, our esteemed guest columnist and the judge in question, both officers of the court, have forgotten about the importance of the law.

Some years ago, The Truth interviewed a judge about how he approached issues and circumstances on the bench that might bring personal issues into play – "You have to detach yourself," he said of his obligation to remove personal considerations from the process in order to adhere to the law.

Keith Burris, on that matter, was 100 percent spot on – "No judge sits upon the bench to enforce his personal convictions," wrote The Blade columnist. Who among us can take issue with that?

Apparently our esteemed guest columnist can take issue with that and he references the utterly indefensible *Scott v. Sandford* decision that the U.S. Supreme Court handed down in 1857 holding that African Americans, whether enslaved or free, could not be American citizens and therefore had no standing to sue in federal court.

It was a dreadful decision, a painful decision. But if one wants to use it as an example of why judicial "nullification" and "interposition" should be condoned – to borrow two of Dr. King's famous words –

one uses the Scott decision mistakenly.

The Scott decision, to contradict our esteemed columnist whose grasp of history is shaky at best, was not the law of the land for 100 years. It was the law of the land for barely nine years. The ruling was superseded by the 14th Amendment of the Constitution in 1866 and had been, in fact, moot for years once the Civil War started in 1861.

The McConnell decision to judicially nullify the Supreme Court Obergefell ruling is comparable to what generations of southern judges and governors did after the passage and ratification of the 14th Amendment when they decided not to recognize the equal rights the amendment granted to African Americans and ultimately to all citizens, even gay citizens as Justice Kennedy wrote two weeks ago.

I also have to take issue with our esteemed columnist's opinion that because this country was "ostensibly" (his choice of word) founded on Christian principles, those Christian principles must guide a judge's decision about whether or not to follow the law. "Ostensibly" being the operative word in his continued misreading of history.

Many of this nation's founding fathers were Christians but they also recognized the danger presented to citizens by governments dominated by religious fanatics operating in the name of Christianity. I'm sure our esteemed columnist, being such a student of history, remembers the Christian fanatics who decreed that adulterous women should be drowned, witches should be burned at the stake and Jews should be expelled from their countries, to name a few of the excesses of the times.

I'm sure he remembers the Christians who decided that slavery was part of their tradition and that the Bible approved of the slavery of those of darker skin, who were, of course, less than human. That's an integral, if not particularly endearing, part of the Christian tradition.

Our founding fathers, mindful of these excesses, determined that this should be

a nation of laws, not of religious zealotry (see the 1st Amendment) and that laws should be passed by a representative body, approved by an executive and, when necessary, adjudged to be within the parameters of constitutional limits. They also decided that these three functions should be performed by three separate branches of the government, thereby placing additional safeguards – checks and balances – on the rights of individuals.

The result of this remarkable constitution is that, in spite of the passage of some very bad laws over time and, occasionally, remarkably bad Supreme Court rulings, most of the time, as a nation, we get it right when it comes to enacting and reviewing laws.

The question isn't whether we, as a democracy, will occasionally enact bad laws. The question is: do we have the democratic mechanisms in place to correct what we get wrong. That's exactly what those framers constructed.

Most of our problems, the strife we experience as a nation, occur when we don't follow the law.

What's more, I know our esteemed guest columnist, an attorney himself, also has to believe that the High Court gets it right, sometimes after far too long a wait – see *Plessy v. Ferguson* and *Brown v. School Board* – far more often than not, or else he wouldn't have taken on a calling that might otherwise lead to such utter frustration time after time again. I also believe that to be so because he cited only one bad decision in his column even if he had no understanding of its historical context.

I do take issue with Burris on one point and that is when he suggests that this issue of accepting gay marriage is a black church problem. In fact, it is a church issue – black, white or brown. So far the Unitarians and Episcopalians have stepped forward to say that they will recognize and perform gay marriages. Baptists and the Catholic Church, at the other end of

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News flash to Burriss!: Guess what. Bailiffs many, many times deliver news to the attorneys about what the judge may have said about a case or a pre-trial issue or a court ruling or a new court date. Routine...routine...routine.

But for issue hunting Keith Burriss, it boiled his blood that the judge did not grovel at their feet and profusely apologize for his absence. Hey Keith! Get over it! They were not harmed or damaged. They were not chaffing at the bit for this particular judge to marry them. Any judge would do.

And as for the judge's comment that he would agree to perform "traditional marriages"...guess what Keith, same sex couples who marry are not traditional since the original concept of marriage never had them included in its definition.

Now, I know that such a statement is tough for Keith Burriss to swallow but he will get over it and realize that simply because someone says white is now black and black is now white, that does not make it right or logical or moral.

Finally, Keith Burriss uses the old tried and true chestnut of saying that in the past, courts ruled against blacks marrying whites and visa versa and this same sex marriage issue is of like kin.

Totally wrong. People cannot change their ethnic background or racial history but those who raise claims to be gay due to reasons of birth are without merit.

Not proven. Just urban legend and a voluntary acceptance of a non-traditional lifestyle that hotly demands equal acceptance. A marriage of a heterosexual couple and a same sex couple are worlds apart in design and function and purpose.

So, in closing, sorry Keith Burriss, but your feigned umbrage at Judge McConnell falls flat. It must have been a slow news day for you to waste pen and ink on this attack.

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the spectrum, will accept such marriages ... wait for it ... when hell freezes over.

The main issue here and now, however, is the decision by Judge McConnell to flout the law of the land. On numerous occasions, this honorable man, and indeed he is a very honorable man, has taken an oath to uphold the law of the land, to uphold the Constitution of the United States.

The Supreme Court of the United States has ruled that equal protection under the law extends to gay couples who seek to marry, to live in dignity and to have access to the same protections under the law that straight couples enjoy. Like it or not, it is the law of the land. And judges who run for office promising voters that they will uphold the law of the land, have absolutely no discretion when it comes to applying the law of the land. This is the oath they have taken. This is the bargain they strike with voters.

Years ago, in 2002, The Truth interviewed a judge and asked him about the issue of working through whatever personal issues he might have when he was sitting on the bench. Said Judge McConnell then: "You have to detach yourself."

Well said, Judge. Very well said!

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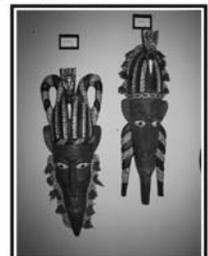
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# Toledo Fair Housing Center Applauds Regulation Compelling Communities to Expand Opportunity

## HUD Rule Strengthens Fair Housing Enforcement

*Special to The Truth*

Substantial progress in fair housing enforcement was achieved yesterday through a regulation issued by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The regulation provides guidance to jurisdictions in complying with their existing obligations to affirmatively further fair housing (AFFH), a key provision of the 1968 Fair Housing Act. Designed to overcome historic patterns of segregation and high concentrations of poverty, the AFFH rule calls for the development of policies that eliminate barriers to fair housing and promote diverse communities.

Michael Marsh, president/CEO of Toledo Fair Housing Center, issued the following statement in response to this announcement:

"This is an important step forward in ensuring everyone has access to live where they choose to live. Your zip code determines your access

to education, employment, and other vital elements. Expanding access to housing opportunities means connecting individuals with the greater network of resources available in the community, thereby increasing their potential for success.

"This is not a new rule; it has been the law for more than 40 years. Entities that accept federal funding have a responsibility to protect fair housing and expand opportunity for all. Now HUD is providing the data and tools necessary to assist communities in making development decisions that support fairness and equity. Regions that embrace diversity experience considerable economic benefits, and Toledo Fair Housing Center plays a vital role in shaping a more inclusive and prosperous community."

# A Public Forum on Urban Revitalization

*Special to The Truth*

A community dialogue and public forum on urban revitalization through the lenses of peace and justice will be hosted by the Peace Education Initiative of the Judith Herb College of Education at The University of Toledo in partnership with more than 30 area community, governmental, faith-based and grassroots organizations.

This event will bring together local citizens, formal and non-formal educators, representatives of community and government agencies, local and regional non-profits and community service providers, faith based groups and educational and urban policy makers to dialogue on the possibilities of pursuing urban revitalization in Toledo and the surrounding region through the lenses of social, economic and ecological justice.

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# Half a Century of Help with Medicare

## Social Security Column

By Phil Walton, Social Security Manager in Toledo, OH

Guest Column

On July 30, 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed Medicare into law with these words: "No longer will older Americans be denied the healing miracle of modern medicine. No longer will illness crush and destroy the savings that they have so carefully put away over a lifetime." For 50 years, the Medicare program has provided essential health care services for millions of people who are age 65 or older, disabled, or have debilitating diseases. Without Medicare, many people would not be able to pay for hospital care, doctor's visits, medical tests, preventive services, or prescription drugs.

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# Thinking of Buying a Home? What to Know Now

Special to The Truth

Better employment prospects, rising home values and historically low mortgage rates are driving improvements in housing markets across the country. If these facts are tempting you to take the plunge, you're not alone.

Keep in mind, buying a home is a major commitment and shouldn't be undertaken without careful consideration, say experts.

"While homeownership is often referred to as the 'American Dream' for good reason, it isn't necessarily everyone's right move," says Freddie Mac Senior Vice President and Head of Single-Family Sales and Relationship Management, Christina Boyle.

Understanding the pros and cons of homeownership can help you make a wise decision. For potential home buyers, Boyle offers the following insights:

## Ownership Pros

From paint colors to major remodeling projects, one of the best parts of ownership is having a place that is uniquely yours to customize.

Consider the financial benefits, as well. At tax time, you may be able to deduct the interest on your mortgage and property taxes, offsetting a portion of the cost of ownership.

Stability is another major draw. With fixed-rate mortgages, your monthly principal and interest payments will stay the same for the entire period of the loan. This will make it easier to plan and budget over time, as opposed to renting, where rates are largely beyond your control. Furthermore, creating equity for the future will help provide stability and security for your family.

## African American Festival – Sunday's Admission Price \$5.00

Please take notice, there is a change in Sunday's admission price for the 11th Annual African American Festival. Due to a lack of sufficient sponsorship the previously advertised "Free Sunday" is being corrected to reflect new admission prices. Please note that the prices are lower than former years. The newly reduced prices for Sunday, July 19th only are:

**Children under the age of 12 are FREE**  
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## Ownership Cons

Being your own landlord makes you responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of your property. Budget for maintenance costs -- from little fixes to such major, costly issues as roof replacement and water pipe repair.

Other home-related costs to keep in mind include utilities, homeowner association dues, homeowner insurance premiums and property taxes. Just like with your rent, your mortgage and utilities should be paid on time. This will help you maintain good credit and is essential if you want to borrow again in the future for home renovations, new cars or student loans.

## Self-Assessment

An honest self-assessment can help you determine if buying a home is right for you. Do you have a reliable income, good credit and documentation to verify your savings? Do you have the money required for home maintenance and a cash reserve that can withstand a loss of job, illness or other financial setback?

Freddie Mac recommends that potential buyers be able to afford at least three-percent of the down payment and related closing costs. Also, evaluate your life plans. Are you planning on staying in your home for at least five years?

## Crunch the Numbers

Free online tools can help you get down to brass tacks. For a rent vs. buy calculator, a tax savings calculator, as well as tips, videos and tutorials needed to make well informed decisions, check out "My Home," at MyHome.FreddieMac.com, a one-stop reference designed to help people become smarter homebuyers, homeowners or renters.

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# Entrepreneurship – Who Should You Partner with or Hire? - Part III

By Karl A. Parker, PE., MBA Board Chairman, Parker Family of Businesses  
The Truth Contributor

In the previous articles, Part I and Part II, I discussed how my father, Edward Parker Sr., operated in the informal underground economy with the many businesses that he owned and operated, and how my oldest brother, Edward Parker, Jr. launched his first business with the similar philosophy- Parker & Carter Home Improvement. Parker & Carter Home Improvement failed when internal family strife emerged and basically destroyed the business.

Consolidated Electrical Contractors and Engineers (CECE), a collection of family and friends, specifically my uncles Chuck and Willie, my sister Sandra, my brother Edward and my brother-in-law Louis, was then founded. The company was located on Elm St in North Toledo.

The company was focused on residential and small commercial electrical construction. This is when I launched my official electrical career as an apprentice electrician in 1978. (I actually have a copy of the card.)

The company grew rapidly, won contracts to install electrical systems for churches, stores and large residential complexes. This growth was fueled with family and friends. However, my brother's appetite for growth and the company's success required additional personnel.

So CECE launched a Department of Labor-approved electrical apprenticeship program to train electricians primarily from the central city to join our company. Several of these individuals were close friends or family.

However, even with the apprenticeship program, our human capital strategy could not keep up with the growth. Additionally, a lurking figure would emerge from the shadows who would eventually doom CECE.

Recall when I discuss in Part I, a family business requires trust and loyalty. My family was adamant that you surround yourself with family and friends, people you can trust. This was because when times are difficult or issues emerge, most family and friends focus on the suc-



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cess of the enterprise and circle the wagons.

CECE was fortunate enough to win two major contracts around the same time. One, the remodeling of Ravine Park Village, an LMHA housing complex located on the East side of Toledo, and a water treatment facility in Delphos, Ohio.

Additionally, CECE had won contracts with Central Lagrange Library, Ohio Bell Substation and the Coast Guard. These were large projects that required additional electrical construction personnel. CECE's human capital strategy just could not keep up.

The growth and success also attracted the attention of the local contracting community and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Wworkers (this is the lurking figure I was referring to). Members of IBEW began to picket and protest at Ravine Park Village. They also threatened similar activity at the water plant in Delphos, Ohio. The leaders of CECE resisted as long as they could.

Eventually, the pressure and the political strife associated with this (because the local IBEW dominates the political scene), compelled the CECE leadership team to cave in and become signatory to the union in 1980. This was game-changing for the business. It violated the fundamental principles set forth

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# LMHA Reveals Plant To Grow Community Garden at Glendale Terrace

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Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority revealed its Plant To Grow Community Garden at Glendale Terrace, 3200 Glendale Ave, last Wednesday, July 8.

During the months of April and May, LMHA began its multi-site clean up and planting phase in order to launch the Plant To Grow Community Gardens – designated to provide access to fresh produce, plants and flowers, and to educate residents about good nutrition and healthy eating. With the creation of this unique program, the goal is to instill neighborhood pride, a sense of community, economic development and a deeper respect and love for the environment.

LMHA's Plant To Grow Community Gardens are located at three LMHA sites: Flory Gardens, 3425 Nebraska Ave., Robert Dorrell Manor, 5836 Southwyck Blvd. and Glendale Terrace.

Maintenance of the gardens will continue throughout the summer and early fall by participating LMHA senior residents and community partners including ABC Healthcare and Toledo GROS Toledo Botanical Garden.

Participating residents from all three garden sites were invited to Glendale Terrace last week and were encouraged to continue their involvement with the community gardens.

“Plant To Grow Community Gardens is just another extension of our overall initiative, Well2Unity! to constantly provide opportunities for our residents for an enhanced quality of life,” said Linnie Willis, executive director of LMHA. “We strongly encourage all of the residents to take full advantage of the programs and services of the new Well2Unity! initiative.”

For more information on LMHA's Plant To Grow Community Gardens, contact Aaron Cooper, director of Asset Management at 419-259-9520.



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Crystal Jordan has an extensive background in commercial and personal banking as well as real estate and title insurance. She was awarded the 2014 Toledo Board of Realtors Affiliate of the year. "First Federal puts a huge emphasis on community involvement. I look forward to promoting this philosophy within the Toledo market," said Jordan. She is an active member of the community and serves as the chairman for the LPGA Marathon Classic Tournament, is a member of the Citizens Patrol for Sylvania Township, and a volunteer for Ladies of the Old West End "Tour De Noel". Jordan can be reached at 417 W. Dussel Dr., Maumee, OH or by calling (419) 794-5018.

Reginald Temple has been in the banking industry for over 15 years and was awarded the 2012 Toledo Branch NAACP Emerging Young Community Leader Award and the 2012 Emerging Leader African American Legacy Project of Northwest Ohio. A graduate of The University of Toledo, Temple is a member the Toledo Chapter of the NAACP, Prince Hall Free and Accepted Masons Amazon Lodge #4, Xi Tau Chapter of The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., and is a Certified Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) Football and Basketball official. He can be reached at his office at 417 W. Dussel Dr., Maumee, OH or by calling (419) 794-5017.



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# Proceeds of Golf Tournament to Help Provide Meals, Groceries and Clothing to People in Need

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Helping Hands of St. Louis will host its 12th Annual Golf Tournament 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, August 1, at Bedford Hills Golf Club, 6400 Jackman Rd., Temperance, Mich.

Proceeds will benefit Helping Hands of St. Louis, a ministry of Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo. Each month, Helping Hands provides an average of 5,900 meals and 240 grocery bags and assists an average of 430 people with free clothing.

The golf tournament will be a four-person scramble. Individuals are welcome, and teams will be made as needed. The entry fee includes 18 holes of golf, golf cart, hot dog at the turn, beverage tickets and a chicken and New York strip steak dinner at the completion of play. The event includes a

money hole and raffles, and the winning team will be recognized on a trophy displayed at Helping Hands.

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Early bird registration is \$80 per person if received by Saturday, July 18. The registration fee from July 19-25 is \$90 per person. To register or for more information, please contact Sue Shrewsbury at 419-691-0613/419-691-0613, ext. 1.

*Catholic Charities serves people of all faiths in the Diocese of Toledo by providing food, shelter, prescription and emergency rent assistance as well as adoption services, jail and prison ministries and guardianship services to the elderly.*

## Entrepreneurship... continued from page 8

by my father, which means trying to keep family and friends in charge of crucial components of the business.

As contractors who are signatory to the union, you no longer control your workforce. For example, when you need an employee, you are sent whomever was at the top of this long list of electricians who were members of the union.

Back then, unfortunately, CECE would continually receive commercial and industrial electricians who did not know anything about installing residential systems, which included ROMEX and Wire Mold, or perform simple

electrical circuit tie-ins. As a result, the labor cost and even material costs of the Ravine project spiraled out of control, which threatened the viability of CECE.

Additionally, CECE received employees for the Delphos water plant who lacked the commitment to the business. As a matter of fact, the eventual "foreman" for the Delphos project whom CECE received from the union led to the downfall of CECE. (One of the CECE leaders had to assume leadership of the Coast Guard

project therefore they had to 'trust' the union-provided foreman.)

This decision to step outside of the family and friends human capital strategy was the impetus for internal leadership strife and eventually caused the demise of CECE.

*Ed. Note: To be continued in Part IV - Entrepreneurship - Who should you partner with or hire? Parts 1 and 2 of this series can be found online - www.thetruthtoledo.com - in issues May 20 and June 17, respectively.*

## Revitalization... continued from page 5

**Ecological Justice:** How can "greening" our communities make all our lives better? Why is it important to act locally and think globally?

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# Spectacle: The Astonishing Life of Ota Benga

## By Pamela Newkirk

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

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The animals look a little restless.

Maybe they're hungry, bored, or tired of being watched. They seem angry. Observing these creatures caged, it's easy to believe that wild animals shouldn't be penned like this – and in the new book *Spectacle: The Astonishing Life of Ota Benga* by Pamela Newkirk, neither should humans.

When visitors arrived at the New York Zoological Gardens in the Bronx on September 6, 1906, they were probably there for more than just the "sunny and warm" day. Chief curator William Temple Hornaday knew that, and he stood at the gates, directing people to what he claimed was his "best attraction yet."

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At the very end of the Monkey House, past the chimps and baboons, visitors looked upon an orangutan penned with a "103-pound, four-foot eleven-inch chocolate-colored" man that Hornaday claimed was a cannibal and that he knew as Ota Benga.

What he didn't know, exactly, was how Benga got from Africa to America...

Samuel Phillips Verner had once hoped for recognition as a scientist and explorer, first traveling to Africa as a missionary, then as a hired acquirer of artifacts. Known as somewhat of an expert on "pygmies," Verner had procured several young Africans and brought them to America. Rumor had it that he'd "gone insane."



Author Pamela Newkirk courtesy Joe Henson

Whatever it was that drove Verner, he often created stories to fit the moment. He said that Benga asked to come to America. He claimed he'd saved Benga's life in the Congo, which is possible because of atrocities being committed on behalf of King Leopold of Belgium. For a fee, he offered to leave Benga with Hornaday, and said he'd return shortly.

Instead, Verner appeared to have dumped Benga there, and fled.

Within days of Benga's appearance in the cage, local ministers demanded his freedom, and they hired a lawyer. At first despondent (his appearance at the Zoological Gardens wasn't his first experience), Benga became combative with handlers. Hornaday was forced to turn him over to Brooklyn Howard Colored Orphanage.

For the first time in years, Benga was free...

But was he? Author Pamela Newkirk leaves readers hanging, not on purpose but by necessity because "... the true story will probably never be known."

What *is* true, though, is that this is one shocking account; my hand flew to my mouth in astonishment by the time I was on page eight of *Spectacle*, then it got more intriguing:

while Benga is the obvious focus of the book, his story is told more through his capturers, his handlers, and his helpers. Indeed, Newkirk introduces us to shady characters, as well as many good people, and she does it with a sense of the times in which things occurred. Then she'll squeeze your heart dry with an ending that... ouch.

This book may take a little getting used to. It's loaded with early 20th-century national and world history, and you'll need to call forth everything you learned about that time – but I think it's worth it. Five minutes with this book, and you'll know that *Spectacle* is a well-penned work.

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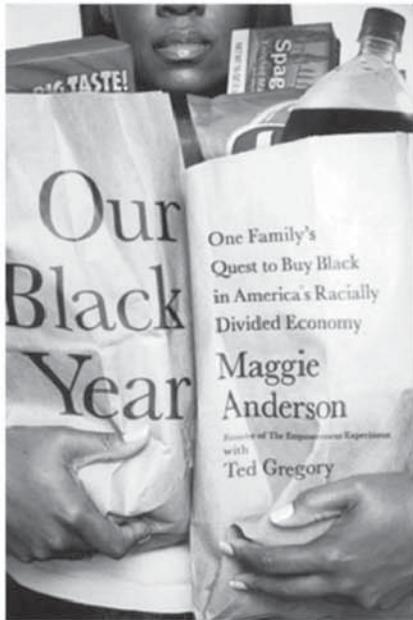
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## **Clinical Therapist- Children and Family Programs Full-time (Multiple Positions Available)**

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# Second Baptist Church's Fourth Annual Walk-A-Thon

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Lorraine Smith and First Lady Debra Boose

Second Baptist Church held its fourth annual Walk-A-Thon on Saturday, July 11 at Secor Park. The annual event, which was the brainchild of Lorraine Smith, a member of the congregation, was developed to promote a healthy life style and to raise funds for the "New Vision," the church's building fund.

The annual event has been blessed over the past four years to enjoy good weather and increasing participation, resulting in much-needed exercise and better health practices.

As a result of the walk-a-thon, the church's Wellness Ministry was created. The two entities work together to foster good eating habits and monitoring one's health problems. A focus on educating members of the church and the community on such practices was demonstrated during a recent health fair held at the Second Baptist Annex Hall on Irwin Road.

The organizing committee thanked the following community companies for their support: Gordon Food Services, Krogers, The Andersons and Walmart.

Committee members are Lorraine Smith, Varetta Glover, Lorraine Bartley, Debra Johnson, Christine Shumpert and Lee Smith.

Second Baptist services, under the direction of Pastor Jerry L. Boose, D.Div, are currently held at the Spencer Township Neighborhood Center located at 330 Oak Terrace Blvd in Holland, OH.

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