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"Counting Our Blessings" - A Black History Month Celebration



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"We have the ability to dream by sacrifices of our elders, count our blessings. For every child about to dream as a child, count our blessings. God is in control, he breaks us down and remakes us to count our blessings."

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Sleeping With the Enemy

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

*Now I ain't sayin' she a gold digger (when I'm in need) But she ain't messin' with no broke N*gas*

- Kanye West



The revelation of the \$12,156 contribution from Affiliated Construction Trades Ohio (ACT), a traditional Democratic Party supporter, to Ohio Republican Governor John Kasich, went over the heads of many and left others wagging their heads in astonishment. Yet, this consensual mutual manipulation among unlikely partners may not be as freakadelic as it first appears.

Kasich, in a reelection year where he needs to coax people out of their "revenge for SB5" mode, appears to be buddying up with former enemies by throwing a lot of money at public works and building projects.

The ACT, with an attitude of "as long as I'm getting paid I don't feel cheap," is committed to putting its members to work by using the relationship and resources of the Republican governor even if it places itself crosswise with other unions or members of the Democratic Party.

Of course, this is not the first time the coalition has had a very different public agenda than that of its close associates. There is an old joke about the Building Trades Alliance, which says that they "will build a concentration camp if they can obtain a Project Labor Agreement (PLA) to do it."

Perhaps the joke originated in the late 1990s when, while running a negative PR campaign against the construction of the Glendale Avenue WalMart and walking picket lines with others, the unions in the Building Trades alliance were simultaneously cutting their own back door deal.

When WalMart offered the group a PLA to provide the first union-built WalMart in the country, the coalition's

mantra flipped overnight from 'Wal-Mart is the devil' to "We love Wal-Mart!"

Nevertheless, the mega-grocery retailer abandoned the relationship and left the alliance holding the bag after only completing the building's exterior shell, a mere one-eighth of the total project.

The word on the street?

Some see the Building Trades' Republican Party financial support as hypocritical. "They (building trades alliance) talk loudly about how you should boycott this or that place because it wasn't union-built or how you shouldn't support this or that candidate because of what they did or did not do, but then they break off from other labor or democrats to do their own thing," remarked one local observer.

Others note the longstanding enmity between black contractors and the building trades unions over matters of inclusion and the absence of minorities.

Yet the lack of solidarity is not expected to provide Kasich with either a material vote advantage or soft support from any other unions or Democrats in the upcoming gubernatorial election. "Democrats are still determined to do everything they can to support Fitzgerald," said one longtime insider.

My thoughts?

I find the Building Trades actions profoundly instructive given the black community's fidelity to the labor movement and true-hearted devotedness to the Democratic Party.

Affiliated Construction Trades Ohio, headed by Matt Szollosi, was designed

to advocate for policies, practices, programs and construction projects that put their union workers to work.

At a time when people of color are absent in decision-making positions of power in city government and which there is a visible lack of minority firms providing goods and services or receiving contracting opportunities

in Lucas County government, the black community needs to take a cue from ACT and re-evaluate its relationships as well.

If black leaders are to serve the African-American community as well as the Building Trades serves their constituents,

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Community Calendar

February 2-March 9

City of Zion, the Mt Zion Church: Sundays at 9 am; Life Institute Courses: Living Better, Fight Like a Man

February 12

Abundant Life Ministries: "Straight Talk;" From a woman's perspective; 7 pm; candid conversation on various topics – communication, finances, healing and the triumph of relationships: 419-382-1300

February 16

Third Baptist Church Holland 26th Annual Black History Month Musical: 4 pm

February 19

Doing Business with the City: 6 to 8 pm; Capacity building event and forum for small businesses; The Armory Church; sponsored by Toledo City Councilman Tyrone Riley to encourage and support small businesses and educate on bidding procedures, certification and requirements for contracts with the City: 419-245-1064

"Raising Pure Families:" Notre Dame Academy; 7:30 pm; Parent presentation on chastity featuring speaker Jason Evert

February 19

Abundant Life Ministries: "Straight Talk;" From a man's perspective; 7 pm; candid conversation on various topics – communication, finances, healing and the triumph of relationships: 419-382-1300

February 25

Glass City Toastmasters: 5:30 to 6:45 pm; United Way Greater Toledo: <http://glasscity-toastmastersclubs.org>

March 1

United Community Church Call of Duty – Men Event: 11 am to 2 pm; Includes free steak dinner for men: 419-243-3983 or pastordanielj@yahoo.com

March 7

Toledo District of FGBCF International "Fire on Friday:" City of Zion Campus; 7 pm; Guest speaker Bishop Joseph Walker III of Nashville: 419-246-1850
Regional Energy Forum 2.0: UT Scott Park Campus; 7:30 am to 4:30 pm; Fresh perspectives on energy landscape; Trends, economic development, entrepreneurship, sustainability strategies

March 9

St. Paul MBC Men's Day: "Obedience Is Better Than Sacrifice;" 10:45 am service – guest speaker Bro. Brandon Tucker of Greater New Psalmist Church; 4 pm service – guest speaker Rev. Cory Pruitt, pastor of Mt. Enon MBC of Dayton

April 9-11

City of Zion, The Mt. Zion Church Conference 2014: "Let's Go Higher:" Toledo Full Gospel Baptist Church Fellowship International Intercessory Prayer Conference; 6:30 nightly; Guest – Bishop Duane Tisdale, Pastor Kim Davis, Bishop William Murphy: 419-246-1850

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Captain Heroin ... What Have You Done?

By Lafe Tolliver, Esq

Guest Column

No doubt it is tragic when anybody is addicted to a narcotic drug and he is either found dead due to foul play or he overdosed due to not knowing the strength of the narcotic or simply wanted out of life.

But what is also equally tragic and an indictment on the double standard of fair play in the USA is when you compare the below acts.

Find out if you can guess what one of the below samples received more news attention and police action than the others. Here are the samples:

Sample One: Leroy Washington, age 20, died in an alley off of Batavia. Unemployed. Two kids. No wife. Drug overdose on heroin. Prior criminal record.

Sample Two: Lo'reAnna Crattle, age 31, died in her home on Machen. Married. No kids. Worked as a domestic. No prior record. Heroin overdose.

Sample Three: Jerrundadina Foster, age 18, died in a drug house on East Bancroft. Single. No kids. Unemployed. Overdosed on heroin.

Sample Four: Russell Manchester, age 49, died due to a heroin overdose in a car parked outside of a downtown club. Married. One child. Employed as a part time waiter. Prior record.

Sample Five: Caesar Martinez, age 33, died of heroin overdose at a party on the south side. Single. Four kids. Self employed as a handyman. No prior record.

Sample Six: Philip Seymour Hoffman, age 46. Died of heroin overdose in his private home in a ritzy New York neighborhood. Multi-millionaire and famous movie actor. Single. Three kids. Received national news coverage for days. Mourned by national outcry regarding heroin addiction and abuse.

Arrests were promptly made of his purported drug dealers. New national focus on the easy availability of cheap potent heroin and how heroin use is increasing amongst white middle class and upper middle class kids.

Renewed national campaign to bring the scourges of heroin use to the public's attention.

In case you may have had difficulty spotting which of the above samples curried national media attention and renewed the focus on the increase use of heroin among white kids, re-read above sample six.

The death of the actor Philip S. Hoffman has sparked a new national debate about the availability of cheap and plentiful heroin in the suburbs and how America needs to get its

act together before this scourge claims more victims.

Now, we all know that "H" has been killing folks for decades and has been a killer in minority communities for that long and longer but until the tentacles of heroin use started reaching rich and privileged white kids in suburbia, it was considered a thing which "those" people did.

Now that we know that heroin is an equal opportunity killer and destroyer but maybe, just maybe, when this national focus is renewed on the horrors of heroin, that people other than those who are rich and famous will get some press ink and maybe, just maybe, their lives, ruined or cut short by their addiction to heroin, will mean something.

It is OK for heroin to be contained with the limits of "inner cities" or the jungles of public housing complexes. That is what the manufactured images would have you to believe. Or, that it is just an addiction problem for brown and black folks and artists and jazz musicians.

That, as long as we simply boo-hoo it

away and its claws do not come near white suburbia, it is OK. It can be contained.

But, oh...when it cuts down the Philip S. Hoffmans and Hollywood's best and brightest stars and begins to creep into tony suburban enclaves and rural America...now that is when it gets serious and it has to stop!

It is OK when the drug wars take minority members as its captives and ruin neighborhoods and wreak havoc on black families, but when those same drug wars led by Captain Heroin start decimating young white males and females who will not have a chance to re-produce their own kind, it is time to make the "H" war serious.

But until there are more deaths similar to Philip S. Hoffman, there will be a brief hue and cry and then we will move on to the next crisis not understanding that Captain Heroin takes no prisoners and he is in it for the long haul.

Captain Heroin was not happy

that his faithful foot soldier, Philip S. Hoffman, got sloppy and exposed himself to public scrutiny. Captain Heroin would have preferred that Philip S. Hoffman had taken the proper dosage, got his high and moved on and thus not brought attention to the treachery of Captain Heroin.

Captain Heroin did not mind the above samples 1-5 being exposed.

They were mere small fish in the big ocean and no one plays any mind to small fish. But when the whale, Philip S. Hoffman, got caught with Captain Heroin's needle in his arm, Captain Heroin now has to wait out this current national outcry before he can go around and claim more victims with impunity.

"Thanks a lot, Philip!" said an outraged Captain Heroin to Philip S. Hoffman while he was still in the grey body bag at the morgue.

"Now look what you have gone and done!"

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Ohio Black Caucus President Announces Filing of Ohio Voter Bill of Rights Petitions with Attorney General

'OLBC, Clergy, NAACP, National Action Network, Prince Hall Masons turn in voting rights petitions for Black History Month'

Special to The Truth

Last week, Ohio Legislative Black Caucus President and National Action Network board member Representative Alicia Reece joined NAACP Ohio Conference President Sybil McNabb and national civil rights leader, Otis Moss Jr., D.Min., in announcing that their grassroots group of clergy, civil rights groups, Prince Hall Masons, and students have officially filed the required 1,000 signatures for the OHIO VOTER BILL OF RIGHTS Constitution Amendment with Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine's office.

Once approved by the Ohio ballot board, the group will resume statewide petition gathering of over 385,000 signatures to be turned in by July 2. This is the first statewide voting rights ballot initiative of its kind in the country since last year's dismantling of the National Voting Rights Act.

"It is time to protect voting rights by putting it in the Ohio constitution. No more temporary solutions to permanent problems and playing political football with voting rights," said President Reece, who first called for a Voter Bill of Rights in her speech at the 50th Anniversary of the March on Washington last summer.

"Voting Rights is the life line of democracy and it is on life support. We must protect it by putting it in the constitution," added national civil rights leader and pastor, Rev. Otis Moss, Jr., co-chair of the Ohio Voter Bill of Rights initiative.

"This is a civil rights issue and the NAACP will launch our statewide training of our units on

February 15th to make sure this gets done," said Sybil McNabb, president of the Ohio Conference of the NAACP.



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Rep. Ashford Announces State Funding for Emergency Home Repair Projects

Area Office on Aging of NW Ohio to make homes safe, accessible for vulnerable Ohioans

Special to The Truth

This, State Rep. Michael Ashford (D-Toledo) announced that the state Controlling Board released \$180,000 through the Ohio Housing Trust Fund's Housing Assistance Grant Program for a local nonprofit to focus on improving housing conditions for area elderly. The Area Office on Aging of Northwest Ohio will work to promote a high quality of life for older citizens through assistance programs.

"Many older Ohioans strive to stay active in their own homes, surrounded by family and friends, to preserve their personal independence," said Ashford. "By making critical home repairs, we can ensure that aging Toledo residents are able to maintain their lifestyles in a safe and accessible environment and preserve their quality of life for years to come."

Through their home repair initiative, the agency will provide 48 area homeowners age 60 or older who live at or below 50 percent of the region's median income with home repairs necessary to maintain their safety, health, or home accessibility.

The funding is part of a larger state initiative awarding \$5.68 million in 64 Ohio counties aimed at reducing homelessness rates and keeping Ohioans in their homes. Twenty-six nonprofit organizations focused on housing assistance will receive the funds.



Michael Ashford

Suburban Black Elected Officials Coalition Endorses Ed FitzGerald for Governor

Special to The Truth

Last week, the Suburban Black Elected Officials coalition (SBEO) announced their endorsement of Cuyahoga County Executive Ed FitzGerald for Governor. The SBEO represents over 150,000 suburban African American constituents in communities with black elected officials across Cuyahoga County.

"I am honored to receive the endorsement of the Suburban Black Elected Officials coalition," said Democratic gubernatorial candidate Ed FitzGerald. "For over 30 years, the SBEO has ensured that Ohio's

leadership reflects the diversity of its people and their interests. I look forward to working with them to ensure Ohio's families have access to quality public schools, affordable local healthcare, and secure, living-wage jobs."

"Suburban African Americans are a growing and influential constituency in this Governor's race," said SBEO Executive Director Lynn Ruffner. "Ed FitzGerald will represent our communities' concerns as well as the concerns of all Ohioans."



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Main Library Black History Month Celebration: RAISING AWARENESS

By Rhonda B. Sewell, Library Media Relations Coordinator
The Truth Contributor

The Toledo-Lucas County Public Library is proud to observe **Black History Month** with a **FREE** community program titled *Raising Awareness: Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Civil Rights Act*. The event is scheduled from 2-4 p.m. on Saturday, **February 22** in the McMaster Center at Main Library, 325 Michigan St.

The program will feature honorary MC and panel moderator

Kristian Brown, 13abc anchor. She will lead a Civil Rights discussion panel comprised of:

- **Rev. Robert A. Culp**, senior pastor, First Church of God, and community activist
- **Cecilia Adams, Ph.D.**, president, Toledo Board of Education
- **Paula Hicks-Hudson**, president, Toledo City Council
- Entertainment:
- Arthur Johnson featuring Ushering

- The University of Toledo Gospel Choir

- Toledo School for the Arts Afro-Caribbean Dance & Drum Troupe

- Greek Step Performance by Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. (University of Toledo chapter)
- Madd Poets Society

- The Main Library Gallery exhibit tribute to black women titled *Women of a New Tribe* is also available for viewing now through the close of Black History Month (February 28). The

exhibit is also on view during regular Main Library hours of operation.

Light refreshments will be served.

Visit toledolibrary.org for more **Black History Month** activities at your neighborhood branch location, or call 419.259.5200 for more details.

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Statement by Dr. Michael L. Lomax, United Negro College Fund President: SOTU and the Role of Education in Closing the Wealth Divide

Special to The Truth

"As President Obama noted in his State of the Union address, the growing wealth divide poses a serious threat to our country's future.

"The fact remains that the long-term solution is to educate our young people and prepare them to compete in the global market place.

"We have long understood, access to a college education is the most critical link to economic empowerment and closing the wealth divide.

"As we celebrate our 70th year, UNCF continues to lead the fight to provide post-secondary educational access to African Americans and

other communities of color. We remain committed to opening the door for low-income students of color to achieve sustainable economic security and asset building opportunities.

"In order to reach our goal, our students must be prepared to succeed. The Common Core curriculum is an essential ingredient to college success. We all must do more to ensure its effective implementation.

"It is our collective responsibility as a nation to take action and recommit to expanding educational access for all Americans, especially low-income communities of color who have the greatest need and opportunity for success."

Federal School Discipline Guidelines Should Come with Support, Resources

AFT Outlines Solutions on School Discipline

AFT's Weingarten: "The federal government made many positive suggestions, but policies in a vacuum without actual resources and support will not succeed."

Special to The Truth

Education Secretary Arne Duncan and Attorney General Eric Holder released statistics this month that cannot be ignored, compelling a shift of school discipline policies away from "zero tolerance" to stop the disproportionate impact of suspensions on African-American and Latino children, the American Federation of Teachers said, but any new policies will only be successful if the resources and support are there to help at-risk children thrive.

Also this month, at a long-scheduled symposium, the AFT outlined its own recommendations to change school climates where everyone feels safe and respected and every child has the opportunity to succeed. And in March, the AFT will hold a practitioner summit that will bring together educators, support personnel, school-based mental health professionals, superintendents and administrators to help develop practical strategies involving restorative justice practices

and alternatives to suspensions to help change school climates.

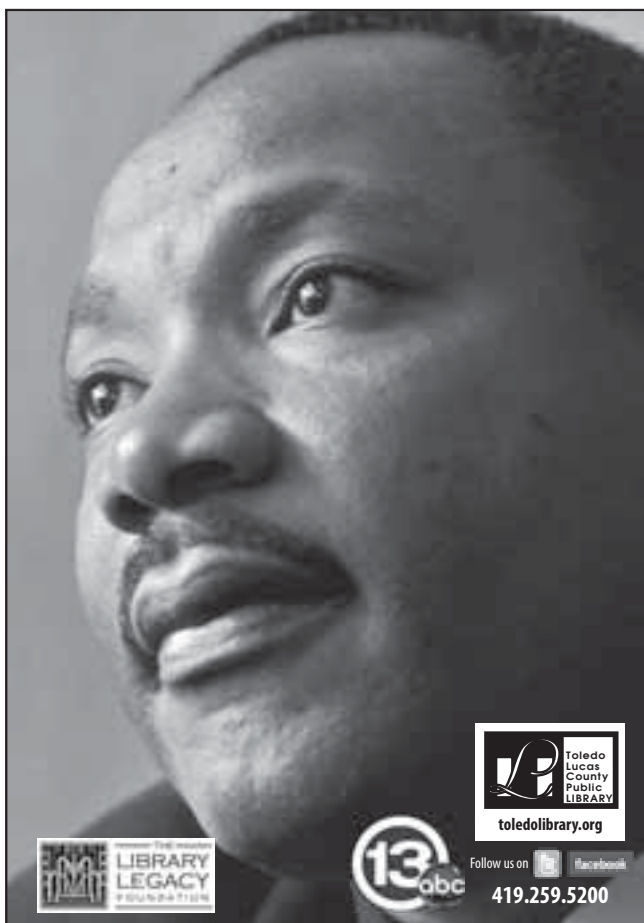
"What No Child Left Behind did, as zero-tolerance policies did, was shine a light on a problem but solve it with sanctions instead of supports. That cannot continue. The federal government made many positive suggestions, but policies in a vacuum without actual resources and support will not succeed," said AFT President Randi Weingarten. "Instead of

fixating on testing, we should be fixating on making schools safe, welcoming and respectful with meaningful professional development, community schools, real alternatives to suspension and restorative justice programs to empower students to resolve conflicts, and restored budget cuts that have left schools without resources to support students and families."

African-American and Latino students are

more likely than white students to receive suspensions, expulsions or school-based arrests, or to be transferred to alternative settings for school behavior infractions, including nonviolent, noncriminal behavior that could have been addressed within the school community. Research also shows that African-American and Latino students, particularly males, are more likely to be suspended for subjective

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A BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION

RAISING AWARENESS

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT

Saturday, February 22, 2014

2-4 p.m. Main Library, 325 Michigan St.

- Hosted by Kristian Brown/13abc
- Civil Rights Discussion Panel
- Women of a New Tribe Gallery Exhibit
- Entertainment:

- ☐ Arthur Johnson featuring Ushering
- ☐ University of Toledo Gospel Choir
- ☐ Toledo School for the Arts Afro-Caribbean Dance & Drum Ensemble
- ☐ Greek Step Performance by Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. (UT)

Visit your neighborhood branch to find out what Black History Month activities are planned or visit toledolibrary.org

Champion of African-American History: Carter G. Woodson

By Valerie Jarrett

From The Huffington Post

In the fall of 1870, a handful of students made their way through the northwest quadrant of the nation's capital, and through the doors of D.C.'s "Preparatory High School for Colored Youth," the country's first public high school for African American children. There, in the shadow of the American Civil War, and dawned with the spark of reconstruction, a converted basement-turned-classroom in the lower floor of Fifteenth Street Presbyterian Church bore the seeds of Dunbar High School, which would become one of the country's pre-eminent institutions for African American educational achievement. The students and teachers who graced its hallways would be heard through the years in the halls of Congress, in the highest ranks of the U.S. Military, at the heart of our civil rights movement, and in the upper echelons of medical and scientific study.

One such voice was that of

Carter G. Woodson; a journalist, author, historian, and co-founder of the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH). It was through his work with the ASNLH that Woodson spearheaded the celebration of "Negro History Week" in America, which served as the precursor to Black History Month, which was officially recognized by President Gerald Ford in 1976.

The son of former slaves, Woodson grew up poor, and unable to attend school regularly. Still, he managed to master scholastic fundamentals on his own. After entering high school at the age of 20, he earned his degree in 2 years and continued on with an impressive academic career earning a bachelor's degree from Berea College in Kentucky, a post as a school supervisor in the Philippines for nearly five years, a master's degree in 1908 from the University of Chicago, and his Ph.D. in history

from Harvard University in 1912.

After Harvard, Woodson moved to Washington, D.C. and joined the Dunbar High School staff, which at that point was called the "M Street School." He taught there for years until joining the faculty at Howard University, where he began teaching Howard's first ever black history courses.

Carter Woodson spent his career promoting the importance of black history as part of the American story, and in context of the birth and evolution of global civilizations. With the publication of *The Journal of Negro History*, the formation of the ASNLH, and the inception of Negro History Week, Woodson is often cited as the "father of black history," and one of the earliest champions of African American empowerment through historic learning.

Woodson taught us that, "those who have no record of what their forebears have accomplished lose the inspiration which comes from the teaching of biography and history."

It was his belief that a thorough and prideful understanding of our history as Americans, and a full grasp of the contributions of black people would provide us the foundation and vision we need to confidently contribute to society, and reach our full potential.

I was struck by Carter Woodson's story both as we observe Black History Month at the White House, and as I reflect on the tangential story of another Dunbar faithful.



Valerie Jarrett

My father, Dr. James E. Bowman, who would be 91 years old today, attended Dunbar and graduated at the age of 16, decades after Mr. Woodson had moved on, and amidst another era of struggle and restructuring in America. He would later become a renowned pathologist and expert in genetics and inherited disease, as well as the first African American resident at St. Luke's Hospital in Chicago, and the first African American to receive tenure at the University of Chicago Division of Biological Sciences. Like Mr. Woodson, and so many others over the years, my dad broke down barriers throughout his life and career, and left us a world better than the one he found.

Today, Dunbar struggles against many of the same economic, social, family, and scholastic barriers to success that face so many schools in America, and which leave too many children fighting for the chance they deserve. But we can certainly learn from Carter Woodson, that we need only look to our past to understand our capacity for forging our own destiny in the face of unrelenting challenges. The strength of our future as a country, as always, lives in the hearts and minds of our young people, and I can think of no surer vessel in which to place our faith.

Carter G Woodson is buried at Lincoln Memorial Cemetery in Suitland-Silver Hill, MD, and his DC home is preserved as a National Historic Site.

Valerie Jarrett is senior advisor to the President and Chairman of the White House Council on Women and Girls



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Library February Book Recommendation

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The 1964 Civil Rights Act, in conjunction with the Voting Rights Act of the following year, totally transformed the shape of American race relations. What better book recommendation during Black History Month 2014, than a work edited by Bernard Grofman, which explores the legacies of that monumental act.

For February 2014, Toledo-Lucas County Public Library officials recommend the book *Legacies of the 1964 Civil Rights Act* (published in 2000, University of Virginia Press).

Legacies of the 1964 Civil Rights Act brings together a distinguished group of political scientists, historians, lawyers, statisticians and sociologists who have written extensively on civil rights issues. The editor, Grofman, has asked the contributors to stand back from the immediate controversies about civil rights reflected in today's news and to provide historical and comparative perspective about this important legislation.

Organized into four sections, the book covers the origins of the act and its historical evolution, its consequences in several different policy domains, and the future of civil rights in the United States. An appendix contains two somewhat more technical essays on legal standards for statutory violations and statistical issues in measuring discrimination.



A much anticipated local panel to discuss Civil Rights has been organized by a Black History Month Committee at the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library. During the system's Raising Awareness Black History day-long event, from 2-4 p.m. on Saturday, February 22, the following local leaders will discuss various Civil Rights topics: Rev. Robert A. Culp,

senior pastor of First Church of God; Toledo School Board President Cecelia Adams, Ph.D., and Toledo City Council President Paula Hicks-Hudson. The panel discussion will be moderated by Kristian Brown, a 13abc anchor. This event is FREE and open to the public. Info: 419.259.5200.

Source: Amazon.com

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we will have to:

1. Be Wary o Friends:

We have yet to develop the ability to discern who is best able (and willing) to further the black community's best interests. Some politicians come among us smiling and hugging, in the manner of old friends, but in reality have no respect for the African-American community. Just how have the "friends" of the black community been friendly to us? They have not.

Also, "friends" often become complacent and take support given to them for granted. Occasionally, they will paternalistically dole out crumbs to desperate, resource-starved organizations, but we need to return the stank-eye for every insincere grin until resources make their way into the black community more equitably.

2. Learn to Use Enemies:

While friends are often undercover rivals addicted to "haterade," enemies and other unlikely partners are an untapped gold mine. When the relationship is based on mutual self-interest and not contaminated by "feelings," the community can profit from even those whom we have wide ideological disagreement. We just need to learn how to use them.

After all, using those whom we need to get the community where it needs to go is "always business and never personal."

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Central City Ministry of Toledo Urban All-American Celebration Seeking Achievement Award Nominations

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Central City Ministry of Toledo (CCMT) will present its 23rd Annual Urban All-American Celebration on Thursday, May 8 at 6:00 p.m. at the Pinnacle in Maumee. This fundraiser supports the students of Rosary Cathedral and Queen of Apostles.

At this event, CCMT recognizes those who have made outstanding contributions in the promotion and enhancement of Catholic education in the central city schools through the presentation of its Service Award. This year's recipients of the Service Award are Mercy and Mercy College.

CCMT also presents the Achievement Award to a graduate of a Toledo central city Catholic elementary school who exhibits extraordinary achievement or academic, athletic, and/or career success. They must be positive role models for today's students by demonstrating integrity, high ideals, and moral charac-

ter. CCMT is currently seeking nominations for this Achievement Award.

To be considered, nominees must have graduated from one of the following schools between 1997 and 2000:

Immaculate Conception, Pope John Paul II, Queen of Apostles, Queen of Peace, Rosary Cathedral, St. Angela Hall, St. Ann, St. Charles, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, St. Hyacinth, St. James, St. Jude, St. Martin de Porres, St. Mary, St. Michael, St. Peter & Paul, St. Teresa, St. Vincent de Paul

To nominate someone for the CCMT Achievement Award, please contact Deb Marinelli at 419-244-6711 ext. 155 or email dmarinelli@toledodiocese.org. Nominations must be received by Friday, March 21, 2014. The individual chosen to receive the award must be able to attend the Urban All-American Celebration on Thursday, May 8, 2014 at the Pinnacle.

St. Francis de Sales High School Holds Annual Fun-A-Rama

St. Francis de Sales High School will hold its annual Fun-A-Rama for the entire family on Sunday, February 23, 2014 from Noon-8:00 p.m. at the school 2323 West Bancroft Street.

This indoor festival includes fun and games for all ages featuring gladiator jousting arena, raffles, "Bounce House" for little ones, a clown and magician, bingo, adult casino,

fast foods, Harlan's Barbeque Chicken Dinners and DiMartini's Pasta and Meatballs Dinners with carryout available, the famous Stanley's "Kielbasa Dogs," and Ferdos "Hommos and Pita."

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There is no admission charge and all proceeds will benefit St. Francis de Sales High School.

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violations such as disrespect, insubordination or willful defiance.

The AFT discipline statement says the following changes are necessary and would have a positive impact on school discipline disparities:

1. All school staff should receive ongoing professional development and training, aligned with school and district reform goals, with a focus on evidence-based positive school discipline, conflict resolution, cultural relevancy and responsiveness, behavior management, social justice and equity.

2. Earmark funding for states to collect data and to support a comprehensive and aligned system of mental health and intervention services for children and youth.

3. Increase school district and statewide investments in social-emotional learning and student support teams, focusing on academic engagement, equitable access to rigorous coursework and developmentally appropriate behavioral instruction.

4. Include time to collaboratively analyze and address school discipline data.

5. Review and monitor existing discipline codes to ensure they are developmentally appropriate, effective and equitable.

6. Restore critical school personnel, such as counselors, psychologists, nurses and school social workers, who have the knowledge and expertise to appropriately address student behavior.

7. Restore and provide training to essential paraprofessional and school-related support personnel, such as instructional aides, bus drivers, security and school resource officers, cafeteria staff and custodial staff.

8. Include students, families, educators and support personnel, juvenile justice professionals, law enforcement officers, child welfare workers and other community members in developing and implementing school improvement/reform plans that will affect school climate.

9. Implement alternatives to suspension and expulsion to manage student behavior. Establish criteria for high-quality alternative education settings and develop transition protocols for students returning to their community's schools.

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*The AFT represents 1.5 million pre-K through 12th-grade teachers; paraprofessionals and other school-related personnel; higher education faculty and professional staff; federal, state and local government employees; nurses and healthcare workers; and early childhood educators.

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6. Recipients must participate in an interview (interview only).
7. Recipients are encouraged to attend the 2014 MHA Scholarship Breakfast.
8. Recipients must participate in service and leadership activities in high school and in the community (please provide a separate sheet with extra-curricular activities and community service).
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Tips to Get Kids Excited About Science

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Sometimes it can be hard to convince kids that learning is fun. While parents can't necessarily control how exciting the school day is, they can make off-hours learning more fun and exciting -- especially when it comes to a potentially hands-on subject like science.

It is particularly important to foster an interest in science at an early age. Not only does an understanding of its principles mean a greater understanding of how the world works, the need for experts in scientific fields is on the rise, according to Labor Department statistics.

If you're not too up on the subject yourself, don't worry. You don't need to be Sir Isaac Newton to put a spotlight on science, say experts.

"Children are natural explorers. They want to roll over rocks to see

what critters are hiding below, and take apart gadgets to see how they work. It's important to encourage that. We don't want our kids to just consume technology - we want them to design it, build it, and be innovators," says "Science Bob" Pflugfelder, an elementary school teacher and co-author of the "Nick and Tesla" book series for kids.

Here are a few ways to get started:

Experiment

Make your home a laboratory. In order for your experiments to be safe and successful, be sure to follow instructions. There are plenty of free online resources that parents can turn to for science fair and experiment ideas -- and complete instructions. For example, to build your own fog tornado or make your own rock candy, you can visit www.ScienceBob.com for step-by-step guides.

Think Fiction

An exciting work of fiction can be inspiring. Expose your kids to entertaining movies and books that feature the application of science in action-packed scenarios.

For example, the "Nick and Tesla" series, by Pflugfelder and writer and journalist Steven Hockensmith, follows the adventures of two 11 year-old siblings who use science and electronics to solve mysteries.

Narratives are peppered with blueprints and instructions, so young budding inventors at home can follow along. Information about their latest book, "Nick and Tesla's High-Voltage Danger Lab," as well as the other books in the series can be found at www.NickandTesla.com.

Take a Trip

One thing that most museums

have in common is signs that say "do not touch." But at a science museum, it's all about interactive fun. Take the kids to learn more about their favorite subjects, from animals to outer space to volcanoes.

Remember, science is all around us, so you don't necessarily need to go somewhere special to get kids thinking about it. Turn a regular day of errands into one of scientific discovery. Encourage your kids to note their observations on paper and discuss what they've seen and what it means at the end of the day.

Just because the school bell rings, doesn't mean the learning has to stop. Take steps to make science a bigger and better part of your kids' day.

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Often Overlooked Black Leader Predicted the Plight of President Obama

By: Jermel W. Shim
Guest Column

Each February we reflect upon black history and honor prominent black leaders who have made a positive contribution to American history. However, some prominent black leaders are consistently overlooked during this month of black reflection, despite their significant roles in American history. Marcus Garvey (1867-1940) is one such leader who is too often overlooked.

Garvey was a Pan-Africanist and social activist who believed that black Americans should control their own destiny, be self-reliant, and engage in their own commerce and trade with other countries. The charismatic Garvey mobilized one of the largest black movements and launched a commercial enterprise, the Black Star Line.

With Garvey's organization growing, he attracted the attention of the government. He was subsequently prosecuted for mail fraud and sentenced to five years in prison. After serving three years in prison, President Calvin Coolidge commuted his sentence and he was deported to his native country Jamaica.

Before his incarceration, Garvey was not only conscious of the plight of black people in America; he took actions to improve their standard of living under his organization, the Universal Negro Improvement Association (UNIA). Garvey spoke extensively about race relations, black racial pride and the Back to Africa movement.

There is no question that blacks have

made significant progress since Garvey's time, but as Garvey foresaw, racism continues to persist in America. Possibly the most visible indication of continued racial tension is the unprecedented disrespect, racial innuendos, propaganda, and conspiracy theories leveled at President Obama. Garvey identified the root causes of President Obama's plight in 1922 when he wrote:

"A terrible mistake was made between 40 and 50 years ago when black men were elected to legislative assemblies all over the country, especially in the southern states and even at the national capital when representatives of this race occupied seats in Congress. The mistake was made as far as the white people were concerned. There was a state of disorganization in the nation, and in that state certain things happened to mere chance. In the chance, dozens of black men became Senators and Congressmen. This opened up to the eyes of the white nation the possibility of the black man governing the white man in these United States of America – the possibility of the black man making laws to govern the white man? This possibility drove them almost to madness, in suddenly rejecting the spirit of the Constitution and the declaration of Lincoln that 'all men are created equal,' hence the determination was arrived at, that never again would it be possible for the race of slaves to govern the race of masters within these United States of America."

The mindset of the GOP and the right-wing media as Garvey alluded to is that President Obama should not have been elected president. They want to ensure that another black man is never again elected president of the United States of America. This explains the GOP's unceasing effort to bring down the presi-

dent. As Garvey asserts, "the possibility of the black man making laws to govern the white man, drove them almost to madness." This madness is evident in the GOP shutting down the government, trying to repeal Obamacare, and refusing to extend the unemployment benefits.

The racial conditions Marcus Garvey saw in America did not allow him to be optimistic about the future for blacks in America. He could not have envisioned that a black man could one day be elected president. Despite the fact that Garvey and Obama had far different American experiences, they both experienced racially motivated efforts to bring them down. In Garvey's case, they succeeded, but with President Obama, they failed in his first term. I believe they will fail again in his second term.

Jermel Shim is a retired mechanical engineer who has embarked on a new career as an author. Following his retirement in 2010, he embraced his passion for politics and human behavior and immersed himself into his new writing career which culminated in two books: A New Perspective on Race-related Problems in Corporate American Companies (Outcast Publishing) and Whom God Has Blessed Let No Man Curse (Infinity Publishing).



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I'll Take You There: Mavis Staples, The Staple Singers, and the March Up Freedom's Highway by Greg Kot

By Terri Schlichenmeyer
The Truth Contributor

For as long as you can remember, there's always been someone in your corner.

A sibling watched out for you on the playground. A teacher took you aside for extra tutoring. A neighbor watched your home, so you'd be safe. Someone mentored you, someone fed you, someone put you on the right path.

For most kids, though, the first advocate was a parent. And in the new book *I'll Take You There* by Greg Kot, you'll see how one father's push left a mark on his family and on music.

Born on a "cold Mississippi Delta" in 1915, Roebuck Staples knew enough to stay away from white folks. He also understood that his father's sharecropping life wasn't his own future. No, Roebuck was obsessed with the guitar at a time when guitarists could make good money so, at age 21, he moved to Chicago where he took a series of jobs to care for the family he'd had by then.

Before long, there were four children to feed: a boy and three girls (later, a fourth). There wasn't much money to go around, so the children sometimes spent school years with their grandmother in Mississippi – but when the family was together, Roebuck (now called Pops) taught his children to sing.

Singing was something the Staples kids did often. Their neighborhood friends included Lou Rawls, Johnnie Taylor, and Sam Cooke; Muddy Waters, Nat "King" Cole, and Duke Ellington also performed in the area, although Pops insisted that his family stick to gospel songs. By the late 1940s, churches

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on Chicago's South Side were delighted to host the Staple Singers, headed up by eight-year-old Mavis.

By 1953, Pops had recorded his family's performance and was shopping for record labels. When Mavis graduated from high school in 1957, the family began touring. By the early 1960s, they'd performed many times in the South.

But the South wasn't like it was when Pops left it during the Depression years, and neither was music. Folk songs "merged" with the civil rights movement by 1963. Pops Staple, impressed with Dr. King's work, started writing and performing songs to reflect society then.

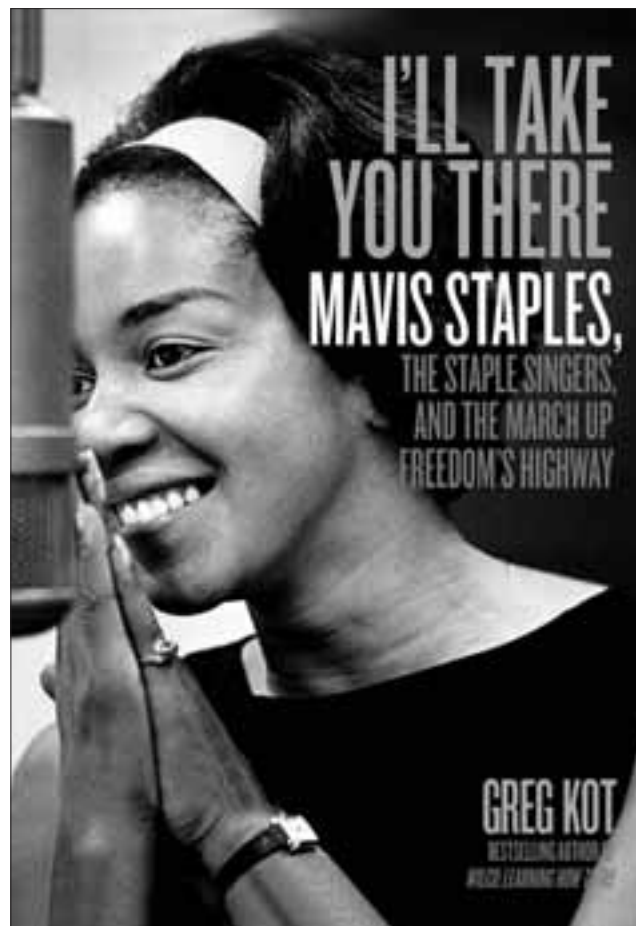
And thus, says Kot, "The Staple Singers were unabashedly freedom fighters."

Though it focused a little too much on

dates and discography, I was overall impressed here. *I'll Take You There* is a darn good story.

Whisking readers over a span of nearly 100 years, author Greg Kot presents a roller-coaster ride of the highs and lows of one of gospel and soul's most iconic families. What I loved the best about it was seeing other singers and another time through the eyes of Mavis Staples, who is Kot's main interviewee. That brought me back to my parents' living room, a scratchy LP, and things I'd almost forgotten.


This is a great look at history, both musically and culturally, and though the dates-and-discography part can overwhelm, I think it's worth reading. If you're particularly a fan of soul, R&B, or gospel, *I'll Take You There* is a book you'll want to corner.



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Professor Rice Lamb Encourages Toledoans during Black History Month Events

By Artisha S. Lawson
Sojourner's Truth Reporter

The origin of Black History Month dates back to 1926, when Carter G. Woodson and the Association of the Study of Negro Life and History announced Negro History Week. In time, history week grew to a month-long acknowledgement that is observed in the United States, Canada and United Kingdom.

In order to celebrate this year's Black History Month, Professor Yanick Rice Lamb addressed and encouraged audiences in the Toledo area.

Rice Lamb, an award winning journalist and author, is also associate professor and interim assistant chair of the new Department of Media, Journalism and Film at Howard University. Rice Lamb is co-founder of Fully-Connected.com. She has published articles or worked with: The New York Times Magazine, Essence, Parenting, Ebo-

ny, The History Channel Magazine, BlackAmericaWeb.com, thegrio.com, Heart & Soul Magazine, BET Weekend, Connecticut Weekly, Child magazine, The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, The Toledo Blade and Emerge.

On Saturday, February 8, the Study Hour Club, Toledo Chapter of The Links Incorporated, and The University of Toledo collaborated to host Professor Rice Lamb. She spoke about culture and wanted to connect with students under the topic, "Socially Accepted: Where Are We Now?" The event was open to the general public. Rice Lamb then spoke at the historic Third Baptist Church, where Rev. K. David Johnson is pastor, on Sunday, February 9, 2014.

"Count Your Blessings," was the theme of Rice Lamb's sermon at Third Baptist Church as she pub-

licly acknowledged and thanked elders who sacrificed, challenged youth to continue dreaming and encouraged African Americans to express their voice through voting.

"Why worry when you can pray," opened Rice Lamb. "I count our blessings for sacrifices made by our ancestors. We, as a people, have so much history to celebrate year round. Celebrate the 50th anniversary of Freedom Summer by participating in mid-term elections and participating in local issues, so their sacrifices weren't in vein."

Congregational members at Third Baptist Church applauded Professor Rice Lamb's comments about family. "We have the ability to dream by sacrifices of our elders, count our blessings. For every child about to dream as a child, count our blessings. God is in control, he breaks us down and remake us to count our blessings," closed Rice Lamb.

For further informa-

tion about Rice Lamb's speaking engagements and accomplishments, visit her LinkedIn page (Yanickricelamb) or Twitter page (@yrlamb).



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Third Baptist Church leaders with Rev. Johnson and guest speaker Yanick Rice Lamb



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