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A Letter to a White Boy Named Andy ...

By Lafe Tolliver, Esq
Guest Column

Dear Andy,

By now you should have heard a lot of talk, comments and opinions about the death of the black teenager, Jordan Davis, who was murdered while allegedly arguing with a white adult male about loud music coming from his parked car at a carryout in Florida.

The car that he was in was shot at 10 times by this white male who was enraged by this "thug music" and he concocted a lie saying that he felt his life was in dire jeopardy because he thought he saw a gun in the car. (Note: no gun was ever found or anything that resembled a gun).

This white male had such a craven disregard for human life that after he murdered the teen (and placed the other three black terrified males in the car in dire jeopardy of their lives), he and his girlfriend left the carryout and went home and had pizza and wine!

The shooter did not call the police until the next day. To his way of thinking, he might as well run over a possum in the street by the way he treated the murder of one black teen and threatened the lives of the other three teens.

Now remember, this murder was after the killing of the black teen, Trayvon Martin, and was also done in the gun happy state of Florida.

Why did not the shooter show some empathy or remorse for his untoward actions against an unarmed teen? Apparently, in the mindset of the shooter, that black teen's life was of minimal value and why should he inconvenience himself by waiting around for the police to arrive... after all, we are only talking about black folks.

The cowardly shooter could have easily left the area by calling to his girlfriend, who was in the store at the time, and driving elsewhere...or he could have put up with the "thug

music" (as he called it) and, upon finishing the carryout business, leave... hurling curses and invectives in his pathway.

The callous shooter did neither. He was in a bloodlust and he wanted to be satisfied and that is why he imagined his life was in danger and that is how he fortified this fantasy lie so he could justify pulling out his gun and blowing that teen into the next life.

The shooter...the bully...the racist gun slinger...the coward...the liar... wanted revenge. Revenge against "thug music." Revenge against black people. Revenge against his perceived threats of black people taking over. Revenge against his false sense of security that can only be ameliorated by the use of a loaded weapon.

The dead black teen had no options. No chance. He was facing the spectre of death in spite of anything he could do...or not do.

The firing of 10 bullets into that car meant that the shooter wanted to establish himself as the John Wayne of that carryout and all that mattered was that his bloodlust had to be quenched.

All that mattered is that he had a chance to arguably relieve pent up hatred and anger against black people via the code words of, "thug music."

His 10 angry bullets spoke that message in ten different life threatening ways.

You then fast-forward to a trial where a jury was incredibly unable to find this killer guilty of first or second degree murder. We do not yet know the numbers that made up the mistrial on the murder charge but for a jury to not find the shooter's act deliberate...10 times over... is a stretch of credulity.

You may have also heard of black parents now either telling or re-telling this story with admonitions to their male children that they need

to "step lightly and circumspectly" when dealing in or with any situation involving not only the police but now also, the added burden of a non-black person who carries around a presumed or apparent authority to act like a cop (backed up with a loaded gun) in a situation involving black youths.

You may have heard the recent story of a 76- year-old white male in Minnesota who confronted, shot and killed his next-door neighbor who was a 13-year-old black kid whom he thought broke into his house and stole some guns.

The kid was shot to death while

his frantic mother and other witnesses looked on. The kid's crime at the time of the shooting? Taking out the trash, in the middle of the day and being confronted by this gun-toting angry white man.

The conversation has again been with black parents telling their kids, especially the black male child, that living in America, even in a so-called safe gated community (where Trayvon Martin was visiting his father at the time of his murder) is fraught with danger and you just do not know when a black parent could get a call from the police department or, worse

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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 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 25

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

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

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

March 12

Engaging Men Forum: 9 to 11:30 am; The Educational Service Center; An opportunity to engage men in a discussion about domestic violence issues; Speaker gus Funk; Breakfast and sign in at 8:30 am: 419-244-3053

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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NAACP Statement on the Michael Dunn Verdict: "There Are No Winners in this Case"

Adora Obi Nweze,
President of the
Florida State NAACP:

"The State of Florida has spoken and 47-year old Michael Dunn will have to answer for some of his crimes relating to having opened fire on an SUV filled with unarmed black teenagers. Today a jury convicted Dunn on four counts for the attempted murder of Tevin Thompson, Leland Brunson, and Tommy Storns, the three teens in the car with Jordan. The judge declared mistrial on the count of first-degree murder that applied to the death of Jordan Davis.

"While prosecutors have stated they will retry Michael Dunn for the murder of Jordan Davis, there are no winners in this case. Two parents will forever remain without their only son; three other young men had their lives changed forever and the State of Florida and the country as a whole is left to deal with yet another senseless murder of an innocent young man whose life was cut short for no other reason than the color of his skin. Young, black men are not thugs or suspicious by definition; and this important verdict reconfirms that those who commit crimes based on those misplaced preconceptions will not go unpunished.

"The NAACP will continue to push for a change in the laws that make these types of crimes more prevalent and the punishment for their commission,

less likely. Stand Your Ground laws create an environment that places far too many people, especially young African-American men, at risk of losing their lives as a result of nothing more than the perception that someone "feels" threatened. The only possible result of assigning life and death decision-making authority to anyone with a gun is the unnecessary loss of innocent lives.

"The NAACP will continue to work with the State of Florida and the other 33 states across the country who currently maintain some form of stand your ground law to repeal these inherently discriminatory laws. People should be allowed to live without constant fear that their lives are at risk just because of someone's offensive – often race-based – perception. Inappropriate stereotyping should not carry a penalty of death for black youth."

Niaz Kasravi, NAACP Criminal Justice Director:

"This case is a perfect example of how stand your ground laws are illogical and often lead to tragic outcomes, especially to people of color who often end up on the wrong side of the weapon," stated Niaz Kasravi, PhD, NAACP Criminal Justice Director. To help prevent future tragedies such as the death of Jordan Davis, we must repeal stand your grounds laws and bring back common sense self-defense policies in every state across this country."

Kevin Myles, NAACP Region 5 Director:

"I'm happy that Michael Dunn will now be off the streets, but my heart is heavy for that fact that he was not held accountable for the young life he stole," stated Kevin Myles, NAACP Region 5 Director. "That said, I applaud the prosecutors' decision to retry the first degree murder charge and look forward to justice being served."



Jordan Davis

Senator Brown Sworn in to Serve on Ohio Retirement Study Council

Special to The Truth

Last week, State Senator Edna Brown (D-Toledo) was officially sworn in to serve as a member of the Ohio Retirement Study Council (ORSC). The Council was created in 1968 to help facilitate the formation of sound public pension policy in the State of Ohio.

on behalf of Ohio's public servants."

The ORSC currently oversees the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System, the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio, the School Employees Retirement System of Ohio, the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund, and the Ohio Highway Patrol Retirement System.



Edna Brown

"Responsible stewardship of Ohio's public retirement systems is vitally important to their long term stability and to ensuring a secure retirement for thousands of Ohioans," said Brown. "I look forward to working with the other members of this council

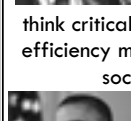
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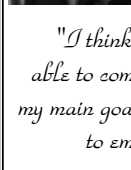
"Any book that helps a child to form a habit of reading, to make reading one of his deep and continuing needs, is good for him." ~ Maya Angelou



"The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you." ~ B. B. King



"The function of education, therefore, is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. But education which stops with efficiency may prove the greatest menace to society." ~ Martin Luther King, Jr.



Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek. ~ Barack Obama



"I think education is power. I think that being able to communicate with people is power. One of my main goals on the planet is to encourage people to empower themselves." ~ Oprah Winfrey

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Black History Month Celebrated at Herzing

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Herzing University-Toledo will observe Black History Month on Thursday, February 20 with a number of visual options:

4-5 pm Soul Food Cookoff—students and staff compete in this annual friendly competition held in the Student Lounge.

5-7 pm BHM program—This program will include an interpretive student dance,

a reading of the winning BHM essay by the student contest winner, and the presentation of the play *Bourbon at the Border*, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of “Freedom Summer.” Three of our students will present the play, followed by an open discussion with the cast members. The play follows the lives of two ordinary people who joined hundreds of other Americans for a massive voter registration drive in Mississippi in the summer of 1964.

During the program, a mini-service fair will be set up in the library for students to browse, get questions answered, and sign up for a variety of services, including free tax prep. A yoga demonstration and class will be held from 6:30-7 pm.

We hope to see you on campus Thursday evening. *All events are free and open to the public.*

Your First Look East Toledo Women's Center Now Open

Your First Look East Toledo Women's Center is now open. The center is located at 101 Main Street, Suite 4, in the historic Weber Block Building.

Open Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., the office offers free pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, and confidential options counseling, according to Leeann Beach, patient services manager for the East Toledo location.

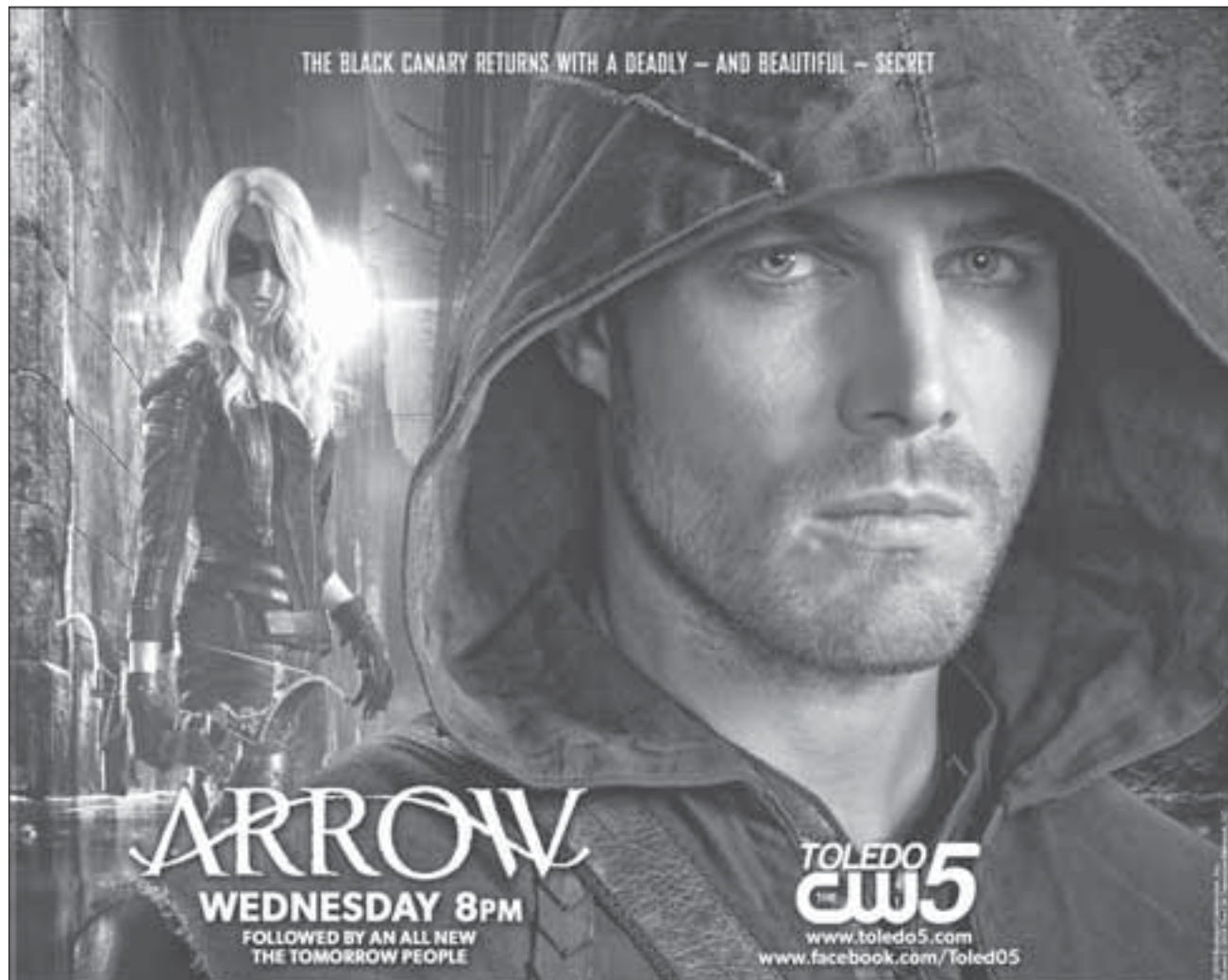
“Our new office also offers prenatal and par-

enting classes and emergency assistance,” Mrs. Beach says. She adds that the new location will also offer both a Relationship Smarts and Just for Dads programs. Both of these programs last six weeks.

Every class and service offered by Your First Look East Toledo is free and completely confidential, Mrs. Beach adds. Those who complete any classes or programs will earn points which can be used to get free baby items.

The East Toledo Women's Center joins Your First Look's other location at 4041 W. Sylvania Ave., Suite LL5, across from Franklin Park Mall. To schedule an appointment for either location call or text, 567-455-1101.

Your First Look Women's Centers are run by Heartbeat of Toledo. Heartbeat's mission is to be the best source of information and support to women facing pregnancies and to help families in need.



Black American Reactions to Lincoln's Death Topic of Lourdes History Lecture

Special to The Truth

Lourdes University is pleased to announce its 2014 Distinguished Lectureship in American History & Culture, "The Reaction of Black Americans to Lincoln's Death" on Thursday, March 6, at 7 p.m. in the Franciscan Center. Guest lecturer is Leonne M. Hudson, PhD, associate professor of history at Kent State University.

Leonne M. Hudson is associate professor of history and the faculty advisor to Phi Alpha Theta at Kent State University. He received his B.A. at Voorhees College and his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees at Kent State University. Hudson's specialty is 19th Century U.S. history, though he has also extensively researched the Mexican War and the Civil War era, particularly the military contributions of black troops to the Union effort. Currently, he has a research project in progress on the reaction of black soldiers to the death of Abraham Lincoln. His published works include: *Company 'A' Corps of Engineers (U.S.A., 1846-1848) in the Mexican War*, and *The Odyssey of a Southerner: The Life and Times of Gustavus Woodson Smith*.

When Abraham Lincoln was called by the angels to make his "sacrifice upon the altar of freedom" on April 15, 1865, the Union felt it had lost its most powerful and elegant voice. Lamentations

of grief were said to have permeated every corner of the nation, including in the Black American community which was plunged into deep mourning for the man whom they had come to admire as their Savior, friend, and protector. Many freedmen wondered aloud what would happen to them in the wake of Lincoln's demise. The disillusionment of the former slaves was magnified with their belief that the government itself had died along with its president because the two of them were inextricably bound together.

Consumed with grief and sorrow, many in the black American community believed that a return to slavery was a real possibility. The famous abolitionist and orator Frederick Douglass eulogized the slain Civil War president a few days after his assassination. He said, "No people or class of people in the country have a better reason for lamenting the death of Abraham Lincoln, and for desiring to honor and perpetuate his memory, than have the colored people."

After a three-week long funeral, Abraham Lincoln, the man who had saved the Union, championed freedom for African Americans, and made the ultimate sacrifice was laid to rest in Oak Ridge cemetery on May 4, 1865. After a journey through



Leonne Hudson

the Civil War and a 1,700-mile journey by train, Springfield's most famous son was finally home.

This program is made possible, in part, by the Ohio Humanities Council with support by the National Endowment for the Humanities. Any views, findings, conclusions, or recommendations expressed in the program do not necessarily reflect those of the National Endowment for the Humanities, or of the Ohio Humanities Council.

Lourdes University to Celebrate Black History Month through Poetry, Song, Dance

Students to perform "praise dance" and give presentation on Civil Rights Movement

Special to The Truth

Lourdes University is pleased to host its annual Celebration of Black History on Wednesday, February 26 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. This year's celebration features keynote speakers **Juanita Greene**, former director of the City of Toledo's Board of Community Relations, and **Mark Robinson**, director of Field Education in Lourdes' Department of Social Work and founder of R.E.S.T.O.R.E., Inc.

following performers:

- **The Toledo Choral Society**, Richard Napierala, Director
- **The Lourdes University Chorus and Good Company Ensemble**, Karen T. Biscay, Director
- **Toledo Youth Choir**, Antoinette Goodloe, Director
- **Annette McClair**, Local Poet & Artist

Students at Lourdes will pay tribute to Black History with presentations from Lourdes' Civil Rights Movement course, and a praise dance performed by Kiera Williams. The celebration also includes poetry and live music by the

Lourdes' Celebration of Black History Month will be held in the Franciscan Center, and is free and open to the public. For more information, please contact Larry Murphy, Assistant Professor of Sociology and Justice Studies, at (419) 824-3825.



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The Time to Stop Thinking “Democrat vs. Republican” Has Long Passed

By Rubin Patterson, Ph.D.
Guest Column

“Cultural lag” refers to the time when a cultural practice continues long after the material basis for the practice has ended. Expecting upper 20-something young men to buy dinner for women on dates today would be an example of a cultural lag. There was once a material basis for this cultural practice since men back in the day were far more likely to be in the workforce and to earn significantly more money than women, even if the women were working. Today, however, single, 22-30-year-old childless urban women are more likely to be in the workforce and, according to recent reports, earn on average eight percent more money than their male counterparts. So when a young man reaches for the check, it is likely to be more out of tradition than necessity.

Believe it or not, this is not a column about cultural lag in dating practices. Instead, this column is about the cultural lag in the way we think about political parties in the United States. Despite the fact that most Americans continue to think in terms of Democrat versus Republican, the traditional material basis for thinking about those two parties as

being organized around competing political philosophies and public policies on how best to move America forward no longer exists.

Back when there was a material basis for thinking Democrat versus Republican, irrespective of which party was governing, sections of U.S. workers were bound to at least make some gains since the production investments were primarily in the U.S. and workers would be performing the labor to produce the products and services that resulted in profits for the investor class. That time has passed!

What happens when the U.S. investor class gains much of its new wealth from foreign investments? When that is the case and the investor class dominates both political parties, thinking in terms of Democrat versus Republican is only out of tradition and habit rather than material reality or prudence.

In other words, the real struggle today is not between Democrat versus Republican; rather, it is between those who see the U.S. government as an instrument working on behalf of U.S. citizens versus those who see the U.S. government as an instru-

ment working on behalf of not just the U.S. investor class, but also of the whole global investor class. For this reason, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce welcomes campaign contributions from foreign entities.

Those who see the U.S. government as working for the American people believe in rebuilding America's infrastructure, creating substantially more high-wage career opportunities, and expanding the welfare state. Conversely, those who see the U.S. government as working for the globally oriented investor class are for shrinking and reconfiguring the U.S. government primarily to serve as a powerful institution for advancing global capitalism.

The top two percent of Americans who have their lobbyists and congressional members working overtime to extend their tax cuts and to cut them further are eager to invest those tax savings – over \$700 billion over the next past 10 years – in other countries and not so much in the United States. Consider that the last decade for the American stock market can be classified as the

lost decade whereas stock markets were buzzing in emerging markets. For example, Standard and Poor's 500-stock index finished the decade with negative total investment returns whereas stock markets over the same decade in emerging markets were up by double digits and even triple digits in some cases.

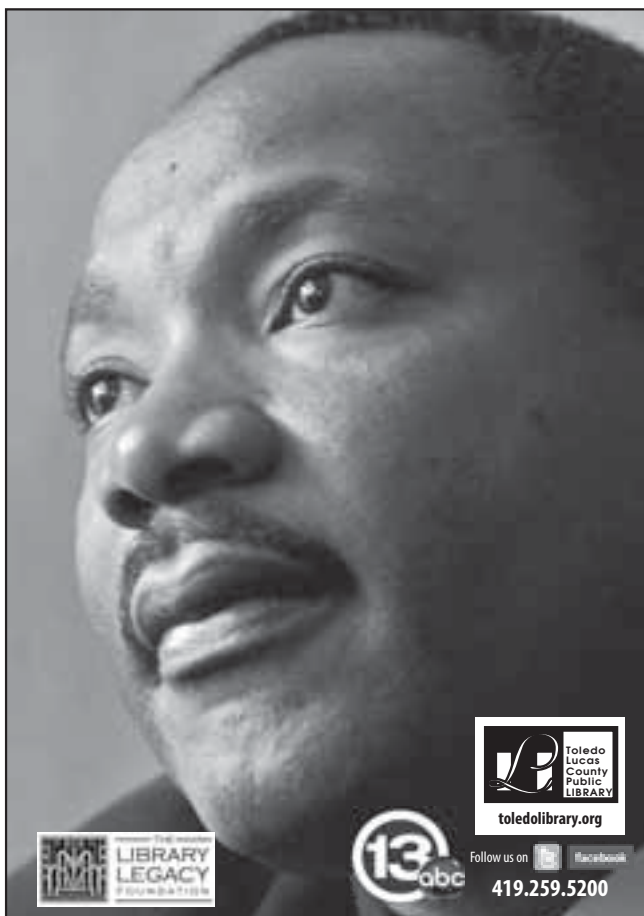
Meanwhile, the Wall Street Journal recently reported that since 2008, U.S. businesses shut nearly 20 percent more manufacturing plants than they opened. In fact, there are only about as many factories in America today as there were back in 1972.

The U.S. investor class wants to buy corporate stocks in the fastest growing economies. They also want to invest in places where, for example, the 900-mile industrial corridor is being built between New Delhi and Mumbai (i.e., between India's version of Washington, DC and New York

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- 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



How to Protect Your Nest Egg From Financial Downturns

Special to The Truth

From increased unemployment to commonplace home foreclosures, it's hard to forget the devastating effects of the 2008 financial crisis and the worst recession since the Great Depression.

While the hope is that regulatory bodies and bureaus created in the crisis' wake will help prevent a recurrence, some experts say these reforms were shaped by the same entities responsible for the crisis -- but that citizens have the power to chart a different course for their own economic futures.

"Whether policies were formed with selfless or selfish intentions, you don't need to quietly agree to them, especially if they are misguided. We have a system that can respond to the efforts of individual citizens," says Jay W. Richards, Distinguished Fellow at the Institute for Faith, Work & Economics and author of the new book, *Infiltrated: How to Stop the Insiders and Activists Who Are Exploiting the Financial Crisis to Control Our Lives and Our Fortunes*.

In his book, Richards suggests that complacency on the part of ordinary citizens will lead to more serious fi-

nanacial disasters. He encourages readers to take steps to prevent future crises and protect their own nest eggs:

- **Get Informed:** "Many culpable entities used the crisis fallout to lay blame elsewhere and increase their own power," says Richards. "But with knowledge, prudence and intelligent action, history won't have to repeat itself."

"The only way to prevent deception and cynicism during future crises is for ordinary citizens to get informed and outraged enough to change our fiscal and regulatory trajectory," says Richards.

- **Take Control:** Online educational resources can help you get informed. To brush up on basic financial skills, visit MyMoney.gov, a site created by the Financial Literacy and Education Commission with information on how to save, what to consider when borrowing, and how to make a budget.

- **Diversify:** Experts recommend balancing different types of assets, such as cash, stocks, bonds and commodities. Having different types of investments means you might be better shielded from economic crises, because some assets might fall while

others might rise.

- **Don't Rely on Your Home:** If the recession taught people anything, it's not to rely too much on home equity for retirement. Many think their homes are more valuable than they really are or will be when it's time to retire.

- **Be Philanthropic:** "Those concerned about the future should be the first to grow effective local organizations providing real safety nets for the destitute," says Richards, who believes philanthropy is a moral responsibility best left to communities.

- **Think of the Future:** When a consumer borrows, she or he alone bears

the debt. However, when the government over-spends for short term goals, future generations are expected to foot some, or all, of the bill. "This is immoral and no fancy economic theory can change that," asserts Richards.

- **Be Civic:** Your vote matters to politicians. Call, write and visit them to express concerns over economic regulations you don't support.

More information about *Infiltrated* can be found at www.InfiltratedTheBook.com.

Remember, you don't need a PhD in economics to stay informed.

Courtesy StatePoint

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City). They also want to invest in China, which is just now building its versions of I-75 and I-95 interstate highways. As in the US decades ago, these new highways are magnets for new hotels, restaurants, office buildings, factories, new residential communities and other physical production. And new jobs are obviously created in China to carryout the production and expansion.

This globally-oriented U.S. investor class is not concerned with the Democrat versus Republican divide. Instead, they are only interested in putting into office as many members as possible who will deliver the legislation, policies and decisions that serve their global investment interests. Having five members on the Supreme Court deciding that secret, unlimited campaign contributions -- recognizing that some of these contributions will be from foreign entities -- are constitutional is a glaring example of the special interests of the globally oriented U.S. investor class.

Most of them will wear Republican uniforms and some will wear Democrat

uniforms. However, when officeholders veer from the agenda of this global investor class and pursue policies such as raising taxes on the wealthiest U.S. citizens, which lowers their cash pools for overseas investments, this investor class will work to defeat those officeholders.

Let us end the tradition of thinking Democrat versus Republican when the material reality is now about who is for expanding sustainable opportunities in America versus who is for the globally oriented investor class.

Those who want to see America move forward with rebuilding infrastructures (from energy to education to transportation), generating bountiful new high-wage career opportunities and expanding its welfare-state via a sustainable economy will have to pursue politics more cold-bloodedly to match the way the globally oriented U.S. investor class pursues politics.

Rubin Patterson, Ph.D., is professor of Sociology, chairman of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology and director of Africana Studies at The University of Toledo.

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Growth Doesn't Just Happen – Assume Nothing

By Tiffany Reynolds, Success Coach

The Truth Contributor

As we celebrate MLK Day and Black History Month at this time of the year, I'm truly proud to learn how Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr ignited the world with his unshakable faith. It would have given me a greater pleasure to learn from him directly.

However, instead I had the privilege to learn from my super heroes and mentors - my parents: Joseph Mitchell and Celeste Mitchell. It's because of Dr. King and my parents, along with some of you. We all should continue to carry the torch of pressing toward our dream.

I certainly can attest to being a recipient of carrying the torch - the dream in the making. This queen's dream unfolds. On January 3, 2014, the beginning of my dream unwrapped as I had the grand opening of my new business location - Tiffany Reynolds' Company, 3295 Levis Commons, Perrysburg, Ohio.

The purpose of my company is to provide premier leadership and personal development training to ignite leaders to discover their career passion. Although the weather was cold and unpleasant, I had to postpone the event. However, two of my wonderful friends: Vincent Wiggins and Cynthia Snodgrass made my day as they blazed the inclement weather and showcased their warm embrace. How sweet, indeed! I was over-joyed!

Actually, my dream is to become a renowned international speaker and teacher spreading the good news that **Your dream, Your passion is waiting on you - don't just stand there - Do SUMthing!** Are you ready to get started in pursuit of your dreams? Register today for the FREE workshop - Learn the Law, Live the Law and Lead the Law email followingmypassion@tiffanyreynolds.com to obtain details.

Growth Doesn't Just Happen – Growth Gap Traps

In the book, *The 15 Invaluable Laws of Growth* written by John Maxwell determines, "if you have dreams, goals, or aspirations, you need to grow to achieve them. But, if you're like I was - and if you're like most people - you have one or more mistaken beliefs that create a gap that keeps you from growing and reaching your potential. Take a look at the following misconceptions about growth that may be holding you back from being an intentional as you need to be.

The Assumption Gap - "I Assume That I Will Automatically Grow"

When we are children, our bodies grow automatically. A year goes by, and we become taller, stronger, more capable of doing new things and facing new challenges. I think many people carry into adulthood a subconscious belief that mental, spiritual, and emotional growth follows a similar pattern. Time goes by, and we simply get better. We're like Charlie Brown in Charles Schultz's Peanuts comic strip, who once said, "I think I've discovered the secret of life -- you just hang around until you get used to it." The problem is that we don't improve by simply living. We have to be intentional about it.



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Musician Bruce Springsteen commented, "A time comes when you need to stop waiting for the man you want to become and start being the man you want to be." No one improves by accident. Personal growth doesn't just happen on its own. And once you're done with your formal education, you must take complete ownership of the growth process, because nobody else will do it for you.

As Michel de Montaigne observed, "No wind favors him who has no destined port." If you want your life to improve, you must improve yourself. You must make that a tangible target."

Are you ready to begin your growth journey? If so, register for the FREE workshop "Learn the Law, Live the Law & and Lead the Law today. Send an email to followingmypassion@tiffanyreynolds.com to obtain details.

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In Iditarod and Retirement, Prep Is Key

By Phil Walton, Social Security Manager in Toledo, OH
Special to The Truth

The Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race, held each March in Alaska, is one of the harshest, most challenging races known to man (or dog). Mushers embark on a race from Anchorage to Nome that takes between nine and 15 days.

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The same can be said for your race toward retirement and Social Security. No one would hit the trail without being ready for the challenges. Similarly, no worker today should be navigating toward retirement without a little bit of preparing, planning, and stick-to-itiveness.

Choosing your steps is as important as selecting the right sled dogs. Your first step in planning for a comfortable retirement is to look at your *Social Security Statement*, which you can do online easily with a my *Social Security* account.

The online *Statement* is easy to use and provides estimates you should consider in planning for your retirement. It provides estimates for disability and survivors benefits, making the *Statement* an important financial planning tool.

Your *Statement* allows you to review and ensure your earnings are accurately posted to your Social Security record. This feature is important because Social Security benefits are based on average earnings over your lifetime. If the information is incorrect, or you have earnings missing from your record, you may not receive all of the benefits to which you are entitled in the future. Visit www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount to set up a my *Social Security* account and get started.

Before heading into the snowy terrain, you want to make sure you have prepared for a number of different possible obstacles on the trail. For retirement planning, you'll want to test out the *Retirement Estimator* to see how changes in your income, retirement age, and other variables may change your overall plan. Use our *Retirement Estimator*, where you can get a personalized, instant estimate of your future retirement benefits using different retirement ages and scenarios. Visit the *Retirement Estimator* at www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator. Out in the cold, you'll be thankful for the provisions you've brought along. In retirement, you'll

understand why it was so important for you to save early on.

The sooner you begin your financial planning, the better off you will be. Social Security replaces about 40 percent of the average worker's pre-retirement earnings, but most financial advisors say that you will need 70 percent or more of pre-retirement earnings to live comfortably. You also will need other savings, investments, pensions or retirement accounts to make sure you have financial security to live comfortably when you retire. Visit the Ballpark Estimator for tips to help you save. You'll find it at www.choosetosave.org/ballpark.

Use our online library of publications as your trail map or guidebook to help you when it comes to planning for retirement. Check out *When To Start Receiving Retirement Benefits*. It and many other useful publications can be found at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs. As you mush, mush, mush toward retirement, remember that it's not about the destination, but all about the journey. Spending a little time to prepare along the way will make all the difference when you cross the finish line into retirement.

Lucas County Auditor Joins Project PJ

Auditors Office partners with Seagate Food Bank to help needy families

Special to The Truth

The Toledo Seagate Food Bank is collecting PJs and other bedtime items for needy families in the area. The Food Bank and their partners want to make sure the people in our area have all the nighttime supplies they need. Items being sought are pajamas, toothbrushes, toothpaste, slippers and blankets. Most new or slightly used items are accepted for both adults and children.

Lucas County Auditor Anita Lopez is partnering with Seagate Food Bank for this important cause. Lopez appeared at the Fallen Timbers Mall on Monday, February 17 (President's Day), to accept donations and thank Food Bank supporters. The event ran from 11:30 to 1:00pm.

Additionally, Seagate Food Bank has provided a drop off box in the Auditor's Office at One Government Center for County employees while other locations for drop off include: Concept Rehab, all Genoa Bank locations, Phi-Sig-



Anita Lopez

ma Rho-Delta (University of Toledo), The Pharmacy Counter (all locations), Dan R's Automotive and ServiceMaster Clean.

Seagate Food Bank collects bedtime items through the month of February and then makes individual packs, using pillow cases, filled with things they have collected. Last year the Food Bank gave away approximately 500 kits and this year they are hoping to raise the number to 750.



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Foreign Money Transfers Just Got Safer

By Jason Alderman
Special to The Truth

If you're among the millions of U.S. residents who each year send tens of billions of dollars to family, friends or foreign businesses overseas, here's good news: The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau recently instituted new rules governing international electronic money transfers to better protect consumers against hidden fees and improve dispute resolution policies.

CFPB was given oversight over international money transfers as part of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010. Up until then, federal consumer protection rules did not apply to most "remittance transfers," whose exchange rates, processing fees and taxes often vary widely and can be hard to decipher.

Here's an overview of the new remittance transfer rules:

In general, most foreign money transfers for more than \$15 sent by money

transmitters (like Western Union and MoneyGram), banks, credit unions and other financial services companies that consistently send more than 100 international money transfers annually are covered.

These institutions now must fully disclose their fees, taxes and foreign currency exchange rates so consumers will have a clearer picture of the true cost of transactions and be able to more easily comparison shop. Also, once a transaction concludes, the company now must provide a receipt that repeats this same information, as well as shows the date when the money will arrive and directions for reporting any problems with the transfer.

The new regulations include several additional protections:

- Consumers are allowed 30 minutes (and sometimes longer) to cancel a transfer after they've paid – in which case, they're entitled to a full refund.

(However, if the recipient has already picked up the funds or had them deposited into their account before 30 minutes have passed, the refund guarantee is voided.)

- If the wire was scheduled in advance, you can cancel it up to three business days before the transmission and receive a full refund.

- Senders have 180 days to report any errors they later uncover. By law, the company must investigate such reports within 90 days. For certain errors (e.g., if the money never arrived), you can ask for a full refund or have the money resent.

While the new regulations are certainly welcome, they don't go far enough when it comes to helping customers compare the net costs of making money transfers at different vendors. You'll still need to carefully weigh each company's exchange rate (which fluctuates frequently) and fees (which vary depending on how much you're sending, how quickly you want the money to arrive and the funding method) to determine which one provides the best value – the so-called "effective exchange rate."

One company may have a more favorable exchange rate than another but

charge higher fees. Depending on how much money you're trying to transfer and by what method, however, the balance could shift over which transaction is more cost-effective.

To calculate various effective exchange rates, add the amount you're sending (in U.S. dollars) plus all fees; then divide that into the amount of foreign currency to be delivered. The company with the highest result provides the best value.

If you don't trust your math skills, Viamerica has a handy comparison tool that lets you plug in fees and exchange rates for up to three additional vendors and it will calculate their effective exchange rates (visit www.viamerica.com). Use the tool's manual comparison option to allow for more choices.

For more information on the new remittance transfer rule, visit www.cfpb.gov.

Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs. To participate in a free, online Financial Literacy and Education Summit on April 2, 2014, go to www.practicalmoneyskills.com/summit2014.

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The Economy of You by Kimberly Palmer

By Terri Schlichenmeyer
The Truth Contributor

The rumblings you hear from around the office are disturbing.

Something's happening: layoffs, downsizing, something worse, you're not sure which. You're afraid it'll crumble your career. It might tear your income in half.

Every day, you go to work with hopes of riding out this latest mini-disaster. And once you read *The Economy of You* by Kimberly Palmer, you'll see that you can survive the upheaval.

It's no big surprise: these days, a lot of people are un- or under-employed, or worried about becoming either. They're concerned about their employee benefits, and definitely about retirement. That shakiness, and the inherent financial pressures, may be why many workers are turning to entrepreneurship.

"Most of us don't even think of ourselves as entrepreneurs," says Palmer, but "we were forced to

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invent a new plan for ourselves" because a traditional job "began to wobble," benefits were cut, or personal financial obligations somehow increased.

To help determine if you've got what it takes to be an entrepreneur, she says, think about your passions and skills. Would somebody pay you to do that which you love doing anyhow? What do you like to talk about? In what capacity do you enjoy helping people? What part of your current job do you "wish you could do more of?"

Once you've identified a valid way to bring a little more money into your household, "launch a test run." See if you can market your product online (she mentions

several sites you can use). Utilize your network to "shamelessly" drum up business (but beware of potential conflicts with your current employer). Start blogging, look for guest-blogging opportunities, be willing to give product away initially, and establish a solid presence on social media. You'll want maximum (free) publicity.

"Leverage" your day job, if it's possible (and there's a right way to do it!). Look for a good accountant. "Make use of slivers of time" and eliminate time-wasters. And enjoy your new gig because, with it, "life can feel a little more stable – even in an economy that isn't."

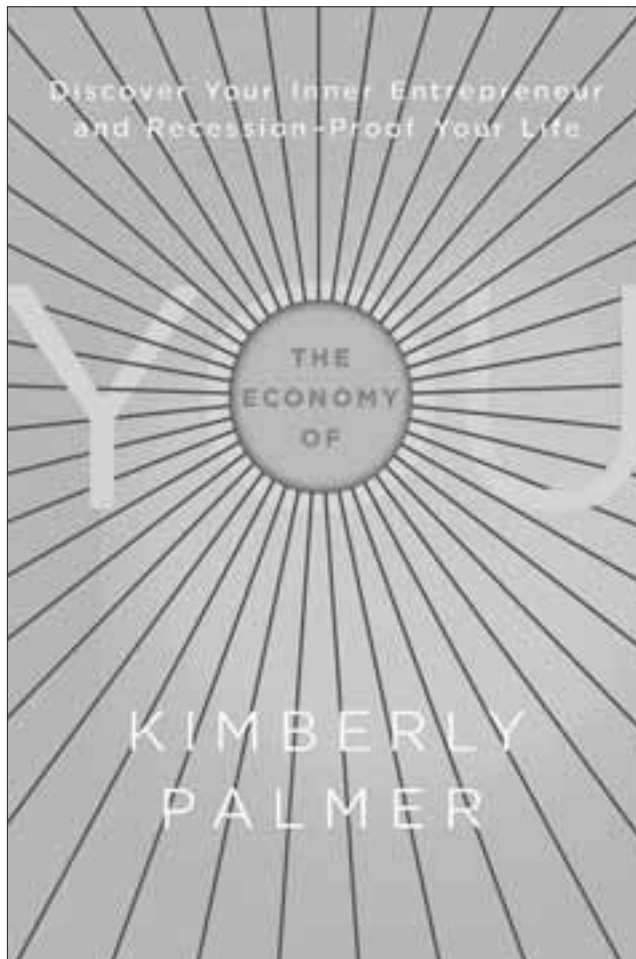
As I was reading *The Economy of You*, I couldn't help but think that something was missing. Author Kimberly Palmer does a great job in presenting enough success stories to light a fire in anyone who's got the entrepreneurial spirit. That go-get-'em is infectious, but the

problem is that this book leaves some people out.

There's a lot about blogging here, to the point that I almost forgot that it's about starting and nurturing a successful "side-gig," and not just about blogging. Depending on the type of business, and for a lot of entrepreneurs, that isn't going to help much. Yes, there were examples of non-internet side-gigs, but there needed to be more of them.

I think this book is useful – for the right entrepreneur. For sure, it's worth a careful look-see because it is filled with great ideas and all kinds of encouragement. If that's what you need, then you might need *The Economy of You*.

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NAACP Applauds Attorney General Holder for Speaking Out Against Felony Disenfranchisement

Holder's Remarks Follow NAACP's Nationwide "Restore the Votes" Campaign

The NAACP commends Attorney General of the United States Eric Holder for speaking out against laws prohibiting people with felony convictions from voting even after they have served the terms of their sentences. The NAACP has been actively engaged in campaigns in Florida, Iowa, Virginia, Delaware and other states to bring the practice to an end.

"By perpetuating the stigma and isolation imposed on formerly incarcerated individuals, these laws increase the likelihood they will commit future crimes," Holder said at a Washington, DC, symposium on sentencing laws.

Florida, Iowa, and Kentucky are the only states that continue to disenfranchise persons convicted of felonies even after they have completed all of the terms of their sentences. There are an estimated 1.5 million disenfranchised citizens in Florida alone.

"This statement does much to make combatting

felony disenfranchisement a national fight and not just a state one," said Jotaka Eaddy, NAACP Senior Director for Voting Rights. "The NAACP and several other groups have been fighting on the ground to rid our country of a practice that has its roots in black codes designed to eliminate black participation at the ballot box."

Through executive order, Virginia became the most recent state to grant automatic restoration of rights to people with non-violent felony convictions who had completed the terms of their sentence. Months before, Delaware amended its state Constitution to allow people with non-violent felony convictions who have completed the terms of their sentence to vote after years of coalition work.

"While all of our local efforts have covered a lot of ground during the last decade in states like Maryland, Delaware, and Virginia we have much

more work to do as a nation," said Eaddy.

In October 2012, the NAACP launched a national felony disenfranchisement campaign to advocate for the restoration of voting rights for millions of citizens formerly convicted of felonies. The campaign featured billboards of formerly incarcerated citizens from across the country, including celebrity activists Judge Greg Mathis and Charles S. Dutton.

Holder's announcement follows three NAACP delegation visits to the United Nations Human Rights Council in Geneva, Switzerland. As part of the visits, the delegation has held panel discussions on felony disenfranchisement and the attack on voting rights in states across the nation.

An NAACP delegation will be deployed this March to address the same topic at the U.S. Government's UN International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights review.

Andy... continued from page 2

yet, the coroner's office, saying that your son has been shot dead.

For your parents, Andy, such a call would be rare because you walk around with the mantle of the presumed innocence due to white skin privileges and the gun-toting policeman or wannabe vigilante are, for the most part, white.

Andy, you got it "made in the shade" with the societal grant of white skin privileges! If there is a doubt between you and a black kid in the same and similar situation, the investigators (probably being white) will give you the benefit of the doubt when they see who you are, where you come from and how well you speak the English language.

Yes, Andy, society has weighted it "goodies" towards you and your posse. The good low-hanging fruit of this society bends toward the kid who

has white skin and blue eyes, who does not drop the endings of his words... even if you wear a hoodie and like to listen to black rap or hip hop music blaring out of headphones or a car.

Andy, society allows the white skin privileges that you consciously or unconsciously enjoy as a cloak for giving you the benefit of the doubt that you are a good white kid and, as such, you are given every benefit of the doubt that, when in trouble, law enforcement will say to each other and to the media, "that's Andy, he is one of us."

Andy, my boy, society has given you a pass that it will honor and protect unless and until you do something so foul and heinous that it will revoke your white skin privileges in order to make sure that the next Andy can still use or benefit from them.

Andy, by accident of birth, you are given a pass to the American Dream if you just keep your nose

clean, work hard and follow the script.

You know the script: you can act out while you are young and even act like a wannabe black boy, and with all of the gesturings, clothes, shoes and music, you can act out your fantasies but when it is time to close down the show and act white, you gotta know when to assert the white-skin privileges and return to "your own."

So, go ahead Andy, have the time of your life, walking that tightrope between obedience and disobedience, indulging in any forbidden fruits that catch your eye with the safe realization that if things get tough, really tough, and you are caught up in a jam involving race, you can lean back, smile and throw down that race card that... "get out of jail free card" and walk away and make it home... alive.

In closing, Andy, enjoy your race card but at least have some respect for yourself that you will seek out to know how America's long and tortuous racial history that has caused such a card to be issued to the Andys in the USA.

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Worthy Brown's Daughter by Phillip Margolin

By Terri Schlichenmeyer
The Truth Contributor

You know your rights!

Or, well, at least you're pretty sure you do. Laws can change quickly and they're often up for interpretation. Sometimes, there's a gray area, too, and...

So you know your rights. But how to enforce them is perhaps another matter - especially if you'd once been a slave. In the new novel *Worthy Brown's Daughter* by Phillip Margolin, that's one man's struggle.

Facing a noose-waving lynch mob would terrify anyone.

Matthew Penny knew that to be a fact: as a lawyer, he'd seen many men strung up and his new client, a traveling salesman, was meant to be next. Penny was sure the man wasn't guilty, though, but it was 1860 on the frontier, corruption was common, and the man's beautiful, exotic accuser seemed to have the judge under her spell.

And as it turned out, the salesman was convicted and harshly punished but things could have been worse. He would've hung, were it not for the quiet black man who approached Penny and whispered that the trial was rigged.

Weeks later, in Penny's Portland office, it was time to pay for that information.

Worthy Brown had once been a slave in Savannah, and had traveled west with his owner, Caleb Barbour, who was escaping debt. But slavery was illegal in Oregon and Brown was now a free man, though Barbour still held Brown's only child, Roxanne. The law was on Brown's side but Barbour was smart, and well-connected.

Brown needed Penny's help.

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her. He knew Rachel would want him happy - but what would she say about his growing romance with the daughter of Portland's wealthiest citizen?

That vexed him greatly, but there wasn't time to dwell on it. Saving Brown's daughter from her captor was more important. And since Barbour had started collecting supporters, there was no chance for error on Penny's part...

Good and bad. That's this book.

Author Phillip Margolin admits that he took license with history in order to write *Worthy Brown's Daughter* and, indeed, the premise of this novel bears rather small resemblance to the true events it's "loosely" based upon. The real-life tale of "several" unlawfully-held former slave children is surely one of fascination and outrage - but here, it's watered down by fiction that mostly seems to get in the way, and that turns what might've been a stellar novel into just another courtroom drama.

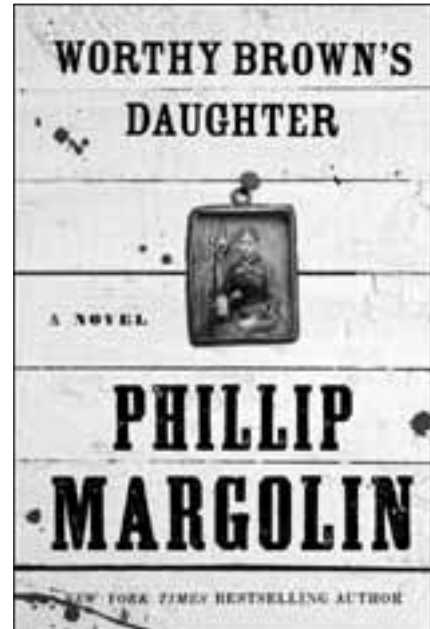
And yet - there's Worthy Brown.

Margolin makes his title character someone who's steadfast and solid, someone you desperately want to win. Brown is just one man in this well-populated story, but his presence alone will keep your nose buried in this book.

Overall, I think that if you're looking for historical accuracy, you'll be happier looking elsewhere. This ain't what you want. But if you need a decent enough novel to pass the time and

Penny understood loss all too well. Traveling westbound two years prior, his beloved wife had drowned during a river crossing, and he sorely missed

you think *Worthy Brown's Daughter* is it... you might be right.



Thousands Invade Polish Village for Paczki Fundraiser

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The 24th annual "PACZKOWY FEST" spans three days from Sunday, March 2 through Fat Tuesday on March 4. This year's flavors are raspberry, custard, lemon, plain, prune, apricot, blueberry, apple and raisin. And back by popular demand "Chocolate Flavor." Prices are the same as last year: \$7 per half dozen; \$13 per dozen; \$10 for Polish coffee cakes and \$3 for souvenir canvas tote bags. Over 1,500 dozen Paczki will be sold citywide, even as far away as Sandusky.

The location is 3101 Lagrange Street (the Old Library Building) in the historic Polish Village, at the corner of Lagrange Street and Central Av-

enue (look for banners on building).

Paczki Days & Hours

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RFP #14-R001

Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority (LMHA) will receive proposals for **Financial Consultant for Mixed-Finance Housing Projects**. Received in accordance with law until Mon., March. 3, 2014, 3PM ET. For Documents: www.lucasmha.org, 435 Nebraska Ave., Toledo, OH 43604 or 419-259-9400 (TRS: Dial 711). Proposers required to meet Affirmative Action and Equal Employment Opportunity requirements as described in Executive Order #11246. Sec. 3 Compliance Applicable.



NOTICE TO BIDDERS

SEALED PROPOSALS for bidding on **Renovations for Secor Metropark National Center for Nature Photography, Berkey, Ohio** will be received; opened; and read aloud at the Metropolitan Park District of the Toledo Area, Fallen Timbers Field Office, 6101 Fallen Timbers Lane, Maumee, Ohio 43537 **Friday, February 21, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.** local time.

THE SCOPE OF WORK consists of interior and exterior improvements to an existing 1,075 sq. ft. building, formerly the "General Store" in Providence Metropark. General constructions includes select demolition, rough and finish carpentry, windows, doors, exterior wood decking, siding, trims, railings & handrails, interior paneling & trims, patch epoxy flooring, metal roof coating system, modest HVAC & electrical, finishes & paint. Bidders may obtain copies of plans, specifications, contract documents and plan-holder's list through Newfax Corporation, 333 West Woodruff, Toledo, Ohio 43604 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (check made payable to Newfax Corporation) or via the Newfax Digital Plan Room at www.newfaxcorp.com. Newfax can be contacted at 419-241-5157 or 800-877-5157. A non-refundable fee of \$15 is required for each set of documents obtained. For additional information, please contact Jon Zvanovec @ 419-360-9184, jon.zvanovec@metroparkstoledo.com.

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THE SCOPE OF WORK consists of interior and exterior improvements to an existing 1,075 sq. ft. building, formerly the "General Store" in Providence Metropark. General constructions includes select demolition, rough and finish carpentry, windows, doors, exterior wood decking, siding, trims, railings & handrails, interior paneling & trims, patch epoxy flooring, metal roof coating system, modest HVAC & electrical, finishes & paint. Bidders may obtain copies of plans, specifications, contract documents and plan-holder's list through Newfax Corporation, 333 West Woodruff, Toledo, Ohio 43604 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (check made payable to Newfax Corporation) or via the Newfax Digital Plan Room at www.newfaxcorp.com. Newfax can be contacted at 419-241-5157 or 800-877-5157. A non-refundable fee of \$15 is required for each set of documents obtained. For additional information, please contact Jon Zvanovec @ 419-360-9184, jon.zvanovec@metroparkstoledo.com.

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THE SCOPE OF WORK consists of a 300 sq. ft. shelter house addition, improvements to the existing structure and site-work. General construction includes select demolition, rough and finish carpentry, concrete, masonry, asphalt roofing, electrical, plumbing, drywall, HVAC, paint & stain. Bidders may obtain copies of plans, specifications, contract documents and plan-holder's list through Newfax Corporation, 333 West Woodruff, Toledo, Ohio 43604 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (check made payable to Newfax Corporation) or via the Newfax Digital Plan Room at www.newfaxcorp.com. Newfax can be contacted at 419-241-5157 or 800-877-5157. A non-refundable fee of \$30 is required for each set of documents obtained. For additional information, please contact Jon Zvanovec @ 419-360-9184, jon.zvanovec@metroparkstoledo.com.

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AKA Founders' Day Luncheon

Sojourner's Truth Staff

Members of the Zeta Alpha Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc celebrated their 106th annual Founders' Day with a program on Saturday, February 15 at Parkway Place – the luncheon was the culmination of a weekend of activities which highlighted "The Golden Soros" – those members who have given service for 50 years or more.

This year's guest speaker was First National Vice President Dorothy Buchanan Wilson, a Life Member with more than 35 years of service. Buchanan Wilson is an active member of the Upsilon Mu Omega Chapter in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and has served as charter president and organizer of the

chapter's Diamond Jubilee Pearls Foundation.

"Together we will move forward in service," said Buchanan Wilson to the luncheon attendees. Buchanan Wilson outlined for the chapter's members the obligations they faced in order to maintain and enhance the service they provide to their global community.

Buchanan Wilson is a businesswoman in the greater Milwaukee community, having worked in major corporate and non-profit positions for over 30 years. She is a senior vice president of Goodwill Industries – responsible for 500 employees and serving nearly 60,000 people annually with employment and support services in southeastern

Wisconsin and greater Chicago.

She holds a masters of business administration from Clark Atlanta University and a bachelor's degree in business administration and economics from Benedict College.

In addition to her duties with Alpha Kappa Alpha, Buchanan Wilson is also involved with Top Ladies of Distinction (a past national officer); the National Council of Negro Women and The Links, Inc.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc began as a vision of nine college students on the campus of Howard University in 1908. It is the oldest Greek-letter organization established by African-American

women. The sorority has a legacy of service that deepens, rather than ends, with college graduation. The goals of its programs center on significant issues in families, communities, government halls and world assembly chambers.

The Toledo chapter was an outgrowth of a combined membership of graduate and undergraduate members from the University of Toledo. In 1952 in the home of Reba Harris, Zeta Alpha Omega Chapter was chartered. The first president was Kathryn Franklin. Surviving Charter members are: Anna Marie Bolden and Helen Cohen. Out of this group of 28 charter members, today the chapter has grown to over 100 women.



Dorothy Buchanan Wilson, International First Vice President



Denise Black-Poon, Dorothy Buchanan Wilson and Pres, Katina Johnson



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