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About this Newsletter

National news often distracts us from local events. This Newsletter is intended for Conservatives in the Firelands area that want to be informed and involved. **You have our permission to send it to your Conservative friends, either by snail mail or E-mail.**

5.7% of your State Income Taxes fund all Ohio Public Libraries
Learn how: <http://www.olc.org/budget03/WhatisLLGSF.pdf>

A Glossary of New Speak, Part I

Like the Thought Police in Orwell’s 1984, Libs go around spreading a vocabulary that is highly reflective of their moral stand. Unfortunately, this vocabulary is being unconsciously accepted by some Conservatives. By keeping this glossary handy, Conservatives will be able to understand what Liberals really mean when they use *New Speak* and break the cycle. Please, let us know if you **feel** we forgot something. ☺

- *Advise and Consent*: veto power by Democrats.
- *Affirmative Action*: racial discrimination.
- *African American*: black Americans who never set foot in Africa.
- *Big Business*: employers.
- *Big Oil*: [vital] energy suppliers.
- *Bipartisanship*: Republicans voting to do whatever Democrats want.
- *Blob of Tissue*: a human being on the early stages of development; term used to ease a woman’s conscience when she decides to eliminate her baby.
- *Brown Shirt*: *Sturmabteilung* or SA (Storm Division); NAZI paramilitary organization; specialized assault troops used by Germany during WWI; the Left equates them with the Right, when in fact the NAZI were **socialists**; See NAZI.
- *Capitalism*: concept impossible to be understood by Libs; as abhorrent to Libs as Satan to Christians.
- *Checks and Balances*: one of the most misused terms by the Left; liberals in control of all form of government.
- *Child*: a murder under eighteen; does not apply for a sexually active minor.
- *Choice*: Godlike power entitled to women by nine black-robed men.
- *Culture*: anything that breaks the Ten Commandments.
- *Debt*: something Conservatives and corporations owe to everyone else.
- *Deficit*: Republicans spending (never applies to Democrats).
- *Developing Country*: Third World hellhole; banana republic.



Grassroots American Values Dinner

February 20, 2007 @ 6:30 pm

Four Monks Restaurant: 11313 RT 250, Avery (enter restaurant at rear of Motel Super 8)

Speaker: Jim Trakas

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He Got Game!*

Milla Kette

I first heard Shelby Steele speak in a re-run of a 1998 C-Span "Book Marks" about his book "A Dream Deferred: the Second Betrayal of Black Freedom in America" (1). I was highly impressed with this smooth-talking, mild-mannered, highly logical black man. Well, in South America, where I was raised, I would have never called Steel a "black man," for his skin seems too light for me. But here in the US, he is not just black he is an "African American" –a word I cannot comprehend, being they have never been in Africa.

I hear a lot of denial that Lincoln was not concerned with slavery, but solely with keeping the Union. How anyone can believe the base of his debates with Democrat Stephen Douglas had nothing to do with freeing slaves, is beyond me. Just refer to his Gettysburg speech: "Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal." Yet Martin Luther King Jr. had his rally in front of the Lincoln monument, but did not mention Lincoln once.

Being that I was not raised in this country, I decided to try to make sense of the way blacks behave in American, why they have a strikingly different attitude from the ones I knew back where I was raised. (And for starters, almost no whites died there to free the slaves, while thousands died here for this purpose.) So, a few weeks ago I got one of Steele's books, "White Guilt: How Blacks & White Together Destroyed the Promise of the Civil Rights Era."

He argues that equality will only be achieved when blacks take full responsibility of their destinies: "Preferential affirmative action, the classic 'results'-oriented racial reform, tells minorities quite explicitly that they will not have to compete on the same standards as whites precisely so they can be included in American institutions *without* in fact achieving the same level of excellence as whites." When universities accept black students with low SAT scores, they will not "magically develop black students" and the gap will not disappear.

Another important cue the book gives of the racial problem in the US is that of the excellence of blacks in "music, literature, sports, and entertainment." Unlike other areas, their excellence in these is seen as "a mere genetic advantage." But for Steele when no "white guilt" is involved in the learning process, that is when excellence entices blacks "with its own intrinsic joys and rewards"; and it happens because this is "the natural *human* longing for excellence that resides in us all."

Steele explains that "Black achievement in music and sports should [...] point the way to black achievement in all other areas," which can be summarized in "the assumption of full

responsibility, [...] insistence on excellence as the currency of advancement [and] *openness* to competition [...]"

Democrat Douglas believed the issue of slavery should be decided by majority vote. But would a majority vote then make slavery right today? The brilliancy of Lincoln's argument resides in that his faith in equality was right then as today. The brilliancy of Steele's, in that he can see from inside how we are eroding Lincoln's accomplishment. He hands us the tools to end the corrosiveness of white guilt. It is up to us to take them and put them to good use.

* According to *Destiny's End* (www.wmich.edu/destinys-end/index.html) Spike Lee used "the term 'he got game' to mean basketball instead of its root urban meaning denoting black male [pimp] charisma."

(1) www.booknotes.org/Program/?ProgramID=1492

For Lincoln speeches check "The Collected Works of Abraham Lincoln" on line: www.hti.umich.edu/l/lincoln/

Shelby Steele's Food for Thought

"In a true democracy freedom is a higher priority than the social good."

"Thus, fidelity to a discipline of principles –rather than to notions of the social or public 'good'– is the unending struggle of democracies."

"There is no determinism between one's racial wounds and the acting out of black rage –a phrase that came into use only *after* the 1964 Civil Rights Bill. Oppression, in itself, pushes people neither to anger nor to revolution."

"Slavery might never have ended had not larger America –at the price of a civil war– decided to end it."

"Still today, the best way to make a black leader mad is to say to him that black Americans are capable of being fully responsible for their own advancement. This is a black militancy of inferiority that assumes the continuing *inferiority* of the people it tries to speak for."

On Keeping Perspective and Beginning Again

By Ken Blackwell

Although Los Angeles Dodgers' center fielder Willie Davis was widely considered the fastest man in baseball throughout the 1960s and 70s, he is perhaps more often remembered for a remark he made following game two of the 1966 World Series against the Baltimore Orioles. In the fifth inning Davis committed three errors on two consecutive plays. L.A. lost the game 8 to 4 and was swept in the series. When asked about his less than stellar performance, Davis dryly remarked, "*It ain't my life, and it ain't my wife, so why worry?*" Even more important than his amazing speed, Davis had extraordinary perspective.

More than once since the release of the November 7, 2006 general election results, I've given some thought to Mr. Davis' quip. I have been elected to city council and Mayor of my hometown of Cincinnati. I was three times elected to statewide office, first as State Treasurer, then twice as Secretary of State. Voters from my political party decisively choose me to be their standard bearer in the race for Ohio Governor. When the votes were

counted in the general election, however, this time I and other uncompromising conservatives did not come out on top. But beyond personal disappointment there is perspective (a la Willie Davis). And beyond such perspective there is an ironic, yet undeniable sense of accomplishment for many of us.

I have spent thousands of hours over the past several years traveling on Ohio's highways, city streets, and country roads, to virtually every municipality and township in the state. I have talked with literally millions of Ohio citizens about the sanctity of human life and the sacredness of marriage. We discussed second amendment issues, the importance of demanding fiscal restraint on our state and local budgets, tax relief, and viable plans to revive Ohio's economy that would offer our children opportunity to live, work and raise their own families.

For all the effort over many years, I along with others of like mind, were able to help shape the discussion at Ohio's statehouse, courthouses, and city and township halls. These efforts resulted in some remarkable victories –like Ohio's Constitutional Marriage Protection Amendment, the establishment of a statutory state government spending cap, the reduction of the sales tax rate and the defeat of expanded state-sponsored gambling. We raised more than \$12 million from non-traditional sources and identified more than 1.4 million individuals who pledged themselves to be civic-minded forces for change.

While the results of the 2006 election represent a temporary set back to me and other conservatives who labored to advance our cause like U.S. Senator Rick Santorum, if we become too focused on the vote tally alone we risk missing out on the fruits of the struggle. In fact, we did good work for causes that were worth our time and efforts. And as a consequence, not only did we leave our respective communities better than we found them, but we are personally improved and better prepared for the next battle.

I think about the considerable personal and political setbacks endured by Abraham Lincoln before he ascended to the presidency. The death of a child, unsuccessful business endeavors and several election losses shaped his perspective but did not dampen his resolve.

Lincoln understood that life is about struggle – wins and losses. He refused to be defined by defeat because he was driven by hope and a belief that we can improve the human condition.

I like what Elie Wiesel wrote: *“When He created man, God gave him a secret —and that secret was not how to begin, but how to begin again. It is not given to man to begin; that privilege is God's alone. But it is given to man to begin again —and he does so every time he chooses to defy death and side with the living.”*

Our conservative causes are just as true and worth fighting for as they were on November 6 (the day before the election). So, we must keep perspective, and continue. We must encourage others to also remain engaged in the struggle – to be a force for living change. In more than thirty years of public service one thing I have learned is that the only way a cause is truly lost is if the army is scattered and resolved to defeat.

As citizens united in conservative principles, we are called to unite and to be a force for change. We are not defeated. Indeed, there is still work to do.

This article was featured at the **Townhall** website on Tuesday, January 23, 2007:
www.townhall.com/Columnists/KenBlackwell/2007/01/23/on_keeping_perspective_and_be_ginning_again

Dr. Williams' Pardon

For Whites who feel guilty (although none of their ancestors ever owned slaves), a special document to proudly display: www.gmu.edu/departments/economics/wew/gift.html.

A Must Read: *Libraries, Children and Value Voters*

Recently the *New Jersey Family Magazine* published a very important article written by Dan Kleinman, founder of *Plan2Succeed Citizen's Group* (www.plan2succeed.org). In an extremely well researched and well documented article, Kleinman exposes the sad truth about American Public Libraries. Held in a tight grip by the American Library Association, our Libraries instead of serving their patrons, now "endanger children in their communities and nationwide." If you want to learn the truth about the ALA and its harmful influence on your local Library, read Kleinman (<http://www.safelibraries.org/valuevoters.htm>) and act!

MARCH 10th LUNCHEON WITH PHYLLIS SCHLAFLY

Venue: Silver Lake Country Club, Graham Rd., Stow, OH. **Time:** 11:30 am (registrations 11:00 am). **Cost:** \$30 includes Schlafly's last book *The Supremacists* (+\$20/spouse; does not include book). For more info contact Barbara Monteith at bbmefo@aol.com (subject line: Schlafly Luncheon) or 3095 Silver Lake Blvd., Stow OH 44224, Phone: 330-688-4362
Event organized by the Ohio Eagle Forum

PARENT ALERT: Help Keep Filth Away from Young Minds



Should this kind of book be available to minor children in the Young Adult area of Libraries?

The Cleveland Public Library (www.cpl.org) is purchasing the Yaoi (yaoi = male to male sex in Japanese) comic book ***Kiss of Fire***, by Youka Nitta. We asked the CPL's Director, Andrew Venable (Andrew.Venable@cpl.org) to make sure this book is not available in their Young Adult area (YA=kids under 18). They already have *Yellow* (volume 2), by Makoto Tateno available for minors. The CPL classifies these books under "gay men" and "erotic comic books" and their audience is Young Adult! We offered a link to pictures of Yaoi so he would understand why this kind of literature should not be available to children. (To graphic to be printed in this newsletter: www.guidemag.com/temp/yaoi/a/mcharry_yaoi.html.) Venable sent a vague answer explaining that *if* the CPL has shelved materials "inappropriately" they will be "shelved in the proper areas." Hopefully he is not going to give this task to the same ones responsible for "inappropriately" shelving this filth! For more info: www.sfweekly.com/Issues/2006-11-01/news/feature_full.html.

Keeping Age-inappropriate Literature Away from Minors

Alert Congressmen and Senators to what is available in Ohio Public Libraries for minors:

↗ Ohio House of Representatives: <http://www.house.state.oh.us/index.html>

↗ Ohio Senate: <http://www.senate.state.oh.us/index.html>

When they get a Library card, parents sign the most benign and vague disclaimer of their responsibility for what their children borrow (*); they don't even get a copy of this contract. Schools have flashing lights, speed limit signs, special cross walks and crossing guards – because children do not exercise good judgment. Why are they treated different in Libraries? To help parents Libraries should offer a card that will limit the kind of books minors can check out and keep age-inappropriate materials restricted to the Adult department.

↗ Sandusky Public Library (**), 114 W. Adams St., Sandusky OH, 44870

Phone: 419- 625-3834, Fax: 419-625-4574 E-mail: comments@sandusky.lib.oh.us

Board of Directors: <http://www.sandusky.lib.oh.us/public/aboutthelibrary.asp>

↗ Huron Public Library, 333 Williams St., Huron OH 44839

Phone: 419-433-50009, Fax: 419-433-7228 E-mail: huron@oplin.org

Board of Trustees: <http://www.huronlibrary.org/board.html>

↗ Other Libraries: <http://www.publiclibraries.com/ohio.htm>

(*) See last document of letter # 3: <http://www.plan2succeed.org/grassroots/letters.html>

(**) The Sandusky Library has actually moved most age-inappropriate books to its Adult area and for this we are grateful. We hope the librarian will continue on this path.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Please join with us and help us change the language of ORC § 2907.31., by eliminating language that exempts librarians and teachers from prosecution and adding language that mandates prosecution for violations. Our children should not be exposed to age-inappropriate materials for “educational” purposes. Please, write a (**Certified**) letter to your Representatives asking them to review this law and eliminate the exemption for *teachers* and *librarians*, and require *no exemption without parental consent*.

- **Congress:** <http://www.house.state.oh.us/jsps/Representatives.jsp>

- **Senate:** <http://www.senate.state.oh.us/senators/index.html>

If you do not have access to the Internet, write to us (P.O. Box 286, Huron OH 44839) and we will be glad to provide the information for you. Below is a suggested letter to be sent to your Senator/Representative:

Date

Representative/Senator name & address

Dear Senator/Representative _____:

I recently became aware that sexually graphic, harmful, and obscene books and materials can be found in children's sections of Ohio Public Libraries. Since Ohio Public Libraries are funded by 5.7% of Ohio Income taxes, we are all stakeholders.

*It seems there is language in the Ohio Revised Code that permits the dissemination of harmful and obscene materials to minors in Ohio Public Libraries and Schools. I ask that you refer to **§2907.31. Disseminating matter harmful to juveniles**, section (C) (1). The text of this section is as follows:*

It is an affirmative defense to a charge under this section, involving material or a performance that is obscene or harmful to juveniles, that the material or performance was furnished or presented for a bona fide medical, scientific, educational, governmental, judicial, or other proper purpose, by a physician, psychologist, sociologist, scientist, teacher, librarian, clergyman, prosecutor, judge, or other proper person.

It seems public libraries and schools do not require explicit permission from legal guardians to disseminate harmful and obscene materials. Since our libraries and schools no longer seem to be able to discern “educational” and “scientific” materials from prurient materials, I ask that you return control of dissemination of these materials to the parents of minor children.

Please review this law, strike the exemption for teachers and librarians, and add language that would mandate local review and prosecution.

*Respectfully,
Your name
Complete address*

Loonies for Peace

The last “peace” rally in DC (1/27/07) was not as peaceful as the media reported. Protesters vandalized a Fox News van and threw cigarette butts and spit at Joshua Sparling, a soldier who peacefully watched them. (It is just a coincidence that Hanoi Jane was in the crowd...) Police stood by while the “peaceful” vandals spray-painted steps on the west side of the Capitol. According to Capitol Police Chief Phillip Morse (who takes his orders directly from Speaker Pelosi) the “graffiti was easily removed by the staff. It is our duty and responsibility to protect the Capitol complex, while allowing the public to exercise their freedom of speech.” So, nobody was arrested. The “staff” (read: public employees) worked on their day off, at Taxpayers' expense. To reach US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi: 2371 Rayburn HOB, Washington, DC 20215 - Phone: (202)225-4965, E-Mail: AmericanVoices@mail.house.gov. American Family Association web site: <https://secure.afa.net/afa/activism/takeaction.asp?id=233>.

Deep Thoughts and Other Idiocies

The *Huron City Forum* is a rich source for pearls of wisdom. Last year GAV President got up close and personal with Huron Fire Levy supporters. Some of her biggest detractors were anonymous (<http://cityofhuron.org/forums/index.php?topic=25.15>).

Kevin Gadd: “[Working for North Central EMS] was not that rewarding because the pay was very low and we did not have many benefits.” (Is it the duty of taxpayers to make someone’s job more “rewarding”?)

Northcoast: “Unfortunately, the private sector is not the answer!”

Taxpayer: “So why are you complaining about taxes so much? Is it because you want to get to your hidden agenda about the libraries?” (Yup, the one the Register wrote about.)

Taxpayer: “I find it also funny that with all the questions and complaints about the boat that a few years ago in July, Capt Bronner and Ofc. Lobsinger would probably not be here today if it were not for the Fire Department boat and the response to the Drownings at Nickle Plate Beach.” (A boat purchased in 2006 saved lives... years before it was bought?)

Taxpayer: “I think that is a reasonable [tax] increase to make our department self sufficient and not have to rely on the unstable revenue of the city to continue to provide the high level of service that they do.” (Private businesses rely exclusively on “unstable revenue.”)

How You Can Help

- Visit your local Library and learn what they have available to children and teens.
- Ask your librarian about their policies.
- Make your position known to your librarian. Ask him to move age-inappropriate books to their Adult area.
- Write, call, fax, and E-mail your local Library with suggestions of family friendly books for children and teens.
- If the librarian does not act upon your concerns, contact the Library Board of Directors.
- Write letters to your local paper, exposing the problem.
- Write, call, fax, and E-mail your Congressman and ask him to act.
- Support Grassroots American Values in our efforts.

Cool Blogs & Links

- www.sfweekly.com/Issues/2006-11-01/news/feature_full.html Why we fight against yaoi
- <http://www.gcplwatch.org> Gwinnett County Public Library Watch, a must read
- <http://www.njfpcc.org/> NJ Family Policy Council
- <http://www.kfoxtv.com/news/10847185/detail.html> Porn OK in El Paso Library
- <http://www.safelibraries.org/cope> Citizens for Positive Education –protecting children
- <http://www.nfrw.org/programs/americanism.htm> Americanism
- http://worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE_ID=53977 Scary Bible Belt
- <http://www.heritage.org/Research/MissileDefense/BG1394.cfm> US Military Readiness
- <http://huronparks.org/webcam-bb.htm> Big Brother is watching you –with YOUR money!
- <http://www.comedyshorts.net/Horowitz.htm> When BGSU commies have their way...
- <http://www.politico.com/news/stories/0107/2389.html> Whites need not apply
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ag5XaHp-03A> Los Muertos de Castro **(a must see)**
- <http://www.frontpagemag.com/Articles/ReadArticle.asp?ID=1153> Common sense
- <http://www.petakillsanimals.com> Revoke PETA’s tax exempt status!
- http://www.aei.org/events/eventID.844,filter.all/event_detail.asp Saddam did torture
- <http://www.topinteractive.com/free/firelandshistorical> Firelands Historical Society
- <http://www.remarkableohio.org> Remarkable Ohio
- <http://www.sanduskyohiocedarpoint.com/underground> Erie Co Underground Railroad

Reporters & Writers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to write 500 word editorial comments on local governmental activities. Writers can use a pen name if they do not want their real names disclosed. If interested, please respond to grassroots@bex.net.