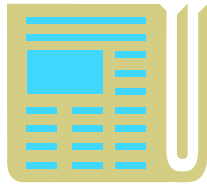


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Detroit Mayor Charged with Perjury

Excerpted from BlackAmericaweb.com

Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, a one-time rising star and as Detroit's youngest elected leader, was charged Monday with perjury and other counts after sexually explicit text messages surfaced that appear to contradict his sworn denials of an affair with a top aide.

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy also charged the popular yet polarizing 37-year-old mayor with obstruction of justice and misconduct in office.

Former Chief of Staff Christine Beatty, 37, who also denied under oath that she and Kilpatrick shared a romantic relationship in 2002 and 2003, was charged with perjury and obstruction of justice.

In all, Worthy authorized 12-count criminal information.

Henry County NAACP Plans Candidates Forum

The Henry County Branch of the NAACP has announced its intentions to hold a candidates forum sometime in mid-summer of 2008 involving the candidates for the Henry County Board of Commission Chair. Utilizing its innovative panel of questioners,

with advance questions sent out to the participating candidates, this event promises again offer an invaluable public service to Henry County.

Stay tuned for more details!

Henry County Schools Disciplinary Hearings – A Comparison

Race / Ethnic Report
Report Date: 02/26/08

Categories represent percentages per school

School	Caucasian	African American	Hispanic	Asian	Inter-racial	Total Enrollment
Austin Roads Elementary	42	55	*	1	1	598
Austin Road Middle	44	52	2	*	1	876
Cotton Indian	87	9	2	*	2	529
Eagle's Landing High	64	27	3	6	1	1978
Eagle's Landing Middle	59	30	3	6	2	1302
East Lake	89	8	1	1	1	1098
Fairview	37	57	4	*	2	645
Hampton	79	16	3	1	2	747
Henry County High	72	24	3	1	*	2102
Henry County Middle	63	31	3	1	1	1235
Hickory Flat	57	29	4	5	4	1061
Locust Grove	75	20	2	*	2	527
Luella Middle	82	15	2	*	*	1074
McDonough Elementary	60	33	4	1	2	717
Mt. Carmel	83	14	1	1	1	640
Oakland	56	33	5	2	4	847
Ola	89	8	2	1	0	1084
Pate's Creek	57	29	3	8	2	984
Patrick Henry	66	30	2	0	2	163
Pleasant Grove	79	16	3	1	2	723
Smith-Barnes	55	36	5	3	1	408
Stockbridge Elementary	58	30	7	2	3	771
Stockbridge High	62	34	3	*	1	1744
Stockbridge Middle	70	23	4	1	1	735
Union Grove High	86	10	1	1	1	1556
Union Grove Middle	84	11	2	1	1	1406
Unity Grove	92	5	1	*	1	804
Wesley Lakes	54	37	3	2	4	980
Total	68.7	24.7	2.9	2.0	1.5	27,322

*=Less than 1 per cent

Male=51.6%

Female=48.4%

Obama's Minister – Another View

The below listed story, excerpted from a recent edition of the Huffington Report, was crafted by Frank Schaeffer as he talked about his and his father's own "treason" – but with a difference!

When Senator Obama's preacher thundered about racism and injustice Obama suffered smear-by-association. But when my late father -- Religious Right leader Francis Schaeffer -- denounced America and even called for the violent overthrow of the US government, he was invited to lunch with presidents Ford, Reagan and Bush, Sr.

Every Sunday thousands of right wing white preachers (following in my father's footsteps) rail against America 's sins from tens of thousands of pulpits. They tell us that America is complicit in the "murder of the unborn," has become " Sodom " by coddling gays, and that our public schools are sinful places full of evolutionists and sex educators hell-bent on corrupting children. They say, as my dad often did, that we are, "under the judgment of God." They call America evil and warn of immanent destruction. By comparison Obama's minister's shouted "controversial" comments were mild. All he said was that God should damn America for our racism and violence and that no one had ever used the N-word about Hillary Clinton.

Dad and I were amongst the founders of the Religious right. In the 1970s and 1980s, while Dad and I crisscrossed America denouncing our nation's sins instead of getting in trouble we became darlings of the Republican Party. (This was while I was my father's sidekick before I dropped out of the evangelical movement altogether.) We were rewarded for our "stand" by people such as Congressman Jack Kemp, the Fords, Reagan and the Bush family. The top Republican leadership depended on preachers and agitators like us to energize their rank and file. No one called us un-American. Consider a few passages from my father's immensely influential America-bashing book A Christian Manifesto. It sailed under the radar of the major media who, back when it was published in 1980, were not paying particular attention to best-selling religious books. Nevertheless it sold more than a million copies.

Here's Dad writing in his chapter on civil disobedience:

If there is a legitimate reason for the use of force [against the US government]... then at a certain point force is justifiable.

And this:

In the United States the materialistic, humanistic world view is being taught exclusively in most state schools... There is an obvious parallel between this and the situation in Russia [the USSR]. And we really must not be blind to the fact that indeed in the public schools in the United States all religious influence is as forcibly forbidden as in the Soviet Union

Then this:

There does come a time when force, even physical force, is appropriate... A true Christian in Hitler's Germany and in the occupied countries should have defied the false and counterfeit state. This brings us to a current issue that is crucial for the future of the church in the United States , the issue of abortion... It is time we consciously realize that when any office commands what is contrary to God's law it abrogates it's authority. And our loyalty to the God who gave this law then requires that we make the appropriate response in that situation.

Enough said!

WHO AM I?

I was born in Eatonton, Georgia, and educated at Spelman and Sarah Lawrence Colleges. I am responsible for a number of writings. Most of my material portrays the lives of poor, oppressed African-American women in the early 1900s. *The Third Life of Grange Copeland* 1970 is about the emotional growth of an African-American man. *Meridian* 1976 follows the life of an African-American woman during the civil rights movement of the 1960s. I won the American Book Award and the Pulitzer Prize for my best-known work, the novel *The Color Purple* 1982.



Possessing the Secret of Joy 1992, explores the tradition of female circumcision still practiced in some parts of Africa. *By the Light of My Father's Smile* 1998, depicts a Christian missionary family, focusing on the relationship between the father and the three daughters and the relationship between Christianity and the spiritual traditions of the African community in which the family lives. My volumes of poetry include *Revolutionary Petunias and Other Poems* 1973 and *Goodnight, Willie Lee, I'll See You in the Morning* 1979.

My nonfiction works include the essay collections *In Search of Our Mothers' Gardens: Womanist Prose* 1983, *Living by the Word* 1988, *The Same River Twice: Honoring the Difficult* (essays) 1996 and *Anything We Love Can Be Saved* 1997. In 2004, I published my first book in six years, "Now Is The Time To Open Your Heart."

Who Am?

Last month's Who Am I figure: Sassy blues / R&B legend Ms. Etta James.