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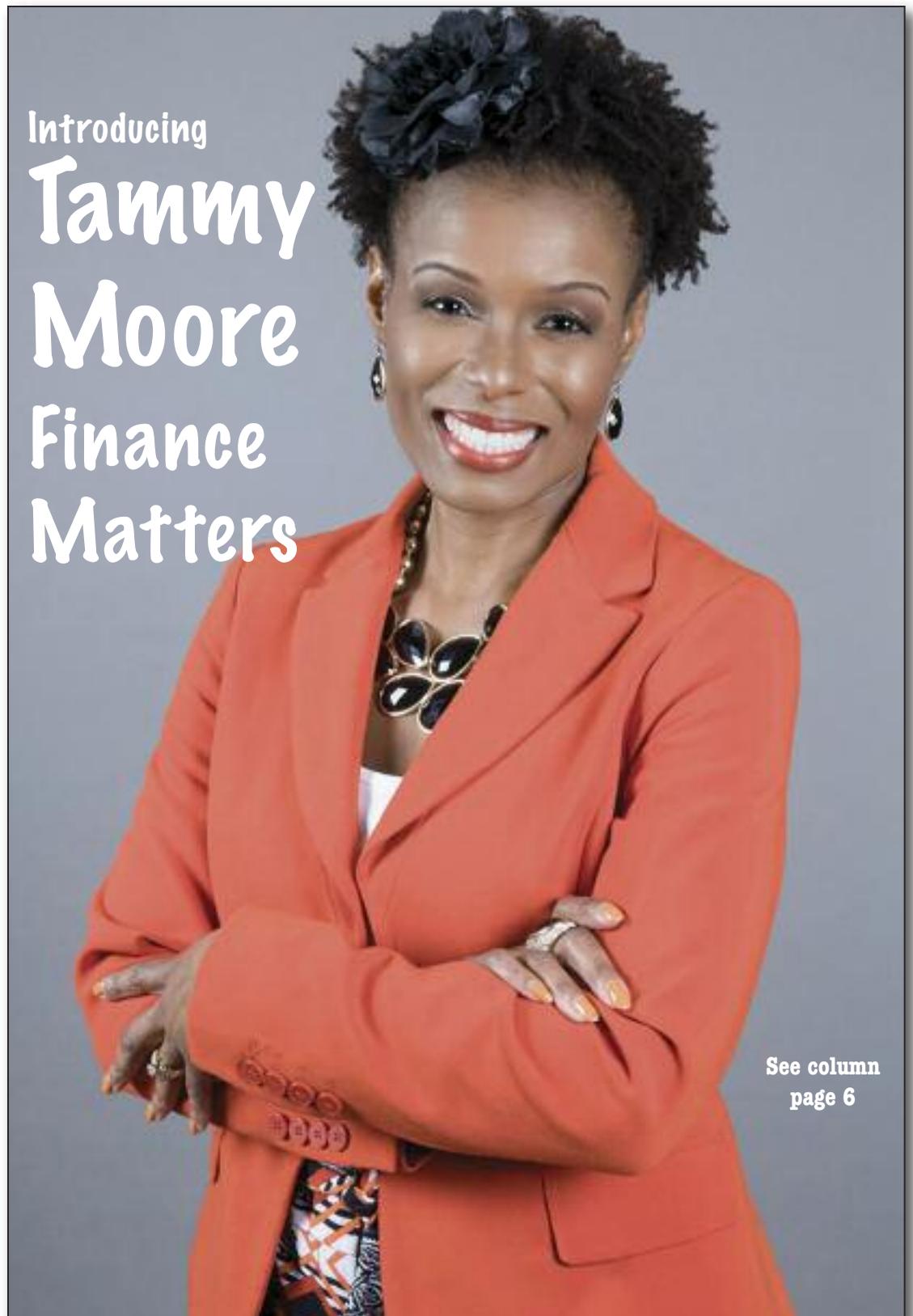
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The Streets

Ain't nothing in these streets I like.
 The killings!
 The violence!
 The dope boys!
 The ugly vacant houses,
 and even some of the kids, just like me.
 If I could change some things
 this is what it would be...
 More protected places
 so I could go and have fun!
 More green grass so if I wanna run!
 I don't wanna see
 the dope boys on my street,
 or any where else I go to meet!
 Ain't nothing in these streets I like.
 that's why I don't have a bike!

By A.J

Guns

People with guns kill people,
 and that's a fact.
 once the people are dead,
 they can't come back.
 My cousin he got killed by a gun,
 there was no place for him to run.
 My mother's two friends
 they got killed too.
 some people with guns
 this is what they do.
 I have seen a real gun,
 and I have held one too,
 but I don't like guns,
 and what a gun can do.
 If I had the power
 I'd take the gun's away
 but guns are a fact
 and they're here to stay.
 by: P.

Students at State Representative Rita Mayfield's Summer Camp in North Chicago had the opportunity to participate in Sharon Epps' poetry workshop. As a by-product of the workshop, students learned how to compose and write poetry. Some of that poetry from the camp is published here.



Shooting and Killing

Shooting and killings
 make me sad,
 mother's crying
 and friends angry and mad.
 Innocent people getting hurt
 and kids not able to live,
 We are dying everyday
 we got more in life to give.
 Worrying about
 if we're going to make it or not,
 or who is next to get shot.
 I don't see no future in sight,
 this is what my life is like.
 by: D.



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Community Action Partnership of Lake County's 2017 Kids Club Summer Day Camp



A Peoples Voice Special Report

Summer is coming to an end, but the memories of the and the 2017 Community Action Partnership of Lake County's Kids Club Summer Day Camp will last a lifetime. The kid's smiles and laughter filled the air with every activity every day.

About 200 children, between 5 and 12 years of age from Lake County,

shared unforgettable adventures in a safe and fun environment, getting to know other children, field trips and activities, including meals. The field trip to Action Territory was a hit for the kids; they ran from ride to ride. This year's Kids Club Summer Day Camp activities included pool days, an ice cream social, taste of Kids Club, a talent show, then culminating in a family picnic with good food and enough bounce houses to keep them filled with joy.



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Rauner Signs Voter Registration Bill

A Peoples Voice Special Report

SPRINGFIELD – On the 54th anniversary of the 1963 March on Washington, the governor signed a new law co-sponsored by State Sen. Jacqueline Collins ensuring Illinoisans who are eligible to vote will be automatically registered when they conduct business at state facilities.

“Let us not forget that today marks the 54th Anniversary of the 1963 March on Washington, when more than 250,000 gathered at the nation’s capital to demand civil and voting rights for African Americans,” Collins said. “In light of their struggle and sacrifice, I view this legislation as the harvest from the seeds of hope they planted beneath that hot summer sun on August 28, 1963.”

Collins said removing barriers to voting is the first step in encouraging more people to exercise their power at the ballot box.

“Your vote is your voice,” Collins said.



State Sen. Jacqueline Collins (right), looks on as Gov. Bruce Rauner signs automatic voter registration into law Aug. 28th.



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Attorney John Joanem, his wife & Paralegal, Jacqueline Joanem and their daughter.

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Finance Matters

4 Signs You Disrespect Money

Did you know how you handle your money is a direct correlation with how you feel about yourself? Here are my top 5 signs that show you disrespect money and a few suggestions on how to change these behaviors!



Tammy Moore

1. You don't track your expenses and organizes your monthly obligations

We all have a junk drawer or folder with our bills, invoices and receipts, but are they organized? Do you separate them by monthly or categorize them by type (utility, personal, medical etc.) Do you review them monthly to see how where your money is going? It's important to keep track of your monthly expenses so you're always conscious of the fluff in your budget. Trust me there's extra money there, you just have to get organized and find it!

2. You don't have realistic monthly household budget

Everyone needs a monthly budget. Why? I'm glad you asked! Without a budget you cannot and will not be able to take control of your finances and experience financial freedom. A budget will help you plan for debts, entertainment, food, gas, clothing etc. Spending money sporadically will end in disaster.

3. You are living above your means! Don't try to keep up with the Joneses!

A budget will expose your good and bad habits. If you're spending more than what you earn you need a reality check! We all want to have the latest fashion, the best of the best, but if your finances don't support your lifestyle...HOUSTON – We have a problem! You need to adjust your mindset. Instead of going to dinner every weekend, COOK. Instead of buying the fancy bag, pay extra on your credit card. Make your splurges a treat to reward yourself for meeting a financial goal instead of a necessity to keep up with others. Don't stress trying to keep up...SAVE and get ahead!

4. You're not paying yourself first!

My Grandmother use to tell us "spend a dime, save a dollar!" As a child I would always think how is that possible? Now that I'm older and wiser, I understand that nobody will take care of me like me! If I don't plan for my future or care about my finances why should anyone else. You must understand how much you can reduce your stress levels by putting a little money away each month. Never stop saving and you will pat yourself on the back after a few years when you see your money growing and net worth increasing and stress decreasing!

Let's continue the discussion next month.

Tammy Moore is Division President at Diamond Residential Mortgage, A motivational speaker and Credit and Financial Coach.

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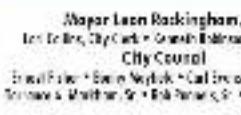


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The LOCKHART-WHITE REPORT

September 2017

A communique of the Community Action Partnership of Lake County

EDUCATING OUR CHILDREN SHOULD BE A TOP PRIORITY



Mary Lockhart-White
 Executive Director

Illinois has the most unfair school funding system in the nation, according to a study released this week by the Education Trust. The state's school districts with the greatest number of students living in poverty receive substantially fewer state and local dollars that their more affluent counterparts.

Nearly 20 percent less, according to the study. In addition, it contends that school districts with the largest enrollments of minority students receive 16 percent less than those districts receiving the fewer. This comes on the heels of another study by WalletHub that contends that Illinois's tax structure places a greater burden on the poor and middle class than any other in the nation.

It says Illinois has the second-worst tax system in the nation for low-income workers, who on average pay 12.1 percent of their income in taxes (that includes property, sales and income taxes) and the worst tax system for middle-income wage earners, taking 11.3 percent of their income.

While the statistics may be new, none of this comes as a surprise to anyone who has looked at either of these issues over the past 20 years. And to a great extent, both of those ratings can be traced to this states' overreliance on the property tax to fund the schools. The property tax system does not tax wealth. It has nothing to do with a person's ability to pay. In fact, as a person gets older and finds himself living on a fixed income, loses his job or finds new employment at a lower wage, property tax bills remain the same or continue to increase, often forcing people to sell their homes.

Using property tax to primarily finance public education allows a school district with the greatest property wealth (whose students typically start out with more advantages), to spend more on teacher salaries and extracurricular programs, while forcing districts with a comparatively small property tax base to cut corners.

When will it end? How do we continue to reduce poverty in the mist of plenty? As a community, we must get involved in our children's education and after school activities. It is our responsibility as parents to assure that our children are educated and have an equal opportunity to achieve their career goals. Get engaged with your community.

Community Action Partnership of Lake County,
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Community Action Partnership of Lake County Partnership provide job readiness training for 25 youth

Community Action Partnership of Lake was able to partner with Employee Connections, Inc. to provide a 6 week job readiness training for 25 out of school youth. In the program youth were able to receive job readiness and paid on-the-job training in the areas of healthcare, hospitality and construction. Students who completed the curriculum received certification in their selected field. A graduation ceremony was held in July 2017.

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Rev. Arthur J. Gass with family members at their 30th Church Anniversary

A People's Voice Special Report

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We are not isolated beings. We are here to serve each other, our families, and our community. We are all God's children. So we might as well do our best, live right, and conduct ourselves every moment as though God is watching us. Because, guess what...He is.

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Who I saw in Heaven

I was shocked, confused, bewildered
 As I entered Heaven's door,
 Not by the beauty of it all, Nor the lights or its decor.
 But it was the folks in Heaven
 Who made me sputter and gasp--
 The thieves, the liars, the sinners, the alcoholics and the trash.
 There stood the kid from seventh grade
 Who swiped my lunch money! Twice.
 Next to him was my old neighbor who never said anything nice.
 Jerry, who I always thought was rotting away in hell,
 Was sitting pretty on cloud nine, looking incredibly well.
 And then suddenly I noticed,
 Everyone had stopped and was looking my way
 I nudged Jesus, 'What's the deal? I would love to hear Your take.
 How'd all these sinners get up here?
 God must've made a mistake!
 'And why's everyone so quiet, So somber?
 - Please give me a clue.'
 "Hush, child," He said, "it's because they're all in shock.
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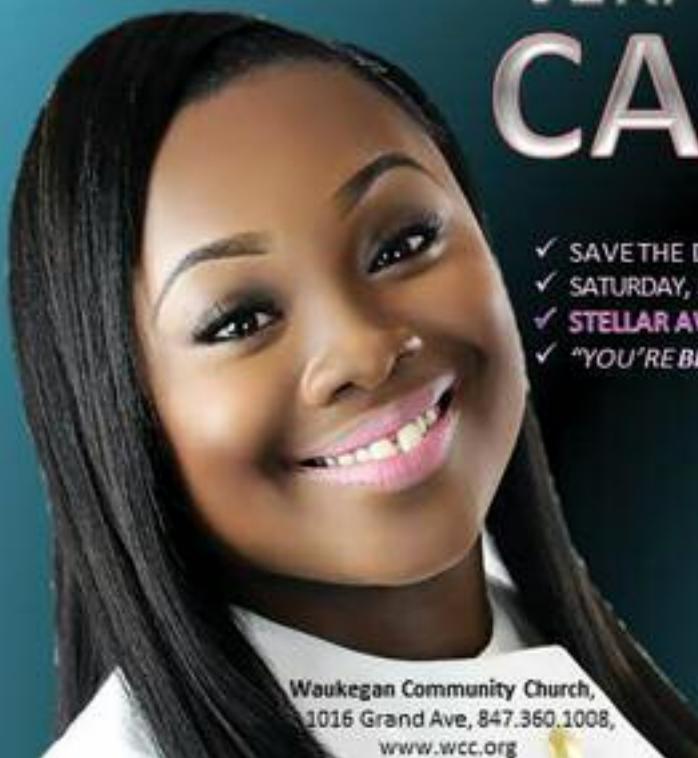
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A WORD FROM
MICHELLE

Soaring on
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WINGS



Michelle Obleton

The national news here in Americans seems to get bleaker by the day. Every unspoken issue along with deep feelings of hatred seems to be pouring out of closets today. Race has always throughout history been a point of contention. In my opinion, when one race raises it's self above another claiming to be the supreme race, it really indicates how ignorant and uninformed they really are.

Every human being on the planet was created by God and placed here for His glory not for our own glory. God created a vast variety of skin colors for His pleasure, for the world to enjoy and finally for all mankind to give Him the praise He deserves. Only God is the supreme one. How did we get human privilege so out of whack? Jesus who was the Son of God was killed because another race felt they were more supreme than He was. The creator killed by the creation, because the creation thought they were greater than the creator. (Selah). Skin color is so deep that in order to portray a crucified savior who was Jewish, he still had to be white. What did Jesus really look like? We don't really know the answer to that question, but many Americans and Europeans picture Jesus of Nazareth with brown or blond hair, brown or blue eyes, handsome and white. In essence, Caucasian. Suntanned, maybe, but definitely white. But that's a myth. In all probability, Jesus was much darker in complexion than the average white American or European. He was born a Jew. He lived as a Jew and remained a Jew throughout his life. More importantly even though he entered the stage of humanity at a specific place and time and possessed specific racial characteristics, in a large sense Jesus transcends the barriers of race and color. He had too. He came to show the good, and favorable, works of God towards all people.

- He was a Jew yet He spoke freely and respectfully to a Samaritan woman
- Customs prohibited Jesus from entering the home of a Gentile yet when a Roman centurion pleaded on behalf of his servant, who lay sick at home, Jesus replied I will come and heal him.
- When He was hounded by a Canaanite woman (Canaanite people were historic enemies of the Jewish people) Jesus commended her faith and healed her daughter.
- Jesus was a victim of racial prejudice himself. On one trip through Samaria he was rejected because the Samaritans guessed that he was a Jew bound for Jerusalem.

Paul summarized it eloquently when he wrote; "You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Only God the Father is Supreme, everyone else is mere men and women in need of God.

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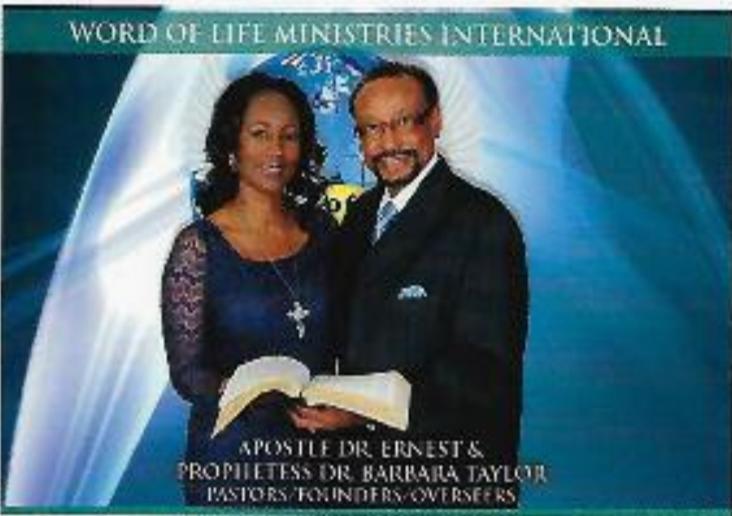
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