

WEEKLY NEWSPAPER

Husband and Wife Team Discuss Their Plans For Addressing Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault: On God-Made Millionaire Stage

Exclusive Interview Terry Hughey & Cheryl Marie Hughey, CEO's/Founders the Rising Up From Silence (RUFFS) Foundation/TC Royalty Publishing.

Airing this Sunday on God Made Millionaire TV and will be tough to watch. The Hugheys share a Sensitive topic.

Domestic violence is a pervasive social problem that cuts across race, age, income, sexual orientation, religion and gender — in terms of both victims and perpetrators.

Mental health issues often emerge after repeated, escalating, abuses.

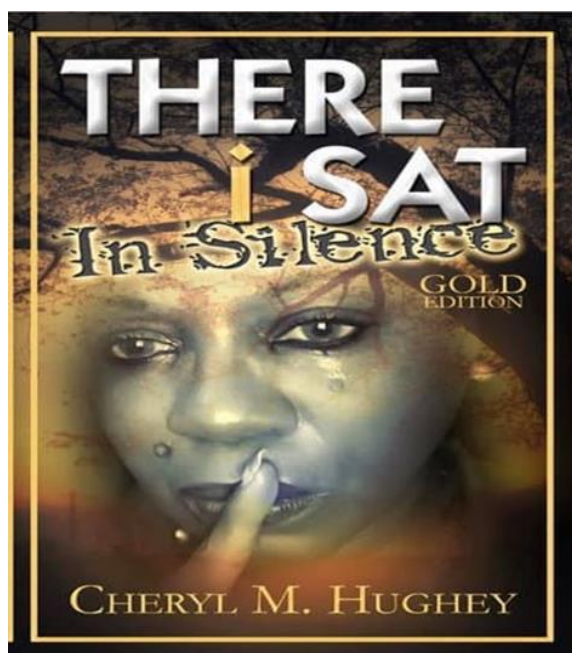
Victims of emotional abuse are at higher risk for developing mental health disorders, including depression and PTSD.

"I am a survivor of domestic violence and sexual assault. I absolutely cringe when people ask me that one question I hate to answer: "Why didn't you just leave?"

People don't realize that when they ask, 'why didn't you leave?' They are making the victim responsible for the harm that's been done to them,"

Not only do I feel that the question is inappropriate, but it also harms survivors by shifting attention away from their abusers.

I honestly feel that the question should really be to the abuser: 'Why are you holding someone hostage with abuse?'



People say it can't have been that bad, because else you would've left. But I say to them, no, it's because it was that bad, I couldn't leave!

My explanation is from the voice of experience, and from listening to other victims/survivors,



Terry and Cheryl Hughey CEO's and Founders of Rising Up From Silence and TC Royalty Publishing

and exchanging thoughts with them. My intent is to answer the question "why" by giving you what in my opinion and experience are the top 5 reasons "Why."

- *Lack of Resources: The survivor may not be employed or may not have access to alternate housing, cash or bank accounts.*
- *It's dangerous to leave. Like, VERY dangerous.*
- *What about the kids?*
- *Society perpetuates a ride-or-die mindset.*
- *They believe that if they stick it out, things might change.*

I've been there and lived it. I was one of the abuse victims who went back, time and again," said Cheryl.

As a spouse, it can be incredibly difficult to watch a loved one recover from a traumatic experience, but that's why it's all the more important to separate how you feel and how you would react in a given situation that might be different from how they're reacting.

"There is no right or wrong way to experience trauma.

Because everyone is different and processes trauma in their own way, some people will want to move back into their normal lives and routines quickly.

Others may discover that "normal" no longer exists, and that they need to create an entirely new way of living.

"When I met my wife Cheryl, all I saw was a beautiful, professional woman. I had no idea of the horrible trauma she had sustained in her life.

She told me about her past, how she was a victim of domestic violence, rape, and sexual assault.

I listened to her story and validated her feelings. Even it was hard for me to fathom someone treating her like that, I kept an open mind and give her an opportunity to tell her story.

When she told me that she had started writing a book, a memoir of her life, I encouraged her to finish writing her book.

My wife authored the book "There i Sat In Silence" which I published through my publishing company, "TC Royalty Publishing.



I acknowledge her bravery and courage in breaking the silence and seeking help others.

Together we are on a mission to help other victims and survivors by providing them with long-term, permanent, transitional, housing, along with counseling, therapy, education, financial aid, and childcare," Terry Hughey sad. (Continued on pg. 3)

Treasure Coast/PSL Community

Rufs Foundation's 2nd Annual Walk Against Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault is Happening June 5, 2021!!! Join Us on Our Mission!

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About the Foundation

Rising Up From Silence Foundation is a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization. RUFS Foundation is on a mission to open a facility that will give victims of abuse a long term permanent, transitional housing experience with assisted counseling, therapy, education, financial aid, and childcare. They are driven to do their part in putting a stop to Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault! And to assist those who either left or want to leave their abusers. Their passion is to assist victims and survivors of all spectrums of abuse, by encouraging them to come out of silence....and let their voices be heard!

Without Housing A Victim Is More Likely To Go Back To His or Her Abuser

Although protective housing can provide a pathway to freedom, there are many barriers that prevent survivors from obtaining or maintaining secure and affordable housing. The majority of survivors experience financial abuse, meaning that they have not had access to family finances, have been prohibited from working, or have had their credit scores destroyed by the abusive partner.

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Husband and Wife Team (continued)



Rufs Community Homes - Coming Soon!

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The convergence of domestic violence, homelessness, and housing instability is undeniable, as a lack of secure and affordable housing is often reported as one of the primary barriers survivors of domestic violence & sexual assault face when they leave an abusive partner.

Domestic violence is one of the leading causes of homelessness for women and children.

More than 90 percent of homeless women experience severe physical or sexual abuse at some point in their lives, and 63 per cent have been victims of domestic or sexual violence.

Victims may also face discrimination in accessing or maintaining housing based on the violent or criminal actions of perpetrators.

Additionally, victims are limited in the locations and types of housing they can access because of their unique safety and confidentiality needs and many housing or homelessness assistance programs have barriers that inadvertently exclude victims of violence.

Their Mission is to empower all people who have experienced life-changing abuses due to domestic violence and sexual assault and enlighten victims' and survivors' outlook on a brighter future.

They are committed to the well-being and healing of all abused victims by offering them long-term, permanent, transitional housing, along with counseling, therapy, educational assistance, financial assistance, and childcare.

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SHARE OUR VISION OF LONG TERM OR PERMANENT HOUSING FOR VICTIMS OF ABUSE - LET'S NOT BUY INTO THE STATUS QUO! IT'S TIME FOR A NEW VISION IN A NEW WORLD!! "Terry Hughey"

Please feel free to visit their website at: Rufsfoundation.com. *****

How Your Donation Can Make A Difference

Oftentimes, when victims leave their abusers, they leave with nothing except the clothes on their back. Many will say, "I need to go home to get clothes or diapers for my baby."

Statistics have shown us that the most dangerous time for an abused person is when she/he leaves or tries to end the relationship.

Returning home to grab a pack of diapers or a few outfits could result in death for them or her children. For this reason, donations for our foundation are more important than you may realize.



While some feel that donating items to charity is just a small gesture, it's actually a great act of kindness that can literally save lives.

For many abused victims, their only option to maintain safety is to completely start over.

Returning home for things left behind isn't worth the risk and something we advocate against.

Your donations play a large role in providing support and safety to survivors. It's so rewarding to be able to provide victims with the tools and resources to be self-sufficient, and the confidence and dignity they need to rebuild their lives.

A new suit for a job interview can be empowering for someone just entering the workforce, a new pair of shoes could be just what a child needs to calm the anxiety of going to a new school.

This means our survivors won't have to carry the financial stress of purchasing new things and or a car so they can get to that new job.



We are passionate about breaking the cycle of violence by building healthy relationships, empowering communities and mobilizing bystanders to speak out about abuse and violence.

JUST MY OPENION



"Can We All Agree"

BY: TERRY HUGHEY

America has the wherewithal to overcome the many challenges we face as a people.

The one challenge that has thrived in our society for many, many, many years is Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (why?) because no one has taken on this epidemic of abuse seriously.

The best we can do is offer a SHELTER a "temporary fix". That cannot and will not be acceptable in 21st century.

How is it possible that we think being abused is only a temporary situation (it's not) it's like putting a bandage on a wound that requires stitches.

We should be ashamed to allow this to continue, well I can't! Our children are witnessing these acts and are frightened, but statistics shows that after it becomes a recurring situation, the children began to thin think it's normal.

Our organization believes that our vision of Long Term Permanent or Transitional Community Homes will allow us to create a positive living environment along with a variety of services.

This is what Rufs Foundation will soon offer the world 🌍.

"Can We All Agree"



Here's What Happens When Political Parties Split



The current drama in the GOP is the latest and most concrete evidence that the party is undergoing a very painful evolution.

Wyoming Rep. Liz Cheney, the daughter of a former vice president and a power in her own right, was excised from House leadership because she would not stop criticizing former President Donald Trump's continued lying about his 2020 election loss.

Republicans under Abraham Lincoln were the party that ended slavery. Southern states began seceding before he could be sworn in. Republicans under Dwight Eisenhower were the party of Cold Warriors, and then under Ronald Reagan they became the party of ever-smaller government.

Republicans under Trump became the party that appealed to White supremacists and made protecting Confederate statues a campaign issue.

Once the party specifically pushing the importance of the Constitution and the rule of law, it is now unacceptable for party leaders like Cheney to do anything but tolerate the attempted overthrow of valid election results -- the bedrock principle that makes the American political system work.

The result is that a major US political party is now wedded completely to an anti-democratic ideology. More than 100 Republicans who have had it are creating a new organization.

They include George Conway, who helped run the Lincoln Project of disaffected Republicans bent on defeating Trump in 2016, but they are far from a mass movement.

They aren't even really calling themselves a party.

"I don't think a third party necessarily works in the kind of political system we have," Conway told CNN's Anderson Cooper on Wednesday night. "But there is a need for people who have a conservative to moderate point of view and want to believe in the rule of law and they need a place to go and a place where they can organize and support candidates that are consistent with that."

The split between Republicans willing to stand for the truth and those happy to accept its attempted overthrow does not necessarily signify a complete reorienting of US parties, which have been moving and evolving since government leaders first split into factions in the early 1800s.

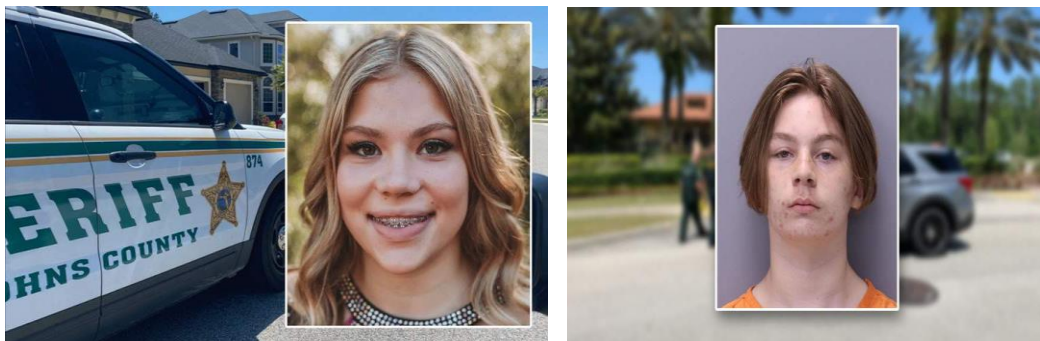
The briefest possible history of US political parties

US history is full of splinter parties and at least one complete party implosion, but the wreckage has always formed back into the two-party system. If you were to recap it as succinctly as possible, it might look like this:

Early on, Federalist supporters of a stronger national government opposed Democratic-Republican defenders of the primacy of states. Federalists faded away and Democratic-Republicans split into Jacksonian Democrats and Whigs, who were united against Andrew Jackson, who they viewed as a wannabe king, but ultimately split apart over slavery. Along the way there were others, like the Know Nothings, which started as a secret society.

Opposition to adding slave states in the West largely created the Republicans, who later faced splintering of their own with Bull Moose Progressives led by Theodore Roosevelt, who was frustrated at the direction his party took after he left the White House and was worried about ties between business and politics.

14-year-old boy charged with 2nd degree murder in death of 13-year-old girl



BY: CHERYL HUGHEY



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The St. Johns County Sheriff's Office says it has arrested a suspect in the death of a 13-year-old girl whose body was found Sunday evening.

Aiden Fucci, 14, was arrested on second degree murder charges in the death of 13-year-old Tristyn Bailey, who was reported missing early Sunday morning in the Durbin Crossing area. He is currently in the custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice, St. Johns County Sheriff Rob Hardwick said.

"We want to put our community at ease that we have that suspect in custody," Hardwick said.

Fucci is scheduled to have a detention hearing Tuesday morning at 8:30 at the Volusia County Regional Detention Center in front of Circuit Judge Michael Orfinger, via Zoom.

The suspect and the victim went to school together, but the sheriff's office would not say whether they were classmates at Patriot Oaks Academy. Hardwick said there are lots of witnesses they are interviewing, but only one suspect in custody.

"Our investigative team is out there interviewing all kinds of witnesses, whether directly or indirectly involved in this case," Hardwick said. "But as I told you before, we have a suspect in custody. That is the only suspect that has to do with the death of Tristyn."

A resident who lived in the area found the body around 6 p.m. Sunday, the sheriff's office said. She was found, clothed, in a wooded area, Hardwick said.

"I cannot thank our community enough. This is the relationship we have here in St. Johns County with our community. The community helped us solve this case," Hardwick said.

"When I say they went to work, they went to work, whether it be on social media -- we saw moms and families walking the woodline in clothes like church clothes yesterday ... And this case was solved because a gentleman saw the information that was put out there and went to work looking around his immediate area, where he lives at. And we can't thank him enough."

Neighbors, Tristyn's cheerleading teammates and deputies had been searching for the teen all day before the sheriff's office called off the search at around 6 p.m.

"Justice is being served," Hardwick said. "However, we know the community is angry. This is a very tight-knit community of St. Johns County ... This is a time for us to work with Tristyn Bailey's family to make sure that they have all of the information way before you have the information."

The medical examiner's office is still investigating the cause of death, Hardwick said. Investigators will share that information with Tristyn's family before determining if or when to release it to the media.

"They are physically in the process -- this is not an easy process for the medical examiner's office," Hardwick said. "We're going to let them take their time and be thorough, dot their I's and cross their t's."

It's important. We have a person charged with a serious crime, and we have a family that's grieving the loss of a loved one. A child. A 13-year-old child."

Hardwick said there is no further threat after the arrest in the case

WEEKLY SPORTS

UDONIS HASLEM SHOULD BE SUSPENDED FOR THE REST OF THE SEASON

BY: TERRY HUGHEY



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Udonis Haslem added a late, unlikely, and yet completely unsurprising chapter to his NBA resume on Thursday night. Less than a month from turning 41, in his 18th season,

Haslem made his first appearance of the season with less than a minute remaining in the first quarter against the Philadelphia 76ers.

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After receiving an ovation from the partial crowd at American Airlines Arena, Haslem scored two baskets in less than three minutes.

Then he got into it with Dwight Howard, put a finger in his face and got ejected. Before leaving he had some words for the Sixers bench.

Possibly about what might happen should the teams meet again in the playoffs. If the Eastern Conference standings hold, they could see each other in the second round.

And that's why Udonis Haslem should be suspended for the rest of the season. If Pat Riley's masked smile didn't give it away, this is exactly the message the Heat wanted to send to the top-seeded 76ers. It was a perfect moment for both Haslem and Heat Culture.

The NBA should step in and give them exactly what they want. Suspend

Haslem, who made just his 45th appearance of the last five seasons last night.

The league was afraid of the full-power Miami Heat. It's exactly what they wanted and exactly what they want. Look at the joy they took from this.

What UD did gave them joy. If they didn't already think the Sixers were soft and beatable, Haslem punking Dwight as they blew them out in Miami has convinced them. Suspending UD would be perfect. It would let them play the Miami vs.

The World card. And he wasn't going to play again this year anyway. No other player could end his career with a suspension and still be totally beloved by the one fanbase that ever really loved him.

Let Haslem finish his season and perhaps his career going out on top as the NBA's ultimate tough guy.

Plus, for overreacting and suspending him for something that was barely worthy of a single technical foul, the Heat will be able to use this as motivation.

WEEKLY LOCAL NEWS

33-year-old cold case in St. Lucie County solved



Thirty-three years ago, investigators in St. Lucie County came upon a badly decomposed body in a citrus grove.

It was a homicide, but for three decades, no one had been arrested.

But now, that cold case has been closed.

Out on Route 70, way west of town, it looks about the same as it did in 1988. That's when a man mowing a citrus grove came upon a body.

Detectives thought they knew who it was -- Rocky Taylor -- and had an idea who might be responsible. But investigators couldn't positively identify the 25-year-old at the time.

"He had no identification on him. They actually met up with friends, asked if they could identify the clothing he usually wore," said Detective Paul Taylor with the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office's cold case unit.

Through online sleuthing, Taylor last year tracked down two brothers who agreed to submit to DNA testing. The samples were sent to a Texas lab in early 2020.

"Unfortunately, at that point in time, COVID hit and their lab shut down," Paul Taylor said.

A few weeks ago, the lab contacted the sheriff's office and the pieces fell into place.

"Once they ran those two DNA profiles, it came up that he was positively identified as Rocky Lane Taylor," Paul Taylor said.

But the main suspect, a former boyfriend of Rocky Taylor, died of cancer in 2015.

"I would have loved to have made an arrest on this," Paul Taylor said. "I think we had the evidence to convict this guy. Just a matter of, you know, time wasn't on my side on this one."

The detective has been a one-man cold case unit. But recently, a second man has come on board to volunteer his time.

"So far, what I've done in the last, probably, month-and-a-half to two months is just read," retired State Attorney Bruce Colton said.

Colton retired this year after 35 years in the office. As someone with a hand in convicting some of the Treasure Coast's most notorious killers, Colton has a history with some of these cold cases.

"One of the things that I found interesting is that, even way back in the '70s and '80s, they were doing pretty complete investigations," Colton said.

Paul Taylor found that the victim's remains were still in a lab in Gainesville, so he coordinated it so the family could collect them. Rocky Taylor's surviving siblings held a memorial service for him Wednesday

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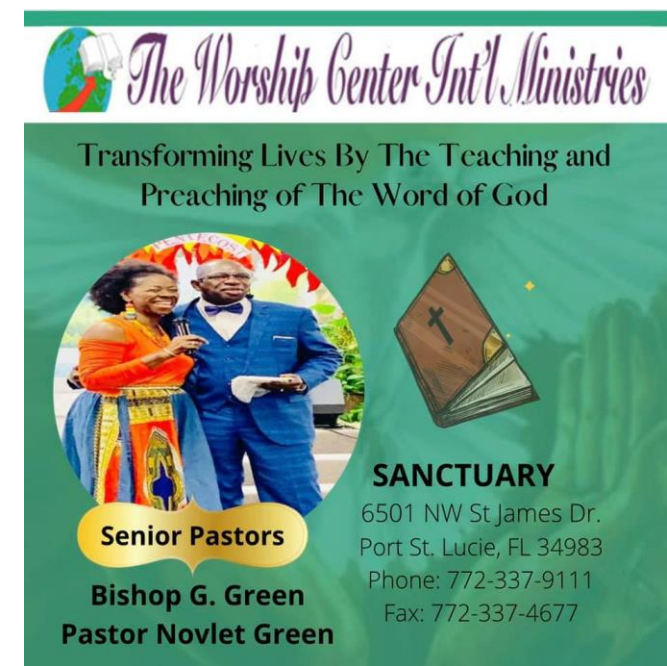


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