

## IS COMEDY BEING SHUT DOWN?

On the 10th in 1821 Missouri (aka, the "Show Me State") becomes the 24th State, as a part of the Missouri Compromise. Missouri was granted statehood without restrictions as to slavery, Maine was allowed to enter the Union, but only as a free state. Later during the Civil War, Missouri was split in its allegiance, as they sent troops to both sides of the conflict.

By 2013, Missouri finds itself in the headlines as Tuffy the Clown, loses his job as a result of doing what clowns do, poking fun at others. Some thought he went too far, while Tuffy explains he was just doing what has been done for the past 20+ years. Read, become enlightened, then you decide. ***Have we become challenged as a society, that even our ability to have fun is being shut down?***

## FREEDOM & LITERACY GO HAND IN HAND

On the 11th in 1841, Frederick Douglass (1818-1895), speaks in public for the first time. A generational favorite, Frederick Douglass has become an example and a source of inspiration and hope for millions.

Born into slavery with the name of Frederick Augustus Washington Bailey, Frederick learned by observation at an early age that there was a connection between Freedom and Literacy. A lesson that all people can learn. While he was not allowed to attend school, he became self-taught. One of his earliest books was "The Columbian Orator" which included writings on natural rights. If the youth of today, could find the same level of inspiration and development of self, like Frederick Douglass did in his day, the world would be well on its way for global peace through self-mastery. We would realize quickly enough that peace is not realized in servitude, but in the Natural Law that enshrines all human rights. Every man, woman and child, needs to appreciate self-discipline, and respect individual learning and growth.

