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All the news that's fit to print—and some that isn't, too!

News of 2007 from George & Julie Halitzka



CAPTURE THIS! JAMES KUBALEK

Merry Grinchmas!

Julie finally got her M.R.S. in 2007! George was escorted to the church by Julie's father, who brought a noose made from microphone cables. ("It's only for emergencies," he assured the nervous groom.) The couple was married without incident and honeymooned in tropical Galena, Illinois.



Julie goes over to the Dark Side; marries George Drive-by toilet papering follows

IOWA CITY — Despite repeated warnings from well-intentioned friends, Julie entered into a lifelong covenant of matrimony with George on March 24.

The ceremony is believed to be the first-ever wedding which required acting rehearsals. Dictator/Groom George Halitzka forced friends to practice their oral readings during a four-hour marathon session at his apartment.

"He threatened to feed me his bachelor cooking if I messed up!" said Katie Aunan, the traumatized Junior Bridesmaid.

As a result of Halitzka's Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder, the wedding went smoothly. The reception, however, did have one rough moment when the groom introduced a rap video about marrying a wife with a large Bible. (*Editor's note: If you're curious, watch "Baby Got Book" on Google Video.*) Afterwards, as the couple enjoyed their first dance, Julie repeatedly stepped on her husband's toes.

Meanwhile, under the pretext of delivering wedding gifts, members of the bridal party toilet papered the couple's new apartment. They covered every room with white streamers and filled the bathtub with water balloons.

An anonymous source at the Iowa City Police Department refused to release the perpetrators' names. However, he did reveal that their initials were Katrina Korb and Joy Perkins. Korb recently fled the country under the guise of becoming a college professor in Nigeria.

Several individuals, unfortunately, were left out of the fun. Best man Victor Halitzka covered his face in shame when contacted by the *Expirer*. "I'm glad my brother found a wife in his old age," said Halitzka, "but I'm embarrassed that the TP wasn't my idea." ☞

◀ In a police evidence photo, Julie shows the damage done to her new Love Nest by "friends" Korb and Perkins.

People actually *read* George's writings! English teachers shocked; appalled

LOUISVILLE — In an unprecedented development, George's articles and scripts are now being perused by people besides his mother!

George recently became a regular contributor to *Boundless*, where his articles are published monthly. His writings also appeared last year in *Forte*, *Christianity and Theatre*, *Drama Ministry*, and *The Wittenburg Door*.

In December, George wrote and directed a touring one-act drama entitled *Christmas Presence* (pictured at left). A very talented cast presented this contemporary nativity play at churches and nonprofits in Louisville. George hopes to remount the production for Christmas 2008 and reach an even wider audience.

George is also excited to see his first play appearing in print! *From Garden to Tomb*, an interactive retelling of the Passion of Christ, will be released by Meriwether Publishing in early 2008. The play is designed for churches looking for a creative approach to Good Friday worship.

Visit www.dramabygeorge.com or www.writingbygeorge.com for information on all of George's work. ☞



JOSEPH GOLDSMITH

Julie tries to get more spiritual than her husband

LOUISVILLE — In August, the Happy Couple moved to Louisville, Kentucky! There, Julie has just completed her first semester in the Worship Music program at Southern Seminary. She's learning a lot about singing, songwriting, and guitar-playing. However, she wishes there were a few less hymns and a few more

contemporary worship songs in the curriculum.

During her "free" time, Julie teaches music classes to infants and preschoolers at Gymboree Play and Music. She's having fun with the kids, and is excited to be singing for her supper! (Okay—technically, she sings for a paycheck.)

Julie isn't doing spider work for a living anymore—you know, web design—but she hasn't forgotten her roots. She worked on two website projects for friends during

December, and often helps George fix the problems he creates for himself on the computer. She blogs regularly at blog.julie-h.com. You can listen to her musical compositions there, too!

So far, Julie's enjoying married life a lot. But she's still teaching George to pick up his own socks—and he's a slow learner. There's always next year . . . ☞

God provides in 2007

Relying on the income of a freelance artist and a full-time seminary student takes faith. But God brought in just enough money for all of George and Julie's expenses during the past year—even their wedding and the move to Kentucky!

One example: In December, *Christmas Presence* (George's new play) didn't generate nearly as much income as they expected. But thanks to extra hours at Gymboree and generous Christmas gifts from their families, George and Julie haven't missed any bills yet.

In the book of Malachi in the Bible, God says this: "Bring all your gifts into the storehouse. If you do, I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in. Try it! Put me to the test! Your harvest will be abundant" (*Mal. 3:10, NLT*).

George and Julie have been putting God to the test a lot his year—because, uh, they haven't had a choice. Thankfully, God still keeps His promises!

The Happy Couple hopes to enjoy more financial stability in 2008. But whether or not *that* happens, they believe God will bring in what they need. Their job is to stay faithful to Him. ☞

