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Selma...Say What?

By Lafe Tolliver, Esq
Guest Column

Now, don't get me wrong. But I get a little bent out of shape when certain seemingly "liberal" white folks get all choked up about everyone should go see the movie, Selma.

No doubt it probably is an impressive piece of cinema. No doubt it probably captures the flavor of the battles of the Civil Rights era and the personalities who made it possible due to their Herculean sacrifice and, for some, their untimely deaths.

But...for people to act as if all black people need to see Selma as opposed to wanting to see Selma, now that is a horse of a different color.

My choice of audiences to see Selma? Any black person under the age of 40 or was born in the 80s and forward.

And as for the white folks who need to see Selma? Everyone who is 90 years and younger!

Regrettably, you cannot force white folks to see movies like *Selma* and *12 Years A Slave* or *The Butler* or *Imitation of Life* or *Black Like Me* or *One Potato...Two Potatoes* and a host of other films that attempt to bring to the celluloid screen the tangibles and intangibles of being black and living in America.

It is my supposition that many white folks do not want to see such movies in which they are portrayed as the bad guy. You know, the man or woman who revels in the brutal treatment of people of color.

The kind of people who pray in their churches on Sunday but raise hell with black people on Monday when it comes to affording them equal pay and human dignity.

It is as if white people have a gene that informs them that such a movie will make them squirm or make them reevaluate their esteemed position on the economic totem pole and they would rather not, thank you.

Many, many black people lived *Selma* repeatedly while living in America and they have intimate knowledge of family and friends who also went through that blast furnace of injustice and injury in America. To relive scenes of such degradation and humiliation is a tad too much for them, even in 2015.

White America has long been running away from its racial history.

It does not want to look in its composite historical mirror and see the warts and pimples and racial scarring it has put its psyche through and the real terrors it has put people of color through since the slaves were first brought to these unwelcoming and hostile shores.

If white America could, it would take a pill and presto!...any ugly and despicable acts of past and present mistreatment against black people would go away and away for good.

White America does not do well when black people bring up the "race thing" because when it happens, they have an attack of the dry mouth and a brain freeze thinking that what is about to be said

about them will not be laudatory.

There is no national monument in the nation's capital that pays homage to the millions of people of African descent who either did not make it here from Africa (they died in transit due to foul conditions and brutality) and those who did make it here only to be turned into human chattel and be designated as three-fifths of a person for scores of years.

Hundreds of years of oppression and denial have not been duly noted by white America as a still unpaid debt to the heirs and survivors of the African and American slave trade.

Not enough has been documented and trumpeted abroad about how the American colonies used the free slave labor to build the critical mass of capital that allowed these newly-minted United States of America to gain premier rankings in the world as an early global super power and which allowed capitalism to gain a solid foothold and flourish as it did.

I mean, come on. Who would not benefit from hundred of years of free labor and skills and depressed labor markets that would allow a country (the U.S.A.) to become a colossus in the financial markets of the world?

Early fortunes were made on the backs of black men and women who toiled for nothing or for peanuts and got zilch in return for their labor but yet whose blood, sweat and tears made America the economic goliath that is was then and is now.

So, yeah. Movies like *Selma* and a host of others do and would make many white Americans cringe knowing that they benefited (then and now) from the labor and creativity of others and when

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Community Calendar

February 16 – March 31

Art Exhibit: Maumee Branch Library; 40 paintings by artists Larry Parker, Sr

February 19

Connecting Communities Outreach Event: Main Branch Library; McMaster Center; 4 to 7 pm; Presented by NeighborWorks TOLEDO REGION; To bring awareness of programs available to Lucas County residents; Agencies – Area Office on Aging, Lucas County Jobs & Family Services; Pathway, United Way, Columbia Gas: 419-691-2900 ex 312

February 21

Shelter in a Storm Ministry: Seeking people with a miracle testimony; 4 pm: 419-270-2261 or 419-244-7458

February 22

Calvary MBC Culinary Heritage Food Taster: Sponsored by the Roses of Calvary Flower Ministry; 4 pm; "Safe in Jesus;" Speaker Min. Sheree-Madison Emery: 419-531-9443

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February 25

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February 28

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D. Michael Collins --- June 30 1944 – February 6, 2015

D. Michael Collins died doing what he loved most – serving the citizens of Toledo and being mayor to the Glass City. Collins, in fact, had served the citizens of Toledo for most of his adult life. For the few years that he was not directly serving Toledo, he was serving his country.

Collins was born on June 30, 1944 and grew up in the old South End and was a life-long Toledoan. He graduated from St. James Grade School and Libbey High School. He enlisted in the Marine Corps after high school and achieved the rank of corporal and received an honorable discharge.

In 1973 he was appointed to the Toledo Police Department and served for 27 years, including his last 10 years as the president of the Toledo Police Patrolman's Association. Throughout his career he received numerous letters of recognition for excellence in police service. In 1997 he was awarded the professional Service Award by the Toledo Police Department.

While working full time and raising a family, he earned a bachelor's degree in 1975 and a master's degree in business administration in 1998 from The University of Toledo. He was recognized for high scholastic achievement in both degrees.

After retiring from TPD, Collins began teaching as a visiting professor in the department of Criminal Justice at UT. Between teaching assignments he served the university as the Director of the Ohio Police Corps, an Ohio police academy funded by the U.S. Department of Justice.

He began serving his first term as the elected Toledo City Councilman for District 2 in January 2008. He was elected to a second term which began in January 2012. He was sworn in as mayor in January 2014.

Collins was married to Sandy Drabik and the couple have three daughters and eight grandchildren. As an independent he had never been a member of a political party



Michael Collins

Tributes To Mayor Collins

Ohio Democratic Party Statement on Toledo Mayor D. Michael Collins

Last week, following the passing of Toledo Mayor D. Michael Collins, Ohio Democratic Party Chairman David Pepper released the following statement:

"We are saddened to hear about the passing of Mayor Collins today. A life-long Toledoan, a veteran of the United States Marine Corps, a dedicated police officer, union leader, and finally as Mayor, Mayor Collins spent his life serving and protecting his community."

"Our thoughts and prayers are with his family during this very difficult time, along with the entire Toledo community."

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Statement from TPS Superintendent Romules Durant, Ed.D, on the passing of Toledo Mayor D. Michael Collins.

I was very saddened to hear about the passing of Mayor Collins. Like me, he was a Proud product of Toledo Public Schools, a Libbey Cowboy through and through. Mayor Collins knew the importance of a strong public school system and we could always count on him to lend his support, like he did when he spoke at a community luncheon in the fall urging the passage of our levy. Mayor Collins dedicated his life to public service, first as a police officer, then as a councilman and finally as mayor. I always admired his commitment to the people of Toledo, his people. The staff and students of TPS extend their sincerest condolences to the family of Mayor Collins.

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Mayor Hicks-Hudson Prepares for Challenges She Had Not Anticipated Just Weeks Ago

By Fletcher Word
Sojourner's Truth Editor

Paula Hicks-Hudson, Toledo's first African-American female mayor, may not be entirely ready for her new duties, but she is certainly well prepared for them.

From now through November, at least, Mayor Hicks-Hudson will strive "to ensure that the City of Toledo continues to move forward," she said.

In the wake of the unexpected death of her predecessor, Mayor D. Michael Collins, Hicks-Hudson plans to continue pursuing some of the big projects on which the mayor's office was focused – retaining Jeep, assisting ProMedica in their plans to move downtown and renovate the steam plant and putting in place the next city budget.

To do so, Hicks-Hudson has stated that she intends to retain the Collins' staff and has no plans to make changes, at least for the immediate future.

"My style – having staffed elected officials before – is to allow staff to do what they do, what they are supposed to do and to expect them to do their jobs," she said just after she assumed her duties as the city's chief executive. She cited the old Ronald Reagan quote "trust, but verify" to explain how she intends to rely on a staff whom she considers to be "dedicated, professional and willing to accommodate me ... good public servants."



Hicks-Hudson

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African Art Has Arrived!!

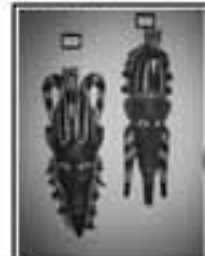
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Hicks-Hudson is a native of Hamilton, OH. She earned her bachelor's degree from Spelman College and a master's in communications development from Colorado State University.

Hicks-Hudson, who earned her law degree from the University of Iowa, arrived in Toledo in 1982 to work for the Toledo Legal Aid Society. After two years with Legal Aid, she spent five years as a prosecutor with Lucas County.

Among her public service stints are one as legislative director for Toledo City Council and, during the Gov. Ted Strickland administration, four years as chief counsel in the State of Ohio Office of Budget and Management.

In January 2011, Michael Ashford, City Councilman for District 4, resigned from Council in order to take up his duties as a newly elected state representative. Hicks-Hudson was elected by the remaining council members to take his place. A long-time resident of the Old West End, she won election in her own right later in the year.

In January 2013, her colleagues elected her president of City Council thereby placing her in direct line of succession to the mayor's office, not that she would ever have anticipated having to make such a move. Nevertheless, being president of council has helped prepare her for her new challenge. She spoke often with the late mayor and had "a cordial relationship" with him, albeit not always agreeing with him in his approach to certain issues.

Now, however, Hicks-Hudson might well find herself in greater agreement with her predecessor since she has to view local issues "from a larger level than as a district council person."

For example, with ProMedica undertaking a major steam plant renovation, Councilwoman Hicks-Hudson would have been focused intently on minority contractors' inclusion. Mayor Hicks-Hudson will find herself just as focused on, if not more so, local inclusion on the project.

At a town hall meeting months ago in her district, Hicks-Hudson was heard to proclaim that "District 4 is the best district." We won't be hearing such proclamations from her anytime in the near future – at least not until November.

As for November, when an open general election will be held to pick someone to complete the Collins four-year term, Hicks-Hudson has said she will make a decision soon whether or not to run. She is mindful of the fact that should



Mother of the Year, Paula Hicks - Hudson

she not run, the city will have had four mayors in three years, a lack of continuity that is perhaps not the best formula for moving the city forward.

Even as she expands her role in guiding Toledo, there are aspects of her dedication that will not change. "I have a heart for this city and have 30-plus years in the community working for different organizations," she told The Truth more than three years ago in the run-up to her election as District 4 councilwoman.

"My role is to listen to constituents and what they want and be a conduit for them to government."

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Tributes To Mayor Collins

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U.S. Sen. Portman Statement on the Passing of Toledo Mayor Michael Collins

Last week, U.S. Senator Rob Portman (R-Ohio) released the following statement on the passing of Toledo Mayor Michael Collins:

"Toledo and our state lost a true public servant today. Mike Collins was in it for the right reasons and made a big difference in the lives of the people he served. I was honored to work with him on issues as varied as abandoned homes and toxic algal blooms and economic development. I was in Toledo today and able to express my sympathy in person to his top staff and interim Mayor Paula Hicks-Hudson. To the people of Toledo, and to his family, including his wonderful wife, Sandra Drabik, Jane and I offer our condolences and prayers."

Senator Brown Mourns Passing of Mayor Collins

Last week, State Senator Edna Brown (D-Toledo) released the following statement after the death of Toledo Mayor D. Michael Collins at the age of 70:

"I extend my deepest and heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of Mayor D. Michael Collins. I consider myself blessed to be among those who had the opportunity to know him.

"He devoted his life to public service and his death is a tremendous loss to our city. He will be missed by the citizens of Toledo and anyone who had the pleasure of knowing him. Although he is no longer with us, his legacy will be remembered forever."

Statement by Anita Lopez, Lucas County Auditor, on the Passing of Mayor Collins

"I would like to express my deepest and sincerest condolences to the Collins family. May God be with us all and watch over the citizens of Toledo as we all have suffered a great loss. Mayor Collins was a genuine spirit who

lead by example – embodying Toledo's core values of hard work, dedication, kindness and love for others. He was a true gentleman on and off the campaign trail. He pursued and achieved his dreams and goals by doing what he believed to be right, never wavering. The City of Toledo and Northwest Ohio is a better place because of his service to our beloved community. My thoughts and prayers are with his wife Sandra and children Tammy, Kelly and Laurie. God Bless."

Statement of Ohio AFL-CIO President Tim Burga on the Passing of Toledo Mayor D. Michael Collins

On the news of the passing of Toledo Mayor D. Michael Collins, Ohio AFL-CIO President Tim Burga issued the following statement.

"The passing of Mayor Collins is a tremendous loss for Toledo and all its citizens. In recognizing this loss, we all can celebrate the life and times of this fine public servant. His service as police officer, union representative and public official has made for a legacy that can inspire us all. His commitment to the public welfare, his fellow police officers and the future of this great city is a model for all to follow. Mayor Collins' memory will live on as we continue the pursuits to which he was so deeply committed."

Toledo Lawmakers Mourn Loss of Mayor Michael Collins

State Reps. Michael Ashford (D-Toledo), Teresa Fedor (D-Toledo) and Michael P. Sheehy (D-Oregon) today released the following statement mourning the loss of Toledo Mayor Michael Collins:

"With heavy hearts, our city and state mourn the loss of our strong, devoted leader and friend Michael Collins. A veteran, police officer, councilman, professor—and a fierce advocate for our great city and its citizens—our mayor's devotion was to selfless public service and his family.

"During this difficult time, our thoughts and prayers are with his family and those whose lives he touched. He will be greatly missed and dearly remembered."

Main Library Programs

The Toledo Chapter of the NAACP Comes of Age

Join us as Ohio State University professor Dr. Kenneth Goings speaks about the accomplishments and leadership of the Toledo NAACP chapter over the last 100 years. Dr. Goings, an African-American history professor and expert on NAACP history in Ohio, will be speaking for one hour in McMaster Center and a question and answer session will follow. Light refreshments will be served.

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Saturday, February, 28 - 3:30 p.m.

Main Library - Gallery, 325 Michigan St.

The Great Migration: Mapping Your History


Experience the route taken by African Americans as they moved North for opportunities during The Great Migration. Highlights include:

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Five Things Families with College Bound Students Should Consider

Special to The Truth

Transitioning to college life can be difficult on both students and families. From new expenses to a new lifestyle, being prepared for what lies ahead can help you avoid common bumps in the road.

Here are five things families with college-bound students should consider:

- **Getting involved:** Being away from home and making new friends can seem daunting. Encourage your student to get involved in school activities and events. From joining the campus paper to running for student government, there are a range of extracurricular opportunities that can lead to new friendships, help students maintain an active calendar and round out one's classroom education.

- **Health and wellness:** Late nights spent studying instead of sleeping, as well as crowded dorm rooms, can be a prescription for colds and flu. Check out on-campus and local health care options before your student gets sick. No one wants to scramble to research medical options when he or she isn't feeling well. Many campuses offer student insurance. See what makes the most sense for your family. Locate a nearby pharmacist before visiting the doctor so you can provide that information at your appointment.

- **Financing College:** College may be one of your family's biggest investments to date. Whether that describes your family or not, there's no doubt about it, higher education comes with a big price tag. It's never too late in the process to seek out new financing options, even if your child is already away out school.

From filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, to exploring private loans, free online resources can help guide you through the process. Check out resources designed for college-bound students and their families, such as Wells Fargo's "5 Steps to Financial Aid" video series, which offers helpful advice on finding a scholarship, applying for loans, and more from "Mr. Fellows, your wisest college advisor," at www.WellsFargo.com/fivesteps.

- **Staying in touch:** You're busy. Your kid is busy. But regular check-ins with your student can help you know that everything is going well. Set up a weekly appointment to chat by phone and get the scoop -- just make sure your student's phone plan allows for sufficient texting and calling.

- **Money management:** For many students, college is the first time they will gain some financial independence. Set your kids up for success by teaching them how to estab-

lish a workable budget. A checking and savings account designed for college students can help them stay on track. You can review money-management tools for college students at www.WellsFargo.com.

Don't let the transition to college catch your family off guard. Parents can make the transition easier for students by striking the right balance of "letting go" and staying involved.

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Students participating in the global immersion were: Maumee resident Fredisha Martin; Ottawa Hills resident Kathryn Holman; Perrysburg residents Brittany Darrington and Jessica Leffler; Sylvania residents Gina Black, Christopher Grzecki, Reginald Martin II, Kavanaugh Ross and Monica Smith; Temperance resident Pamela Jagodzinski; Toledo residents Amanda Archibegue, Suzanne Braden, Callie Clark, Menyonn Daniels, Fabenson Frisch, Aretha Gilmer, Melissa Gunner, Brittney Jacobiak, Brittany Taylor and Justin Veigel.

The South African immersion included six business visits. Students learned about:

- Equity markets at the Johannesburg Stock Exchange, the largest stock exchange in Africa;
- Infrastructure's role in South Africa's development with Group Five Ltd., an integrated construction services, materials and infrastructure investment group operating in over 20 countries with more than 12,000 employees;
- The healthcare sector at Metropolitan Health, the largest administrator of medical schemes in South Africa with approximately three million beneficiaries across 20 schemes;
- The small business sector at Villiera Wines, a family-operated winery committed to preserving the environment with membership in the Biodiversity of Wine Initiative;
- Retail engagement at Visual Fusion, a specialist in-store experience company; and
- Retail trends at GumTree South Africa – an Ebay company ranked as the #1 classifieds site and one of the top 10 websites in South Africa.

"This experience provided us a unique opportunity to interact with leaders of some of the most impactful companies in South Africa. We gained insight and connections that will help us make a significant difference in the future growth of their emerging economy," says student Chris Grzecki.

"The global immersion course gives our MBA candidates the opportunity to discover and evaluate complex global problems, experienced by multinational corporations within an emerging economy, through personalized business site visits. Our MBA candidates gain an expanded perspective on the role and the global presence of these multinational corporations while realizing that many of them have operations in both northwest Ohio and South Africa. Ultimately, the global immersion experience opens the door for our MBA candidates to have an expanded spectrum of life-long international career opportunities," says Ryan Butt, J.D., dean of the College of Business & Leadership.

The Lourdes MBA program is offered to candidates seeking either a part-time or full-time option. Students benefit from a values-centered, student-focused and career-driven program that educates a different kind of business leader. Lourdes faculty educates students on pressing global business issues while serving as consultants to businesses, both nationally and internationally. The innovative curriculum and personalized approach to each student's career goals build strong and ethical leaders who will positively impact their community.

For more information on the MBA program, contact Tara Hanna, director of graduate admissions at Lourdes University at 419-517-8908 or email thanna@lourdes.edu.



MBA students Fredisha Martin, Justin Veigel, Suzanne Braden and Brittany Taylor



MBA students Fabenson Frisch, Callie Clark and Reginald Martin with Dean of the College of Business and Leadership Ryan Butt, JD



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Washington or Du Bois, Then and Now

By Megan Banks, UT Student
Guest Column

Booker T. Washington and W.E.B Du Bois were the two major African-American leaders, educators and spokesmen during the late 1800's and early 1900's. They held opposing yet highly-influential positions on what the newly-freed African Americans should do as far as acquiring education and civil rights/status.

Washington asserted in his *Atlanta Exposition* that Negroes should "Cast their buckets down where they are" (Tozer, p.116) in agriculture, mechanics, commerce, domestic service and in the professions, rather than seek a broad and higher level education.

He also discouraged blacks from seeking civil and social equality and, instead, encouraged them to focus on economic stability to earn respect from whites.

In contrast to Washington, Du Bois held the belief that blacks can only assure that they can make progress if they have the opportunities for a broad education, civil and social rights, and the right to vote. While Washington's stance was more practical for making some immediate progress during the reformation era, Du Bois's argument

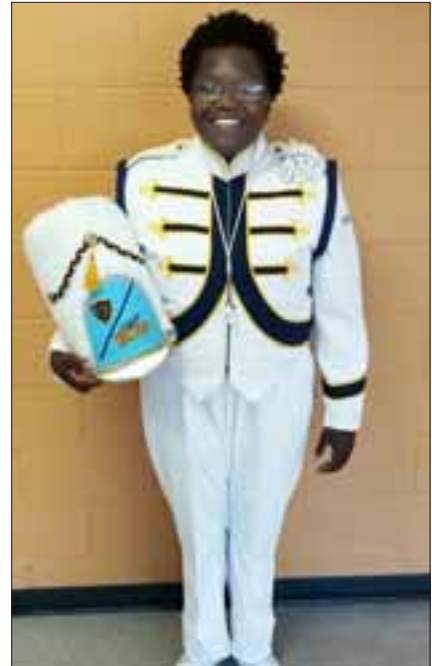
was much more realistic for making true and meaningful progress for African Americans.

Du Bois asserted that in order to make any type of gains in society, black people had to actively try to gain the right to vote. The right to vote, he argued, is extremely powerful when trying to make collective economic and social gains. Even if there is passion and organization, in order to achieve anything on a level that is to be recognized by the general (and at the time, dissenting) public, one must have the right of suffrage and exercise this right.

Du Bois spoke about this in *The Souls of Black Folk* in a response to Washington's Atlanta Exposition, writing "...it is utterly impossible, under modern competitive methods, for workingmen and property owners to defend their rights and exist without suffrage." (Tozer, p. 118) Gaining economic and material wealth would mean nothing for the reformation era blacks if they did not wield and use any political power.

The other main tenants of Du Bois's argu-

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Megan Banks



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Tips to Boost Baby and Toddler Brain Development

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While formal education may not begin until age five, those years preceding classroom learning are crucial to brain development. You can get your child started on the right path early on by encouraging learning whenever possible.

Sing a Song

Simple songs can be a fun and helpful way to reinforce basic concepts like numbers, letters and animals. Sing with your little one in the car, or when you have free time at home. Great choices include "Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes," "The Alphabet Song," and "The Wheels on the Bus."

Stock your home with simple instruments like kazoos, tambourines, and mini keyboards built for little fingers to encourage impromptu solos. Also, consider enrolling your child in music classes, which can be a great way to lay the foundation for music instruction later in life.

Colorful Books

"Books for young children should also be learning tools that help build vocabulary and language skills," says Sophie Mitchell, preschool publisher at DK Publishing.

For newborns, Mitchell recommends books that feature bright, bold colors and vivid patterns that are easy to hold, for sharing between baby and parent.

"Babies love to hear the sound of their parent's voices, so read en-

thusiastically to your child," she says. Mitchell also recommends that parents choose books that are filled with the things babies find fascinating, such as images of others babies, toddlers, animals and vehicles.

Toddlers love pointing out things they know and saying the words out loud. They appreciate book content that features images of their real world. Surprise elements like flaps, sounds, pull tabs and textures can provoke curiosity and engage reluctant readers.

"Preschool-aged children need clear, appealing subjects which capture their preoccupations and passions," adds Mitchell.

For this age group memory is a very important reading skill to develop, so parents should look for titles that include fun, repetitive text. Clear word labels can help young children make associations between images and words.

For an early learning library, consider introducing your tykes to the "My First" board book series. First published in 1989, these iconic little books have now been reimagined for a new generation. With titles like "My First Animals," "My First Colors," and "My First Words," they are packed with bright, colorful photographs and large easy-to-read text to captivate budding readers. More information about the series can be found at www.Dk.com.

Be Active

Babies, toddlers and preschoolers need lots of mental stimulation for brain development. Rather than simply sitting them in front of the television, take little trips that can foster questions and observations. Whether that be the playground, the zoo or even a run-of-the-mill trip to the grocery store, these experiences are crucial for early learning. Talk to your child throughout the trip, pointing out things you see. When you get home, you can reinforce the real-world concepts with learning books.

Don't wait until kindergarten to get the ball started on education.

By simply reading out loud and encouraging everyday play, you can help develop key learning skills in your child.

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those others said, "Hey give me a piece of the pie I helped bake!" they were relegated to back seats of buses and to the slavery block or to the lynch mob or to ghettos and to the front lines of America's wars in inordinate numbers.

So, yeah. Movies like *Selma* are not seeing long lines from people who live in Rossford or Ottawa Hills or Wauseon or Upper Arlington. People would rather see pulp nonsense like *Guess Who Is Coming To Dinner* or see movies with a cutesy Shirley Temple tap dancing with a grinning Bill 'Bojanles' Robinson or a *Gone With The Wind* with a grinning black maid making a fuss over a white spoiled Scarlet O'Hara.

No...white America chooses very carefully the "race" films that it will support because if the film gets too close to home and calls out white America to do the right thing, the screen goes black and that is a blackness that white America will support.

Will I see *Selma*? Do chicken have lips? Do snake have hips? Does water run uphill?

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School Choice Ohio Applauds Gov. Kasich's Proposal for Expanding Access to School Choice

Special to The Truth

Governor John Kasich last week shared his budget proposal. School Choice Ohio applauded Gov. Kasich for his plan to expand access to school choice for Ohio students and increase EdChoice Scholarship amounts for high school students.

"Governor Kasich's budget proposal continues his record of support for quality options in education by outlining a series of measures that will expand access for students throughout Ohio," said School Choice Ohio Executive Director Matt Cox.

Gov. Kasich's proposed increase to the high school scholarship amount for the EdChoice Program would be the first increase since the program's inception in 2005. Currently, high school EdChoice

recipients receive up to \$5,000 each year. The governor's proposal would increase that amount to \$5,700, making it equal to the scholarship amount made available to Cleveland Scholarship recipients in high school.

"By increasing the EdChoice scholarship amount for high school students, we are ensuring they have access to the schools of their choice through graduation," said Cox. "School choice programs in Ohio have thrived under the leadership of Governor Kasich, and School Choice Ohio is pleased to see that continue in his budget proposal."

For more information about Ohio's scholarship programs, visit www.schoio.org.

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ment were that blacks also needed civil equality and a broad base of education. Civil equality is necessary to allow free movement in social class, as promised by the American dream.

At the time in the South, there were laws that created "a distinct status of civil inferiority for the Negro." (Tozer, p. 121 from Du Bois's *The Souls of Black Folk*). These laws justified anti-black sentiments by giving them legal backing. This status also effectively prevented blacks from accessing pretty much any quality education, let alone higher education.

Washington argued that blacks should only receive technical education to prepare them for the roles that society had prescribed for them (in agriculture and domestic service and commerce). Du Bois, in my opinion, weakened this argument with simple logic. He says, "Neither the Negro common-schools, nor Tuskegee itself could remain open a day were it not for teachers trained in Negro colleges, or trained by their graduates." (Tozer, p.121)

The true value of W.E.B. Du Bois's views is that they still prove to be useful today. He advocated for the education of students based on ability level. This idea is seen in the push towards diverse education based on student needs and the implementing of tracking in schools.

There are drawbacks to this theory however because students of lower socio-economic class (which is often tied to race) are tracked into vocational programs in disproportionate amounts. Do all of these students lack the ability to survive in higher level and intellectually challenging courses? What is the process that the school is

uses to determine which students are tracked in which programs?

Another way in which Du Bois's views are still relevant can be seen when examining immigrant families. Civil equality and the right to vote play a crucial role in having a voice in the education of your youth. There has been widespread xenophobic antipathy toward Hispanic immigrants which has caused numerous problems when trying to address the issue of educating the children of these migrant groups. Considering that they have quickly become the largest minority group in the U.S., it would benefit them to be able to weigh in on the education of their children by voting.

Past or present, I believe that Du Bois had a much more realistic and solid argument about how marginalized groups should seek advancement. Whereas Washington's argument merely sought to put a band-aid on the symptoms that slavery and discrimination that caused, Du Bois sought to cure the ills by attacking the problems directly.

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Megan Banks is a senior at the University of Toledo Judith Herb College of Education majoring in music education. Ms. Banks is Drum Major for the 2014-2015 University of Toledo Marching Band, and in that position is making history as the first Black female to hold that position in Rocket history.



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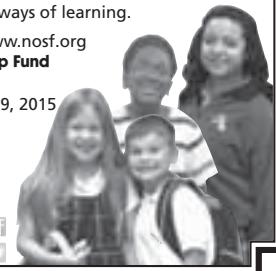
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• A presentation of the WGTE documentary, **African American Lives--Toledo**. This film documents the family history and DNA markers of local resident, Charlene Gilbert.

• **Mr. Aayan Naim** will perform blues Music of the rural south, which traveled to urban areas.

• **Journey Genealogy Group** will address specific challenges African Americans face when researching their roots.

• **Donna Christian**, of the Library's Local History Department, will discuss resources that are available including genealogical databases.

• Special gallery exhibit featuring local artist **Aaron S. Bivins**. Works include specially created paintings reflecting The Great Migration. Meet the artist reception/event at 3:30 p.m.

Raffle:

- 2 DNA Ancestry kits
- 2 pairs of tickets to the Authors! Authors! program featuring, Isabel Wilkerson. Wilkerson is a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and author of "The Warmth of Other Suns."

Light refreshments will be served.

Saturday, February 28, 2015 1 - 4 p.m.

Main Library - McMaster Center, Lobby and Gallery 325 Michigan St.

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Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Week

Stop by the Library any time this week to make a paper peace-symbol that we can add to our "Let's Promote Peace" mural to be displayed in Children's Library. Sign the peace pledge and complete daily activities all week long. For grades 3 - 6.

February 12 - 17, 2015 During Library hours Main Library

Children's Library 325 Michigan St.

Eddie B. Allen & Sheila McCauley Keys "Our Auntie Rosa"

A first-ever collection of 43 insightful es-

says written by the civil rights icon's close relatives. The essays take readers behind the freedom-fighter facade as Mrs. Parks re-established herself as a struggling private citizen, following the Montgomery bus boycott.

Thursday, February 12, 2015 6:30 p.m.

Main Library - McMaster Center 325 Michigan St.

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Foods from Africa!

Do you love coconuts, chocolate and peanuts? As we celebrate Black History Month, make and taste delectable dishes from Africa that we now enjoy in the United States! Discover some of the wonderful fruits, vegetables, spices and cooking traditions that were brought to North America long ago. Experience simple recipes



Kenneth Goings, PhD

that taste great and are easy to make! Grades 3 - 6.

Saturday, February 21, 2015 2 - 3:30 p.m.

Main Library - Children's Library

Branch Programs

Black History Month Competition

Join us as we recognize African American athletes! Can you complete the challenge? Grades 6 - 12

February 23 - 27, 2015 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Birmingham Branch - 203 Paine Ave. 419.259.5210

February 16 - 21, 2015 During Library hours

Kent Branch - 3101 Collingwood Ave. 419.259.5340

Celebrate Black History Month with Henry Brown

Join magician Rory Rennick and celebrate Black History Month with a theatrical retelling of Henry "Box" Brown's near-death journey to freedom.

Monday, February 16, 2015 7 - 8 p.m.

Heatherdowns Branch - 3265 Glanzman Road 419.259.5270

Monday, February 16, 2015 4 - 5 p.m.

Mott Branch - 1085 Dorr St. 419.259.5230

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Point Place Branch - 2727 - 117th St. 419.259.5390

Monday, February 16, 2015 1- 2 p.m.

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Celebrate Black History Month

Visit our "From these Roots" display of unique, local historical photographs and browse wonderful books authored and illustrated by African Americans.

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Holland Branch - 1032 S. McCord Road 419.259.5240

Black History Contest

Use your knowledge of black history events to help you find a word on our giant word search board. Participants will be rewarded with a special treat!

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Toledo Heights Branch - 423 Shasta Drive 419.259.5220

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Dream Big!

Toledoan and WNBA player Kamesha Hairston is coming to share her experiences, influences, and how to dream big during Black History Month!

Wednesday, February 18, 2015 4 - 5 p.m.

Kent Branch - 3101 Collingwood Blvd. 419.259.5340

Art Exhibit: My Adventure in Tanzania

Toledo artist Alecia Robinson will display beautiful artwork and photographs from her trip to Tanzania

February 7 - 28, 2015 During Library hours

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Celebrate Black History Month

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The Misadventures of Awkward Black Girl by Issa Rae

By Terri Schlichenmeyer
The Truth Contributor

There is life after high school.

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enduring a not-cool lifetime of zits, hormones, self-consciousness, bad hair, and Mean Girls.

You were only able to endure it then by remembering that you weren't alone. And in *The Misadventures of Awkward Black Girl* by Issa Rae, life got better.

For much of her early childhood, Jo-Issa Diop never worried about being cool.

Coolness wasn't an issue when, until age three, she lived with her parents and her father's extended family in his native Senegal. There, she was surrounded by loving aunts, uncles, and assorted cousins, all living within the family compound.

Coolness never came up when she started grade school in Maryland with a diverse group of children of many races.

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It was, in fact, barely discussed...

... until Diop's family relocated to South Central, between Compton and Watts, near L.A. There, she attended a series of private schools,

in all of which she was one of a small handful of black kids. The family moved a lot – and with each new location, it became harder to keep up, harder to be one of the Popular Kids. It was harder to be cool.

Oh, but she tried!

She attempted to give herself a cool nickname, but it didn't stick. She haunted online chatrooms, but her profile lies were quickly discovered. She was taunted by classmates for her inability to dance, by peers for not having "cool" music, and by family for being overweight. Valentine's Day was particularly embarrassing. Even after moving to New York as an adult and assuming a new name, Issa Rae felt like a misfit.

And then she realized a few things: she didn't need constant companionship.

She needn't laser-focus on black culture, or think about racism. She could use innate talents to make videos, launch a new web series, write TV shows, and win awards. She could be liked for who she was in person. And she didn't have to say yes to every man; she could love herself enough to find real love.

Mistaken me: I misunderstood *The Misadventures of Awkward Black Girl* as a comedy piece, and I was initially disappointed. Yes, it's got its crack-a-smile moments but it's not hilarious. As turns out, there's really so much more to it.

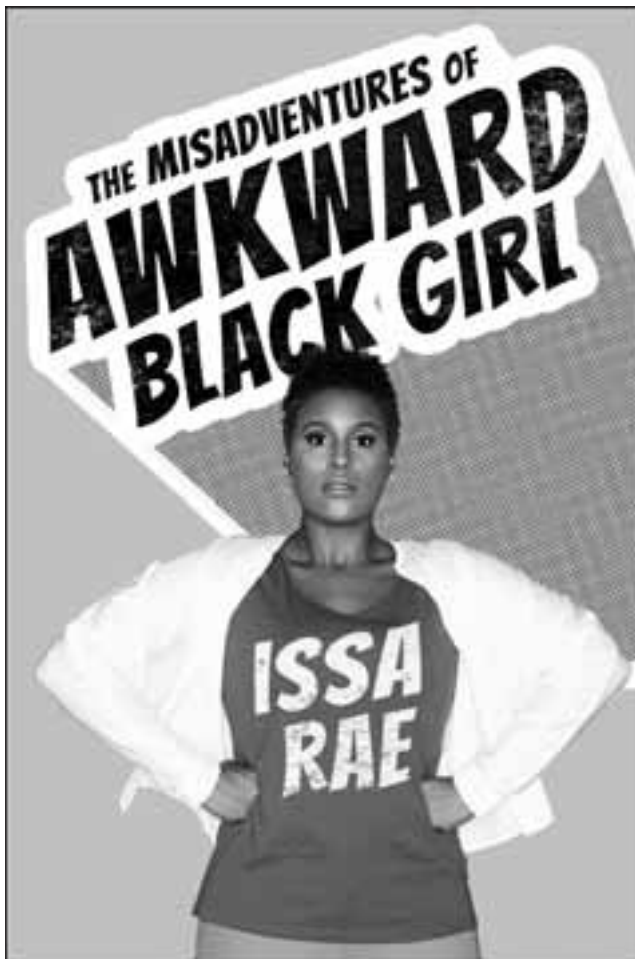
Author Issa Rae writes with a wonderful universality: no matter who you are, there's been a time when you've felt out-of-place and floundering. Because of the candor



Issa Rae, Photo by Kat Contreras

Rae applies to her essays, we intimately know the feelings of which she writes and it's easy to see her as an ally and cringe along with her, since we've been in that same situation. And then, we're delighted when things finally go her way.

So, while this isn't a laugh-a-minute book, it's a nice memoir that will resonate with anyone who's ever felt like an oddball. If that's you, then *The Misadventures of Awkward Black Girl* is pretty cool.



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Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® remains focused on increasing health awareness of diseases that disproportionately affect the African American community, such as stroke and heart disease.

On Friday, February 6, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Zeta Alpha Omega Chapter of Toledo, Ohio, in conjunction with the National Wear Red Day Campaign by the American Heart Association, made an important impact in the greater Toledo community by emphasizing the risks of heart disease and stroke. Under the leadership of Chapter President Katina Johnson, Program Chairman/Vice President Margaret Huntley and "Pink Goes Red" Community Impact Day Chairman, Andrea Price, posters and flyers were disseminated throughout Toledo community churches, beauty salons, public libraries and ethnic restaurants to educate the public on heart disease, warning signs, and prevention.

The event kicked off at Ruby's Kitchen, a local soul food restaurant, to coordinate the distribution of materials and to educate diners on the risks


of heart disease and stroke. The overall goal is to reduce the death rate from coronary heart disease and stroke.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), cardiovascular disease - including heart disease, stroke, and high blood pressure - is the leading cause of death for women in the U.S. Annually, one in every four women dies due to heart disease. For African-American women, it is the leading cause of death.

Prevention is the key and Alpha Kappa Alpha members urge everyone, especially African American Women and those most at risk, to monitor their blood pressure, get their cholesterol checked, adopt a healthy diet, don't smoke or quit, and participate in regular physical activity/exercise.


The official colors of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc are pink and green, and members nationwide accented their colors for the day by wearing red to highlight the importance of preventing heart disease and stroke.




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Eddie B. Allen & Sheila McCauley Keys
Thursday, February 12, 2015 • 6:30 p.m.
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A collection of 43 essays written by the civil rights icon's close relatives, this book is the first ever published by Rosa Parks' family members. The essays take readers behind the freedom fighter facade into the transitional days when Mrs. Parks re-established herself as a struggling private citizen, following the notoriety of her involvement in the Montgomery bus boycott, and examines the relationships she developed with loved ones during forty years that followed.

Detroit-based writer **Eddie B. Allen, Jr.** is a published author, award-winning reporter and freelance journalist who has covered such national figures as President Bill Clinton and Rosa Parks. A graduate of Wayne State University, his published contributions include the *New York Times*, *Associated Press*, *ThomsonReuters*, *BET.com*, *Detroit Free Press*, *Orlando Weekly*, *Toledo Blade* and the *Philadelphia New Observer*, among others.



Sheila McCauley Keys is the seventh niece of civil rights heroine Rosa Parks. Born in Detroit, Sheila has been a Michigan resident for most of her life and was employed at Phillips Service Industries corporate world headquarters for almost thirty years. In 2013 Sheila was featured in PBS Television's live broadcast of the "National Day of Courage" to celebrate Mrs. Parks' 100th birthday anniversary.



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