

Supporting The AA Festival



Toledo's Religious Community Starts Lends Its Support to the African American Festival

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And Now You Know.....

By Lafe Tolliver, Esq

Guest Column

A black pastor (Corey Brooks of New Beginnings in Chicago) is seeking out the Republican presidential candidates to visit his city and his neighborhoods because he contends that the Democratic Party is treating black people as vassals on a plantation.

He wants black people to at least consider what the Republicans are offering instead of black people voting in bloc for any person who simply says, "I'm a Democrat, vote for me!"

Basically it is a philosophical position of telling one party, the Democrats, that your urban policies have been a failure for the past 50 years (since President Johnson's War on Poverty); and then determining if the Republicans have any programs that would be beneficial to the Democrats largest and most loyal voting bloc.

Problem is? The problem is that either party is a party of consumer consumption by which each party tosses out to its base promises and campaign platform tenets that they claim will be a blessing to them and, if that party is elected, African Americans can benefit from those policies.

Remember the nature of politics. Each party wants to shout into your ear why it is the consummate servant or valet for the people. Each party shapes and creates images that it wants to feed to you in the hopes that you will identify your well-being with that party.

Each party has an agenda: to get in power and use that power to continue to stay in power. It is a power play and you are it!

By the nature of the beast, each political party has to feed you what you want to hear or you will go elsewhere and listen to someone else's soaring rhetoric who will tell you what you want to hear. Each party does it. It is part and parcel of their DNA.

They cannot help themselves to do or say otherwise. Political parties develop, craft and hone to a precise art modalities of influence that they then peddle to the media outlets that ostensibly portray them as having an answer that fits any "crisis of the moment."

Politics is the art of both outright and sublime psychological warfare by which parties try to keep their camp followers happy. However, they also have the need to constantly forage around for new recruits to their agenda. It is a numbers game. Pure and simple.

The political party with the most members (voters) and which can raise the most bucks (money is the mother's milk of politics) normally wins.

A minority party that has great ideas and solid leadership does not win national elections. Oh, they may grab a head-

line or two on a slow news day but in the final analysis, when the votes are counted and the donations tallied up, they lose.

The black pastor in Chicago wants to change that dynamic by sabre rattling at the Democratic Party that unless they do more, they, the voters, will vote less or change their allegiance.

Wrong analysis. Whenever you ask a political party to do more for you, you have already lost the psychological edge and advantage because you are saying to them that you are weak and ineffective without them; and you cannot or will not organize yourself to watch out for self and to do for self.

Neither party wants a staunchly independent voter who does not look to them for their guidance on how to vote. They want voters who are malleable and who will vote as told. Just look at the cards that they hand out on Election Day telling you who to vote for in all of the political offices that are up for grabs.

The pastor in Chicago wants to send a message to the Dem-

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Lafe Tolliver

Community Calendar

June 8-12

United MBC Vacation Bible School: 5:30 to 8 pm nightly; Classes for those 2 to 92 years old; Free light meal at 5:30 pm; Free transportation: 419-242-1455 or 419-699-2196

June 13

Pilgrim Church Free Family Night: 6-8 pm; Movie Sponge Bob – Out of Water; Popcorn and juice provided: 419-478-6012
Black Lives Matter Cash Mob: 1 pm; Your Community Market: 419-973-0248

June 14

New Prospect Baptist Church 50th Church Anniversary: 4 pm; Guest Stanley Clark and United Vision Baptist Church

June 20

Annual Block Party/East Side Reunion: Edgar Holmes Park; Free food, family games, entertainment, vendors and raffles; All day – opening ceremony at noon: 419-309-4021 or 4567-395-0363
Resurrection Baptist Church Praise Team in Concert: A Celebration of Praise; 6 pm
Announcement for 20th Anniversary of Million Man March: 2 pm; Kent Branch Library: 419-973-0248

June 21

New Prospect Baptist Church City Wide Male Chorus: 5 pm

June 28

Calvary MBC Annual Women's Day Program: "Christian Women Transformed by God;" 11 am; Guest Speaker Evang. Sheila Cook of New Life COGIC
End Time Christian Church Fellowship Fest: Free food and fun; Games for the whole family; 10 am: 419-4725993
Third Baptist of Holland Choir Appreciation Day: 3:30 pm

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Tavares encourages the Establishment of October 16 as George Washington Williams Day

Special to The Truth

Senator Charleta B. Tavares (D - Columbus) provided sponsor testimony last week on a bill establishing October 16 as George Washington Williams Day in Ohio. In addition to being a soldier in the American Civil War, Williams was an author, pastor, attorney, and legislator.

Senate Bill 116 encourages elementary and secondary schools in the state of Ohio to observe George Washington Williams' birthday by discussing his admiral life, in the classroom. Under the sponsorship and direction of former State Senator Ray Miller, a room dedicated honoring the contributions of Williams in the Ohio Statehouse. Williams was the first African American legislator elected in Ohio. He was elected in 1879 from Hamilton County.

The George Washington Williams Memorial Room honors Ohio's first African-American legislator along with those who have followed Williams in the Ohio legislature. In this room one can learn more about the life of Williams, and the other African American legislators by reviewing their biographies and photos on the kiosk. When children visit the Statehouse and the memorial room following their classroom lessons, they will have the opportunity to personally see who they were learning about in school.

George Washington Williams died at the young age of 41 in 1891. Fortunately, he will always be remembered as a Civil War veteran, an ordained minister who took up the study of law while living in Cincinnati, and a respected, published historian who

was engaged in the cause of civil justice. As a respected House member representing Hamilton County from 1880-1881, George Washington Williams Day will forever be observed on October 16th. "Mr. Williams opened the doors for African Americans to serve their communities and bring the perspective of the African American people to the Ohio General Assembly," stated Tavares.



George Washington Williams



Sen. Charleta Tavares

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ocrats that voters there are tired of their votes being taken for granted as if, no matter what happens and who is on top of the ticket, black people and other people of color will, like trained circus seals, come out and vote the straight Democratic ticket.

My take on this? Simple: Unless, we as both individuals and as communities decide to take action into our own hands and fund our own initiatives and vote our best interests, we will continue to be those trained circus seals that follow the hands of those that ostensibly feed us tasty political tidbits of appointed jobs and short lived urban renewal grants.

Question?: Did the black vote for President Obama in both 2008 and 2012 result in "black" economic/money rain days for minority communities across America?

Question?: Has President Obama been outgoing in the past six plus years of vigorously championing black economic development and community uplift?

Question?: Are the major cities in America which are being populated more and more by people of color, getting better or worse as to quality of life, crime prevention, school enrichment and job opportunities?

And please do not blame these defaults solely on the scare tactic of, "white flight." If so, what you are saying is that you can only progress and benefit if white people are around you and if they sanction your lifestyle and if they lend their expertise to your problem.

The black pastor in Chicago is also implicitly stating that unless and until people of color stop viewing themselves as victims, they will remain victims and as you know, victims wait around for a white knight in shining armor to ride

in with bulging sacks of cash and save them from their plight.

The hash tag #BlackLivesMatters is catchy and rings true but taken to its logical conclusion, that would mean that if black lives truly matter, the black community would not be one of the biggest purveyors of death to black people that is due to the appalling abortion rate of black babies by black mothers. Yes, that needed to be stated.

So, be very discerning of what slogans you run to and live by. Examine what is being said, who is saying it and why they are saying it and when all else fails and when in doubt, follow the money trail.

I commend the black pastor in Chicago for his stance but that position has been articulated before in the past and unless and until people of color steadfastly trust each other and we pool our resources so that neither political party takes us for granted, we are simply behaving like trained circus seals.

Power does not acquiesce without a demand and unless and until people of color demand and organize around their interests and are willing to fund their own struggles to shape their way of life, we will be left with the political crumbs

that are thrown our way for being nice and complacent voters.

The majority of black voters in Toledo are no different. We vote in embarrassing low numbers and when things do not go our way, we fuss and fight and think someone is victimizing us.

Or, we refuse to collectively pool our vast resources (yes, I said vast) including time, intellect, creative skills and money and then we wonder why other ethnic groups leapfrog past us up the economic ladder!

We need to face the uncomfortable fact that we do not want to (at least so far in Toledo) sit down and do the arduous planning and long term funding to make our way in Lucas County. Oh sure, some individuals have made it but collectively we are missing that vital and important linkage which is: in groups, there is power.

So, the next time politicians come to your church for their obligatory bi-annual photo opp visit and grin in your face, ask them, "What have you done lately for my vote?" And while you are asking the question, don't smile.

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Mayor, Fire Chief, Firefighters' Union at Odds over Safety Concerns

By Fletcher Word
Sojourner's Truth Editor

At the heart of a dispute between Toledo Fire Chief Luis Santiago and Toledo Firefighters Local 92 union is a report issued by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), the federal agency responsible for research and recommendations for the prevention of work related injury.

NIOSH was responsible for investigating the circumstances surrounding a Toledo fire on January 26, 2014 that led to the deaths of two firefighters. According to the NIOSH report, issued in April of this year, the deaths were a result of strategic and tactical decisions made by the leadership of the fire department including: deployment of resources, fire ground tactics, crew staffing and the absence of a full-time safety officer.

The report verified, in the minds of union leadership and members, issues they have been complaining about during much of Santiago's four-year tenure. As a result of that report, the union held a vote in May asking its membership to express their confidence, or lack thereof, in the chief. Within the membership of 490, 75 percent turned out for the vote – 365 – more than had voted for the union contract. Of the number who voted, 319 – 87 percent – voted no confidence in Santiago.

Mayor Paula Hicks-Hudson was unfazed by the union vote. She extended to Santiago her own vote of confidence.

"I would like to make it clear," the mayor said in a statement released by her office as the calls for Santiago's termination heated up. "I have full confidence in Chief Luis Santiago and his ability to provide service and protection to the citizens of Toledo ... Our Fire Department has received national recognition for many of the innovative programs put in place by Chief Santiago and his Command Officers. Toledo is fortunate to have a fire chief and department staff with such a high level of commitment to excellence in public service."

The union, however, has expressed the view that its differences with the fire chief are directly a concern about safety – the safety of firefighters and of citizens.

"There is one common thread and that is the safety of the membership and [Santiago's] failure to



Mayor Paula Hicks-Hudson

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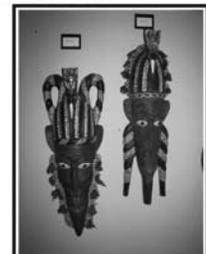
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L'apo Theatrical Productions presents the Toledo Artist Showcase

Toledo, Ohio - L'apo Theatrical Productions presents some of Toledo's best talent in its sixth event, Toledo Artist Showcase hosted by Opal Dunlap and Madeline Standard. The Toledo Artist Showcase will give Toledo's performing artists a chance to showcase why they are the best in the city. The show date is Saturday, July 11, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at Maumee Indoor Theater.

The Toledo Artist Showcase is open to all the community. The showcase will feature Toledo artists: Era Tha Kid, J4V, Frankie Corleone, Josi, KiKi, Braz, C.L., K.G., O-SoMe and the list goes on. Every performer will bring a full performance to the stage that will be sure to wow the audience.

"I can't wait to take the stage and debut my new single Pray for Toledo featuring O-SoMe." says K.G., music artist under Final Effect.

There will be a 50/50 raffle, prizes, a photo booth and a social media contest every hour. Tickets in advance are 15 dollars and 20 dollars at the door. Seniors 10 dollar tickets and children five and under are five dollars. Keep updated with the event on social media and use #TAS to win free tickets, discounts and more.

A few months, Toledo has been marked as the second worst city in the United States of America. This event will show that statement to be false and create a better name for our city.

"Toledo youth is constantly complaining about the city being boring with no opportunity for advancement. This event will be the first step to turning this city around and appreciating all the talent the city has to offer. I couldn't have made a better investment with my time and money." says Standard, member of L'apo Theatrical Productions, LLC.

L'apo Theatrical Productions, LLC is an entertainment, professional and community service company. L'apo TP was founded in 2011 by Opal Dunlap. The company mission



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put the safety of civilians and firefighters in the [forefront]," said Union President Jeff Romstadt last week in a discussion with The Truth. "The NIOSH report was the final straw and the culmination of events that bother us."

Santiago, a 31-year veteran with the Toledo Fire & Rescue Department, has never been particularly popular as the department's fire chief. That dissatisfaction, said Romstadt, has its roots in an incident that occurred in 2007 during a fire at an Erie Street building. Santiago, deputy of operations at the time, was on the scene.

For several years the department, under the guidance of then-Fire Chief Mike Bell, had worked under the notion of having a safety officer on the scene of all fires in order to ensure that safety of the firefighters was of paramount concern. The safety officer was a seasoned firefighter, extensively trained in safety issues and rarely with less than 20 years of experience on the job. The safety officer was to have the final word on tactical decisions that might place firefighters' lives in peril.

During that 2007 fire, Santiago made a decision, as the fire was apparently dying down, to send four firefighters into a building to reconnoiter the situation. The safety officer tried to overrule the decision but Santiago disregarded that advice. The safety office felt that the building could not, at that point, be determined safe enough for the firefighters.

As the men were in the building, the third floor collapsed catching one firefighter in the debris and breaking his leg.

When Santiago became chief four years ago, he abolished the position of full-time safety officer, spreading the responsibilities around and, according to the union, diluting the training and experience such a position requires. The absence of a full-time safety officer was noted in the NIOSH report and was termed a contributing factor to the deaths of firefighters Jamie Dickman and Stephen Machcinski in January 2014.

Safety concerns are the key issue, said Romstadt, but they are clearly not the only issue. The union, for example, has filed more than 100 grievances against the chief over the past four years. Romstadt also pointed to other examples of a management style which has rankled the rank and file such as retaliatory rulings, bullying, ordering tasks for which firefighters are not prepared and obstructing justice for favored personnel.

The next step in the mayor's effort to bring about a reconciliation between the union and the chief will be to introduce a professional mediator to the proceedings. She has pledged to continue the chief's employment all the while addressing the concerns of the union.

Given the fact that the union feels that the mayor is "misinformed" and that the chief is committed to making decisions that jeopardize their members safety, reconciliation appears to be as daunting a task as Hicks-Hudson may ever face.

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The Library's 2015 Summer Reading Challenge

By Rhonda Sewell, Governmental Affairs and Media Strategist

The Truth Contributor

While the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library provides information and assistance in numerous ways, to our business community, seniors, and homebound, the Library's 2015 **Summer Reading Challenge (SRC): Escape the Ordinary!** is underway! It kicked off on Monday, June 8, and will run through August 8.

This program partners with our schools and provides intentional summer learning opportunities that address the "summer learning slide." Public libraries are and have been on the threshold of creating a revolution leading to the development of summer learning here and around the nation that impacts academic achievement of our children, especially those who live in poverty in our community.

This annual program, which includes prizes and fun incentives, is designed to strongly encourage young people to read during the summer months. Studies suggest that summer reading is consistently related to academic success. SRC is available to all age groups, even adults can sign up!

Reading statistics also reveal that children in every income group who read six or more books over the summer gained more in reading achievement than children who did not. Taking advantage of your nearest neighborhood public library during the summer is predictive of vocabulary gains constituting the intellectual growth of children.

Additional studies suggest that children who read more books over the summer fared better on reading-comprehension tests when they returned to school in the fall, compared to their peers who had read one or no books.

Your library system encourages the entire community to take advantage of Summer Reading Challenge: Escape the Ordinary!, where adults, teens and young people can participate. Encourage summer reading, sign up now via src.toledolibrary.org, and help your library and especially our youth to *escape the ordinary* – a pledge that will help them succeed in school and in life.

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Toledo Public Schools Kicks off Summer Activities

TPS Offering Nutritious Meals This Summer

Beginning this week, a number of Toledo Public Schools locations will be offering nutritious meals to children this summer. The meals are free to all children 18 years and younger. Most are being offered in conjunction with sports training or other programs (many coordinated by the YMCA) so calling United Way's 2-1-1 will let families know the best place for them. Just an FYI: all meals must be consumed on site. Adults may bring a meal to eat with their family members but are not eligible for the free meals.

TPS Students to Participate in Construction Career Boot Camp

Students who just completed their junior year and who are members of the Career Tech Construction program are participating in a career boot camp this week coordinated with the Associated General Contractors of Northwest Ohio. There are about 30 students enrolled in the week-long camp and each day will feature tours or activities related to the work performed by a number of industry partners.

The Wednesday session is at Waite High School and will feature students cycling through skills 'stations' to engage in hands-on activities and coaching. Students will also learn more about navigating blue prints; take a sample aptitude test; learn how to apply for jobs from resume writing, interview skills and how get accepted to an apprentice program the first time. Coaches for the training are expected to be: Paul McGrew of the Boilermakers Training Center, Adam Frye of Spieker Co., Mark Janowiecki of M&M Heating, Joe Cousino of IBEW and Ken Vierling of the

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Join NOSF In Raising The Cap For Scholarships

Special to The Truth

The Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund (NOSF) will be hosting its third annual *Raise The Cap* on Thursday, June 18 at Fifth Third Field. Guests can plan on a fun evening with Toledo's favorite Mud Hens as they take on Norfolk Tides while meeting NOSF scholarship recipients and families. The event will be held on The Roost, the fourth floor of the stadium that overlooks the field, and dinner along with a reserved seat will be provided. Ticket price is \$50 and is available to the public, for ticket information visit www.nosf.org or call (419) 720-7048 or fax (419) 720-7048.

NOSF has added 16 counties from its original three to its roster giving more families the opportunity to seek an alternative education for their children. Families living in *Allen, Crawford, Defiance, Erie, Fulton, Hancock, Henry, Huron, Lucas, Ottawa, Paulding, Putnam, Richland, Sandusky, Seneca, Van Wert, Williams, Wood* and *Wyandot* counties are all now eligible to apply to receive scholarships from NOSF. With the increase in participating counties, the need to raise funds for scholarships is higher than ever.

Proceeds for this annual event will go towards helping children in the northwest Ohio community receive the education that best meets their needs which may include private education or homeschooling. Tuition at private schools has continued to rise causing the demand for an increase in the amount of the scholarship NOSF awards students. *Raise The Cap* helps make private education affordable for parents in need.

For the last 16 years, NOSF has assisted parents from northwest Ohio in providing private education or homeschooling for their children through need-based scholarships. NOSF Alumni have a 97 percent high school graduation rate and have gone on to achieve much success. Because NOSF is the only need-based scholarship program in northwest Ohio for grades K-8 many families seeking alternative forms of education rely on the fund and its generous contributors.

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Cement Masons.

On Friday, the students will be at the Northwest Ohio Construction Education Center on Hill Avenue. They will be participating in hands-on construction-related activities from 9:30-11:30 a.m. and awards will be handed out from 12:00-12:30 p.m.

TPS Preschool/Lucas County Head Start/WSOS Recruitment Fair

School may have just let out, but area families are being invited

to attend a recruitment fair to start the registration process for the 2015-2016 school year. The fair, on Friday, June 12 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., is being held at the United Way building, 424 Jackson Street, and is sponsored by TPS Preschool/Lucas County Head Start/WSOS Early Head Start.

Documents families should bring are: the child's birth certificate, three proofs of residency, a photo ID, household family income verification, medical insurance card (Head Start only), and custody papers (if applicable). Families are asked to call the TPS Early Childhood Office at 419-671-9100 if they plan on attending or if they need to schedule an appointment on a different day.

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Djheream Carter: Entering Capital University to Pursue Her Dreams

Sojourner's Truth Staff

Djheream Carter will be entering Capital University in the fall as she starts her quest for a degree that will enable her to enter medical school and eventually become a doctor.

Carter, a 16-year old, recently won the title of Debutante 2015 at the Cotillion sponsored by the Toledo Club of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs Inc. This year's Cotillion was the club's 50th annual event.

Carter's academic credentials are stunning. Graduating from TSA with a 3.8 GPA, she was offered almost a million dollars in scholarships from numerous institutions of higher learning and earned full rides to four colleges – Capital, Philadelphia University, Eastern Michigan University and Wittenberg University.

Carter chose Capital because it is a small, private, Christian college. "I wanted a smaller learning environment in order to get more attention in my field," she says of the decision to attend Capital which is located in Columbus, OH.

After college, Carter will be entering medical school so that she can ultimately pursue a career as a physician focusing on "children or women," she says.

Carter's participation in this year's Cotillion was triumphant not only because of her academic accomplishments but also because of her victory in the talent portion of the event. She won by singing in German an aria by Austrian composer Franz Schubert.

Capital University has a conservatory of music – a perfect fit for Carter's talents.

Carter is the daughter of LaTasha Calloway.



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ShaLise Simmons Earns Alliance Scholarship in Writing Competition

Sojourner's Truth Staff

ShaLise Simmons, a 2015 graduate of the Toledo School for the Arts, will be entering Capital University in the fall and plans to major in marketing with a minor in psychology. Her college education expenses will be eased a bit due to a scholarship she won from the Northwest Ohio Credit Union Outreach Alliance.

Simmons earned the scholarship, in the amount of \$2,000, by finishing second in an annual writing competition the Alliance hosts. Each year, says Jennifer Compton, Alliance board member and director of business development for Sun Federal, the Alliance posts a financial question for those vying for the three scholarships it offers. This year 203 entrants answered the question: How can credit unions better influence the community?

Simmons, who graduated with Honors from TSA, has been on the honor roll throughout her high school career and received an Outstanding Citizenship nomination for the past three years. A vice president of the National Honor Society, Simmons has been an active member of Culture Club, the Diversity Committee and

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Dr. Laura Cottingham: From Engineering to Medicine

Sojourner's Truth Staff



Dr. Laura Cottingham, MD

Dr. Laura Cottingham, MD, graduated from the University of Toledo's College of Medicine in May and will soon be leaving the Toledo area for an internship in Akron as she commences her career as a family doctor. Her route to her medical career has taken some unusual twists and turns.

A graduate of Notre Dame Academy, Dr. Cottingham, the youngest of four daughters of Fred and Constance Cottingham, piled up the accomplishments during her high school years. As a senior she participated in the chemistry competition during that year's national Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics – the NAACP's national "ACT-SO" program.

ACT-SO is an academic and cultural enrichment competition carried out by local NAACP branches around the country. Local finalists, such as Dr. Cottingham whose project tested drug crystallization and absorption in the body, are then invited to a national stage to face each other. She won the national gold medal for her project.

Near the end of her senior year at Notre Dame Academy, Dr. Cottingham was named Debutante of the Year in the local Debutante Cotillion hosted by the Toledo Chapter of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc.

She then entered the University of Michigan where, as did two of her older sisters, she earned a degree in engineering. However, the future physician was not interested in a career as an engineer. She returned to university life, this time at the University of Toledo, and earned a masters degree in biological sciences. She then, finally, entered medical school at UT.

And, finally, she has achieved the goal that has intrigued her since she was in elementary school – a medical career.

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the Prom Committee.

Simmons participated in this year's Debutante Cotillion all the while maintaining a 3.74 GPA, staying active in the community – such as volunteering at Art and Soul, an after-school program – and interning with the Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union.

Simmons is the daughter of Sean and DeLise Simmons.



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Five Things Families with College Bound Students Should Consider

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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 wiser 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 establish 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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- **The Creature Conservancy** – The Creature Conservancy is bringing animals for a very special show. During their live animal demonstration, you will get the chance to get to interact with a sloth, an eagle owl and a few special guests!

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Winners: All winners will be notified by email, phone, or postal mail. The winner of each age group will receive a prize. Specific prizes will be chosen by LMHA, at our discretion. All entries end Monday, June 15, 2015, or as otherwise posted on LMHA's webpage, www.lucasmha.org.

For a complete list of winners, write to LMHA 211 S. Byrne Rd., Toledo, OH 43615, and include a self-addressed, stamped envelope or visit us online at www.lucasmha.org.

Congresswoman Beatty Named 2015 "Trailblazer of the Year"

Special to The Truth

The 2015 Trailblazer of the Year Award recipient is Ohio Congresswoman Joyce Beatty. The award is presented annually to an individual who exemplifies achievement of excellence for minorities throughout Ohio and champions minority opportunities in business and government.

"It's an extreme honor to present the Trailblazer Award to Congresswoman Beatty in recognition of her dedication as an advocate and champion for the people of Ohio, and particularly the 3rd Congressional District," Derrick Clay, president of New Visions Group, said.

"Her distinguished career in public service includes five terms a state representative from Ohio's 27th House District, during which time she became the first female Democratic House Leader in Ohio's history and was instrumental in passing legislation that improved the climate for economic development in the state," he added.

Congresswoman Beatty is serving her second term representing the 3rd Congressional District of Ohio that is wholly contained within Franklin County and represents 29 municipalities including Columbus, Bexley, Whitehall, Reynoldsburg and Gahanna.

As a member of the U.S. House of Representa-

tives, Congresswoman Beatty serves on the powerful Committee on Financial Services and is member of two subcommittees: Housing and Insurance as well as Oversight and Investigations. The Committee on Financial Services oversees all components of the nation's housing and financial services sectors including banking, insurance, real estate, public and assisted housing, and securities.

With her position on the Financial Services Committee, Congresswoman Beatty continues to be a proven leader in increasing home mortgage financial literacy, ensuring financial oversight, and expanding affordable housing opportunities. She has also been successful in increasing access to credit to consumers and leveling the playing field. In 2014, Rep. Beatty brought then-Department of Housing and Urban Development Secretary Donovan to the District to announce a \$300 million project to revitalize the Near East Side, led by \$30 million in federal funds.

In December 2014, Rep. Beatty was pivotal in securing nearly \$4 million in federal funds to address Columbus' infant mortality rate, which is one of the highest in the country. Reducing infant mortality is a top priority for Beatty, and her office aggressively joined the efforts to secure funding for the Healthy Start program. The initiative will expand and improve the system of care for mothers and babies by creating a community model of collaboration and coordination of services among material child health care providers in central Ohio.

A long-time advocate in eradicating human trafficking, bipartisan legislation introduced by Rep. Beatty to combat child sex trafficking unanimously passed the U.S. House of Representatives in 2014 and 2015. Rep. Beatty's legislation would reduce the instances and impacts of child sex trafficking by de-criminalizing the behavior of child sex trafficking victims and making it easier for people to report potential instances. Rep. Beatty encourages the public to embrace the philosophy of "if you see something, say something."

Congresswoman Beatty graduated with a B.A. from Central State University, received her M.S.



Rep. Joyce Beatty

degree from Wright State University, and completed all but her dissertation for a doctorate at the University of Cincinnati. In addition, she has received two honorary doctorate degrees from Ohio Dominican University and Central State University.

Rep. Beatty is a native Ohioan with a strong history of working across the spectrum to fuse people, public policy and politics to make a difference. She is a former small business owner who established a successful management consulting company and later opened a small retail business in downtown Columbus. A strong proponent and advocate for empowerment, she also founded an organization that focused on developing business ownership among women to create economic opportunities.

Rep. Beatty is married to Otto Beatty, Jr., an attorney, businessman and former Ohio State Representative. He currently practices law in Columbus, Ohio.

The Trailblazer of the Year Award was established in 2011 by NVG to recognize individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the community through their professions, service to the community or civic involvement.

New Visions Group is a full service, statewide government relations and lobbying firm based in Columbus with offices in Cleveland and Toledo. Since 1996, New Visions Group has drawn on its experience working with legislative, local government and regulatory matters to connect businesses with government to achieve desired outcomes.

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Finding Samuel Lowe: China, Jamaica, Harlem

By Terri Schlichenmeyer
The Truth Contributor

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Your last family reunion was a big one.

It was fun, too, and eye-opening. You hadn't really stopped to think about how many people are related to you until you saw aunts you hadn't seen in decades and met cousins you didn't even know you had.

That one had Grandma's eyes. This one has the distinctive family laugh. And, as in the new book *Finding Samuel Lowe* by Paula Williams Madison, there were many more surprises to come.

Growing up on the roughest block in Harlem in

the early 1960s, Paula Williams Madison knew her family was unusual, starting with her Chinese-Jamaican mother. Nell Vera Lowe Williams was fierce and fearless – she once held a meat cleaver to a man who'd threatened her son – but she was also quietly sentimental. To Nell, nothing was more important than family and she insisted that her three children remain close, maybe because Nell had no parents or known siblings of her own.

Though they were estranged, Madison knew her mother and dad loved her. That, in fact, was a repeated theme she heard as a child: Nell often said that Madison was lucky to know a father's love. On that, Nell didn't elaborate much and she rarely discussed her childhood, leading Madison to wonder about her mother's father...

der about her mother's father...

Over time, she learned that Samuel Lowe had left China for Jamaica in the early 1900s and later became a shopkeeper, having little-to-no contact with his "outside child" before returning to China in 1933, when Nell was 15. This, perhaps, caused the "persistent and painful sense of loss" Madison felt her entire life: her mother's hurt had become hers. She imagined finding her grandfather.

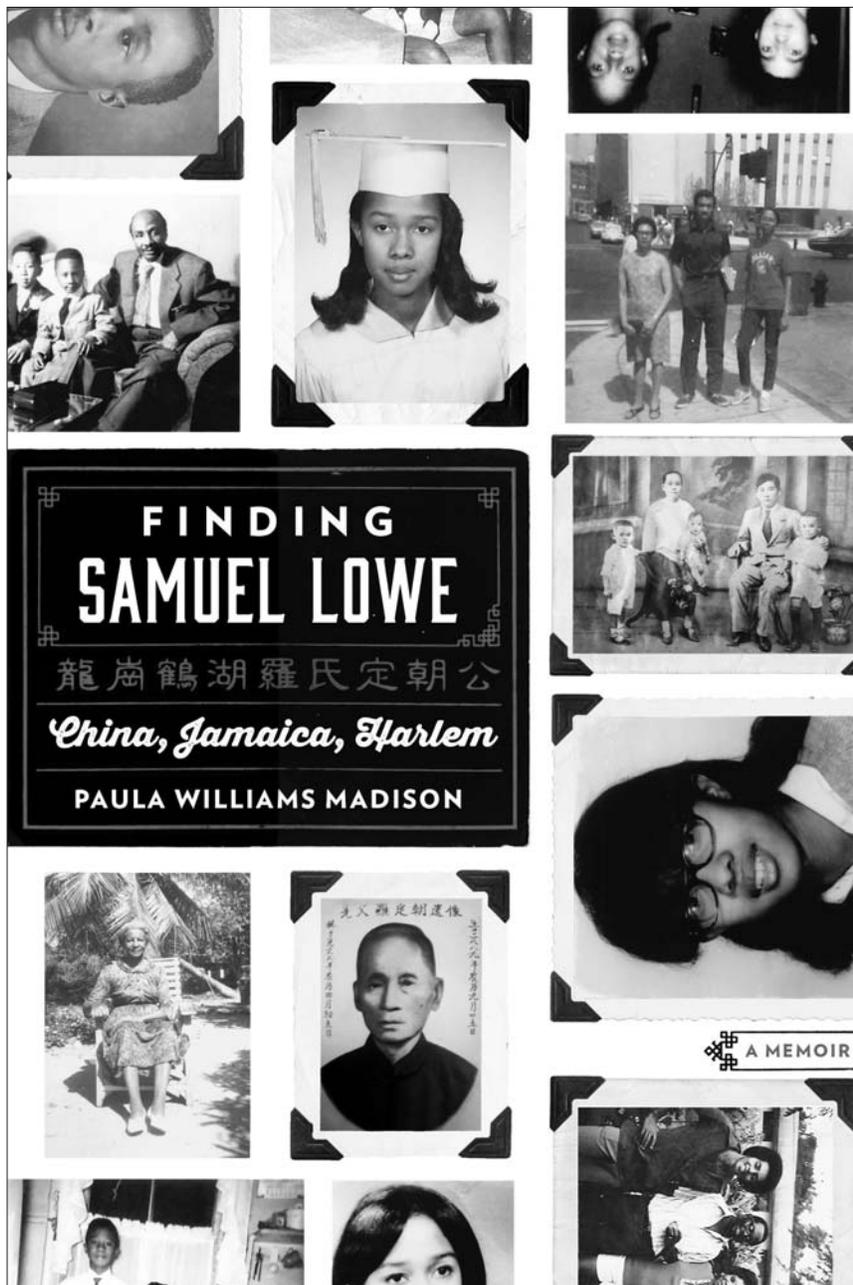
In late 2011, she finally seized the chance.

"Samuel Lowe" was too common a name for online searches, but querying elderly relatives offered clues and a long-lost cousin who informed Madison about an "alumni reunion" in Toronto. Someone else led her to a contact who knew some Lowes in China.

One of them was Samuel Lowe's son.

There's a lot to like about *Finding Samuel Lowe*. There's a lot to learn here, too, but first, you'll have to ready yourself.

Be prepared, for example, not to fret over things that are hard to follow in this book. Author Paula Williams Martin includes a lengthy and highly-convoluted family tree that's often "duppyproofed" with false names and birthdates. Seriously, the Book of Genesis is easier to follow than those sections; you're best off just accepting that it mightn't make sense.



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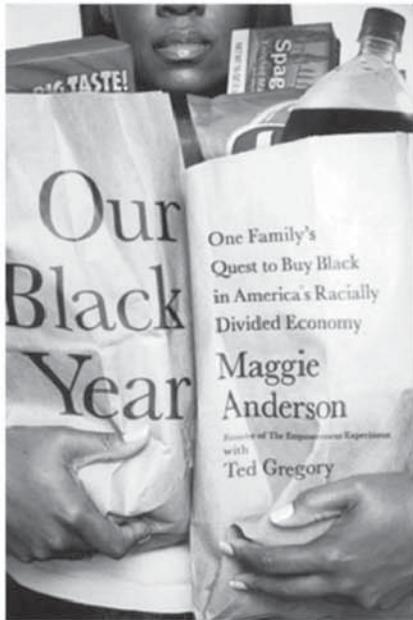
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Invitation for Bids

Window Replacements at Devonshire Estates (RE-BID) IFB #15-B003A

Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority (LMHA) will receive bids for Window Replacements at Devonshire Estates. Received in accordance with law until Fri., Jun. 19, 2015, 11AM ET. Pre-Bid Conf.: Jun. 11, 2015, 10AM ET. For Documents: www.lucasmha.org, 435 Nebraska Ave., Toledo, OH 43604 or 419-259-9446419-259-9446 (TRS: Dial 711).

Bidders required to meet Affirmative Action and Equal Employment Opportunity requirements as described in Executive Order #11246. Sec. 3 Compliance Applicable.



Request for Proposals Pest Control Services RFP#15-R010

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This contract is for all labor, material, insurance, and equipment necessary for the OVERLAND INDUSTRIAL PARK Warehouse Access Road located at 1000 Jeep Parkway in Toledo, OH 43610, in accordance with the approved plans and specifications, to the Port Authority at One Maritime Plaza, Toledo, Ohio 43604.

Bids will be received at the Port Authority's administrative offices at One Maritime Plaza, Toledo, Ohio 43604 until Thursday, June 18, 2015, at 2:00 PM, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The project "OVERLAND INDUSTRIAL PARK Warehouse Access Road" is for the excavation, grading, aggregate base installation, paving and striping. The engineers estimate for the base bid of this project is \$250,000.00.

Plans, Specifications, Instructions to Proposers, and Forms of Proposal and Contract are on file and may be obtained by contacting Gilda Mitchell with the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority at either 419-243-8251 or gmitchell@toledoportauthority.org.

Please note that there will be a pre-bid meeting for all prospective bidders on Tuesday, June 9, 2015 at 10:30 AM in the office of the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority at One Maritime Plaza, 7th Floor, Toledo, Ohio 43604. Attendance is helpful, but not mandatory.

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(L. to r.): Pastor Sheila Early of Trulight Cathedral Church; Bishop Edward Cook of New Life COGIC; Pastor Robert Lyons, Sr of Greater St. Mary's; Min. Richard Brown of The Rock Church; Bishop M.C. McGhee of The Serenity Church; Pastor Jerry Boose of Second Baptist MBC; DeLise Simmons, assistant manager TUFUCU; Bishop Robert Culp of First Church of God; Suzette Cowell CEO of TUFUCU; Charles Welch, TUFUCU board member. Not pictured but also of great support to TUFUCU are: Pastor John E. Roberts of Indiana Avenue MBC; Pastor Derek Arnold of Bethlehem Baptist Church; Bishop Brehon Hall of Greater New Psalmist Church; Sister Virginia Welsh of St. Martin de Porres and Doug Keetion of Studio 329.

A local church has stepped up to support a Toledo-area summer festival and cover all the Sunday expenses for that festival so that visitors can attend for free. That's an opportunity that the Toledo Federal Credit Union wants to offer its Sunday attendees this summer.

A single church in the African-American community cannot bear such an expense so the credit union has reached out to all of the community churches, businesses and organizations in an effort to spread the burden. The goal is to raise \$20,000 and, to date, eight churches and businesses have stepped forward with donations.

There is still ample time for other churches, businesses and organizations to help out the citizens in this community and donate to the "Free Sunday" project. This year's festival will be July 18-19 on the University of Toledo's Scott Park Campus.

Toledo Urban recently broke ground on a new building at the corner of Detroit Avenue and Dorr Street so, clearly, the credit union has its hands full this summer with monumental projects. Nevertheless, the staff is striving to make this year's Sunday a Free Sunday so that the community can celebrate its history, health and education without having to worry about the burden on the family's finances.

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