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# What the Sandra Bland Tragedy Says About America

By Rev. Donald L. Perryman, D.Min.  
The Truth Contributor

*There are men in America, and whole towns of them, too, who are not so destitute of true heroism, but that they can assail a helpless woman, surround her house by night, break her windows, and drag her to prison, for the treasonable act of teaching females of color to read!*

- Nathaniel Paul



The Following Is Submitted by Alan Bean  
I don't know how Sandra Bland died.

It's hard to believe that a young woman anticipating a dream job at her alma mater would hang herself in a prison cell.

Strong evidence has emerged that Ms. Bland had evidenced what psychologists call "suicidal ideation" in the past, but wouldn't Bland have been determined to see justice prevail in this instance? Suicide was the way of passive acquiescence, the complete opposite of the mental state Sandra exhibited in her confrontation with trooper Encinia.

It's equally hard to believe that anyone would hate her enough to take her life and, thus far, there is no direct evidence suggesting foul play. That could change, but for the moment the facts are too fuzzy to justify confident conclusions.

The temptation to speculate is strong with us, but we should all admit that we have more questions than answers.

But we do know enough to ask why Sandra Bland was arrested in the first place. If you have been following this story, you know that the young woman from Illinois was in no mood to be messed with when State Trooper Brian Encinia pulled her over. Bland believed she was the victim of racial profiling and entrapment. Her answers to the trooper's questions were curt and defensive.

In the course of a prolonged verbal exchange, Brian Encinia admitted that he had initially intended to issue a warning and let the minor infraction pass. But the trooper didn't like Bland's attitude so he intentionally escalated the tension by asking her to extinguish her cigarette.

And that's when everything went south.

Here in the land of the free, we are allowed to smoke cigarettes in our own vehicles. Encinia might not be comfortable with this level of freedom, but it wasn't his call.

When Bland challenged his right to issue this demand, Encinia immediately ordered her to leave the vehicle. He didn't tell her why he wanted her feet on the pavement; he simply issued another comply-or-die order.

As the situation escalated, Encinia was so insistent that Bland demonstrate due deference that he unholstered his Taser and threatened to use it.

The goal was to establish dominance. This had nothing to do with police

work or maintaining public safety. Encinia's superiors have stated uncategorically that the trooper departed from the established protocols of his profession and no seasoned police officer would defend his behavior.

And yet we are hearing the usual "if she had complied with the officer's demands nothing would have happened" comments on social media. A healthy percentage of the population believes that police officers can be as nasty as they wanna be and it is our responsibility, as docile citizens, to trust and obey.

*Trust and obey*

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## Community Calendar

### June 13-September 12

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United Church of God Community Baptism: 1-6 pm; 670 Phillips: 419-810-6335  
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Upper Room Tabernacle 2nd Annual Outreach Fair: Noon to 3 pm; Carnival games, bounce house, face painting, school supplies giveaway, community agencies

### July 25-26

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### August 1

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### August 8

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# Letter to the Editor

Freddie's Dead!

Back in the day, Curtis Mayfield recorded a song called "Freddie's Dead" about a drug dealer. Baltimore's Freddie Gray was not pushing dope, didn't commit a crime, was arrested, put in a van, was talking but was clearly upset.

When taken out of the van, he couldn't talk nor breathe. He died April 19, a week after his arrest. He lost his life in Baltimore due to misconduct of officers, excessive force and a total disregard for his life.

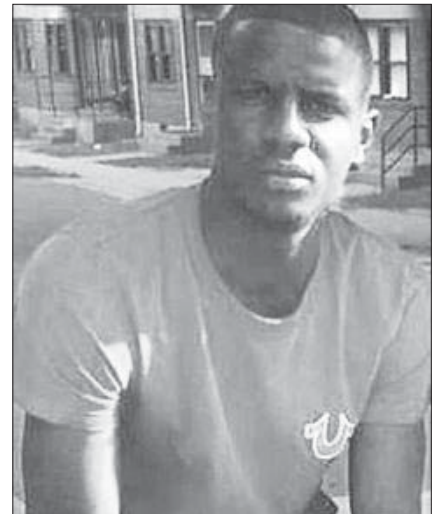
There seems to be a pattern of police brutality in Baltimore where 63 percent of the population is African-American and has the nation's eighth-largest police department. Since 2011, the city has paid over \$5 million in lawsuits. The claims include battering, beatings while handcuffed, victims thrown to the ground and the calling of women suspects "bitches."

Many injuries were reported such as broken bones, head trauma, organ failure and, sadly for Mr. Gray, death. A recent case cost the city \$200,000 in damages after officers beat a suspect severely. During the trial, the officers tried to say the victim's injuries might have resulted from poking himself in the face!

I thought police officers' duties included keeping order, exercising reasonable control over persons and respecting general welfare and safety. What kind of officers showed up to arrest Mr. Gray? Can you imagine getting a phone call saying your loved one has died due to an officer-related incident?

Mr. Gray's life mattered! Someone loved him, he was abused, misused. Where there is discontent, we must find a cure. We must build better communication between law enforcement and community. There is mistrust, suspicion, hurt, anger and the "smell of death" in black communities across America. When will some police stop terrorizing African-American men? Freddie's dead, that's what I said, Freddie's dead.

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Freddie Gray

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# Nurturing Fathers Program Brings Young Males Hope

*By Sojourner's Truth Staff and Center of Hope Family Services*

Since 2012, Center of Hope Family Services, in partnership with the United Pastors for Social Empowerment, has provided the Nurturing Parents Program to both Lucas County fathers and parents who are experiencing difficulties while raising children.

The Nurturing Fathers Program (NFP), a part of the larger Nurturing Parents Program, is an evidence-based model recognized as "Promising" by the National Registry for Evidence-Based Programs and Practices (NREPP). Nurturing Parents has also been classified as "Effective" by the Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention, and as an emerging practice by the California Evidence-Based Clearinghouse for Child Welfare.

The Nurturing Parents Program is a 13-session program that achieves the following goals:

- To foster appropriate expectations for children
- To increase parental empathy
- To reduce the use of corporal punishment
- To foster healthy parent/child family roles
- To foster healthy development of child power and independence

The Nurturing Parents Program is part of Center of Hope Family Services' Family Resource and Strengths Development Initiative. Center of Hope Family Services' mission is to improve life outcomes among individuals and families living in urban settings. Center of Hope Family Services was asked to join a local Fatherhood Initiative started in 2012, designed to merge family education with workforce development, and to ultimately increase child support payment and healthy family engagement. Tracee Perryman, executive director, selected the Nurturing Parents Curriculum, and reached out to United Pastors for Social Empowerment to provide local



*Tracee Perryman*

pastors as facilitators.

Four of those pastors are: Rev. Benjamin Green of Church of the New

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## African Art Has Arrived!!

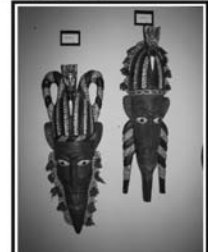
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Covenant, Rev. Robert Lyons of Greater St. Mary's Baptist, Rev. Derek Arnold of Bethlehem Baptist and Rev. Robert Bass of United Missionary Baptist.

"This is an exciting way for us to reach African American males, young fathers," said Green of the 13-week program for fathers referred through the court system. "We show them how to love their children but, first and foremost, how to love themselves. In many cases they have grown up without father figures to nurture them. We get the opportunity to do that."

"We give young fathers another advocate with whom they can share their shortcomings," said Lyons. "We can relate to them in ways that they are comfortable with. We can point them in a direction in which the law can help them rather than just incarcerate them and, in us, they have someone who can speak the same language."

"They don't see us as the foe," added Green following up on Lyons' observations. "They see us as friends – we are not 'the man' standing on their necks. They see us as someone along side them to help them navigate the complicated legal system."

That confidence in the pastors' desire and ability to help the young men navigate the system is not generally immediate, admitted Arnold. It takes a bit of trust building.

"They are very nonchalant at the beginning," said Arnold of the onset of each 13-week session. "Some engage in conversation. Over time they buy into it. When the focus is on them – as men and as fathers – they change their attitudes."

According to Perryman, "my objective was to introduce a program distinct from the traditional social services paradigm. While the services in our community are very helpful and needed, our community is and has been oversaturated with social service programs for a long time. As a program and agency, our goal is not to engage in charity, or to perpetuate the deficit model. We believe that every individual has strengths, and the power to make their lives better. Whereas we are a social service agency, we integrate Social Entrepreneurship principles. We use evidence based curricula, but do not rely on a model, a program, or someone else's idea to do the work for us. Our overarching goal is to use innovation to solve social problems. Though we are a small organization, we think very critically about what is working and what is not working, and how we can use ingenuity to fill in the gaps. We are results driven, and have been very successful in producing positive outcomes."

According to Perryman, "The men, women, and children in our com-



*Rev. Robert Lyons, Rev. Benjamin Green, Rev. Derek Arnold*

munities are highly intelligent. While they take advantage of the services that are available, they are also looking for direction – information, guidance, and support that is going to help them change their situation. They are searching for individuals and programs that understand their situations – what they can control and what they cannot control. While at the same time, offering authentic hope – helping them craft a vision for their lives, and supporting them while they make baby steps. I wanted to provide a program that is decentralized, and rooted in the village concept. In this new day of internet accessibility, our children and families require individuals with increasingly diverse experiences, expertise, and access to resources. They also need individuals in their lives who have faced obstacles and challenges, and have truly overcome them. Further, they require indi-

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Last Saturday's special guest was Toledo's own Dennis Hopson, former Ohio State great and a long-time professional basketball player both in the NBA and overseas. Hopson is now entering his second season as head coach for the Bedford High School boys' basketball team.



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## Great Ideas for Summer Fun with Friends

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Kicking back with friends and celebrating is one of the best parts of summer, particularly if you are surrounded by great company. Whether on an official staycation or you simply want to make the most of the entire season, there are plenty of great ways to enjoy summer vibes near home.

### Host a Backyard 'Beach' Party

Invite friends over for a full day at the "beach." Get the grill fired up and a game of beach volleyball going in the yard. If it's hot, cool off in the sprinkler. You don't need to be a kid to have this much fun. After sunset, use Tiki torches to set the mood. Encourage beachwear as the dress code. If your neighborhood allows it, have a bonfire.

### Celebrate the Sunset Glow

Eighty percent of the public says they prefer company while watching a sunset, according to results of a recent survey conducted by ORC. More than half of the people surveyed prefer to experience sunsets on the beach. Whether it's date night or a night out with friends, you can capture island vibes on the mainland by kicking back at Sunset-Fest, a summer-long celebration hosted by Bahama Breeze Island Grille, a restaurant which specializes in Caribbean-inspired chicken, seafood and

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# Rain Doesn't Dampen Enthusiasm for African American Festival

*Sojourner's Truth Staff*

The clouds burst open on both days of this year's African American Festival but that didn't dampen the enthusiasm of the festival attendees who gathered to sample local food and listen to a wide range of musical offerings. The Zapp band headlined Saturday's entertainment and local favorite, Rance Allen, closed out the Sunday show.

Sunday's attendance was boosted by the fact that the festival organizers, Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union, raised funds from local groups, particular churches, in order to keep ticket prices down - \$5.00 for adults.



*Michelle January Frances Collins EdD and Brenda Riggins*



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# Motown Dinner and Dance Cruise

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The Motown Dinner and Dance Cruise annual fundraiser for HK Mission Charity, local coordinator Jacqueline Federico, took place on the Detroit Princess Riverboat on July 11 on a perfectly warm and sunny day and evening.

There was live entertainment by The Prolifics along with a stylish buffet for the guests with roast beef, vegetable lasagna, green bean, baked potatoes, salad with dinner rolls and dessert. Approximately 100 guests were in attendance to dance, dine, enjoy the views of the American and Canadian shores and raise funds for HK Mission Charity, which creates activity pouches for the sick children in the Toledo Children's Hospital.

This annual event is hosted by Donnetta Carter of Adventurous Travels for the non-profit or charitable organizations in the northwest Ohio area. Adventurous Travels thanked all sponsors: The Sojourner's Truth newspaper, OMG Production- Tracy Roberts, Dianna Sutton- Another Way Out Bail Bonds LLC, Dale Riggs Funeral, DJ Travis Grant, Everlasting Design and The Blade and Barbara Hendel.



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## A Conversation With Misty Copeland

By Carla Yvette

Thanks to the efforts of Jada Marie Boles, with the support of her mother Phalana Marie Boles, hundreds of dancers, parents and admirers enjoyed "A Conversation with Misty Copeland" July 26, at the Maumee High School's Performing Arts Center.

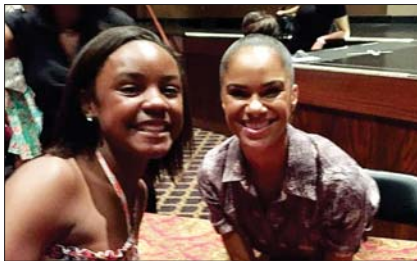
Copeland, who recently became the first African-American promoted to principal dancer in American Ballet Theatre's 75-year history, was greeted by a standing ovation as she entered the packed theater. Before addressing the crowd, students from several local dance studios paid tribute to Copeland by performing dances in her honor.

Afterwards, Copeland became emotional as she addressed the audience, "The reason I do what I do is because of what I saw up here tonight" stated Copeland. Audience members were given the opportunity to find out more about Copeland during a Q & A segment, after which, Copeland signed copies of her two bestselling books *Life in Motion* and *Firebird*.

Copeland's visit to Toledo was the result of an invite from Jada Boles, a 17-year-old senior at Toledo School for The Arts, and founder of Dance Instead, a group of young dancers committed to choosing dance instead of drugs, drinking or other destructive behavior. The event was coordinated by her mother, Phalana Marie Boles, author and founder of P. Marie Talent Management; Ashley Nowak-Hill and Nigel Burgoine of Ballet Theater of Toledo and made possible by a host of sponsors and supporters.



Dancers from Darryl Jervis dance studio honor Misty Copeland Photo Courtesy ABYrdseyephoto



Morgan Baker with Misty Copeland during book signing



Misty Copeland with Dance Instead founder, Jada Boles

## Sheila Gibson Says Goodbye to the Glass City and Positive Force

Sojourner's Truth Staff

Positive Force, the dance studio that Sheila Gibson founded 13 years ago, presented its annual June recital last month ... and its final one. Gibson, a Toledo native who has been teaching dance in this area for over 30 years and has instructed over 500 students during that time, is taking her talents to Florida where her three children reside.

Her departure, and her long-time service to the community, was recognized by parents of her students during that last performance as they gathered on stage at the end to present her with a plaque commemorating her many years of service and thanking her for the many gifts she has bestowed upon her students.

Over these 13 years, and 13 annual recitals, Gibson, a graduate of Rogers High School and Bowling Green State University, has tutored students ranging in age from five to 18 years in ballet, as well as jazz dancing. She sometimes has an enrollment of more than 100 students in as many as 13 different classes at any given time.

A serious student of dance from an early age, Gibson has trained under Gail Grant, author of the *Technical Manual*



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Ta-Tanisha Cuffie and Kelly Westmoreland with Mae Jackson and Carol Westmoreland



Milton and Audrey Ransey with Greg Owens



Marcia Polin and Marsha Hill



Johnny and Lynn Taylor

## Rep. Michael Ashford Resumes Annual Barbecue

*Sojourners' Truth Staff*

State Rep. Michael Ashford resumed his annual barbecue on Saturday, July 18 at his home in the Old West End after a hiatus of four years. The backyard event, which he had held for a number of years, is an opportunity for friends and supporters to mingle and to hear from a person or two who might otherwise not make it to Toledo on a frequent basis.

This year's special guest was State Rep. Fred Strahorn of Dayton, minority leader for the Democrats in the State House of Representatives.

Strahorn addressed the guests on what direction the state Democratic Party needs to go in order to make inroads into the GOP's dominance in both houses of the General Assembly.

Also on hand was State Farm Agent Vince Davis who presented a check to Ashford for his campaign coffers from the Ohio State Farm Agents PAC.



Harvey Hanna and Jean Holden



Jessica Ford and daughter, Michael and Ruth Ashford, Fred Strahorn



State Rep. Fred Strahorn



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State Rep. Michael Ashford and Vince Davis

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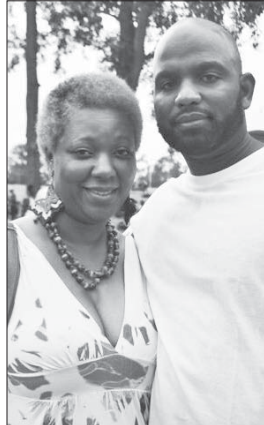
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& Dictionary of Classical Ballet, jazz master Gus Giordano and other respected instructors. She also became a model and a model instructor with John Casablanca School of Modeling here in Toledo. She eventually travelled to Europe and co-owned a modeling and dance company in London.

The annual recital is a culmination of a year's worth of planning, choreographing and directing for Gibson, who generally participates with a solo performance at some stage of the event.

The vision that Gibson has nurtured so carefully over the years surfaces in every aspect of her endeavors as a dance instructor and as a choreographer. "I feel that is the purpose of dance, to give praise to God," she says. "I have always tried to walk the Christian walk."

Now Gibson is spreading her dancing wings and headed for the St. Petersburg/Tampa Bay area where she expects to resume her duties as advance instructor and eventually open up her own studio.

Florida's gain. Toledo's loss, indeed.

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*Perryman... continued from page 2*

*for there's no other way  
to be happy in a police state  
than to trust and obey.*

The authoritarian impulse is fundamentally undemocratic, but it too is strong among us.

It is commonly assumed that certain people live above the law: police officers and soldiers (because our safety depends on their efforts); entertainers and athletes (because we take our entertainment very seriously) and captains of industry (because we need the jobs their entrepreneurial heroics create).

If a police officer or a soldier charged with the abuse of authority can summon the support of a dozen opinion leaders chances are he will escape the consequences of his actions. This principle even applies to vigilante cops like the increasingly bizarre George Zimmerman.

The evidence that Bill Cosby is a serial rapist has long been strong, and gets stronger with each passing day. But, unlike Sandra Bland, Cosby is unlikely to see the inside of a prison cell. That's because "The Cos" has a penchant for telling white America what it wants to hear about Black America and the eclipse of racism. Having supported their great black hope for so long, white folks ignore the long string of victims the Pudding Pop Man has left in his wake.

And what are we to make of Donald Trump's meteoric rise to the top of the Republican presidential pack? As I write, it remains to be seen whether Trump will survive his mean-spirited (and grotesque) attack on John McCain who, whatever you may think of his politics, showed rare heroism as a prisoner of war in Vietnam. But Trump's ugly assault on Mexican Americans and the sophomoric insults he hurls at his political competition only endear the man to his passionate admirers.

For those who divide the world into "makers" and "takers," Donald Trump is the epitome

of makerhood, a man who transcends the usual rules of social etiquette. If you are worth as much as The Donald, you don't have to be good, or merciful, or kind, or humble or even rational. Traditional virtues are for losers. If you win, you make your own morality. Right?

Tough guy cops like Brian Encinia can abuse American citizens (so long as they are bad-ass blacks) and trained assassins like Chris Kyle are free to roam from one bar fight to another without reckoning with the legal consequences or drawing the censure of macho America.

This valorizing of macho posturing doesn't translate into concern for military veterans struggling with an under-funded VA system, nor does it inspire the slightest concern for the astronomical rates of suicide and PTSD we have seen within the military community. As Mr. Trump suggests, the real winners made it out sound of mind and body. Tough guys don't get PTSD. Right?

Brian Encinia, the man who transformed a questionable traffic stop into a funeral, will almost certainly lose his job over this latest example of blatant police misconduct and racial injustice. The episode was captured on film. It looks worse every time you look at it.

The same was true of Eric Casebolt, the temporarily insane officer in McKinney, Texas who repeatedly flung a scantily clad, one hundred pound, teenage girl to the sidewalk. Again, the episode was caught on film.

And that's the way it works. If there are no cameras present, these episodes devolve into he-said-she-said narratives. If the misconduct is captured by the camera, all bets are off.

And yet, even after rogue cops like Casebolt and Encinia step down in disgrace, they will remain culture war heroes in the minds of many.

Donald Trump will eventually nosedive in the polls; most likely sooner than later; but his brief

moment of glory proves that, in our America, some of us live above the law, above the rules, above the moral consensus. So long as their enemies are our enemies they can do no wrong. Right?

Alan Bean, Ph.D., is Executive Director Friends of Justice

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Contact Rev. Donald Perryman, D.Min, at [drdlperryman@centerofhopebaptist.org](mailto:drdlperryman@centerofhopebaptist.org)

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steaks.

Get friends together any night of the week for daily sunset toasts, live music and summer-inspired cocktails and fare. On Saturdays, the party starts early and goes late, with live bands and D.J.s to keep you on your feet. And if you don't live nearby, you can visit the restaurant's website and make one of their island-themed recipes at home.

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Staycations are growing in popularity and with good reason. So much fun can be had without leaving town.

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# Something Must Be Done about Prince Edward County by Kristen Green

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

The Truth Contributor

The color pencils are sharp, lined up like fence posts in their unscuffed box.

So are the crayons, the pens all wear caps and notebook covers are free of doodling. The backpack seems as though it's been starched, but give it a month: after your child goes back to school, it'll be a different story – one unlike that in the new book *Something Must Be Done about Prince Edward County* by Kristen Green.

Not until she went away to college did Kristen Green ever think about how she was raised.

Hers was a relatively privileged upbringing: as white children, she and her brothers spent summers eating ice cream, riding bikes, sitting on the porch of their home in Farmville, Virginia, and visiting their grandparents, who lived just down the block. They attended a private school (their parents' alma mater), and they enjoyed the labors of a housekeeper who came ever Wednesday to clean.

That housekeeper, Elsie Lancaster, whom Green considered as "part of our family," was the first black person Green ever knew – or, at least figured she did.

But she really didn't think about it until after college, after she'd gotten a job as a reporter focusing on poverty and race issues, after she'd married a Native American man, and after she realized how much

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her grandmother disapproved of her mixed-race marriage. Mixed-race great-grandchildren would've greatly upset Mimi but nobody in the family would discuss it, so Green became determined find out why.

Before *Brown vs. the Board of Education*, Farmville schools were segregated – separate, but unequal. The white school boasted amenities; the black school was overcrowded and underfunded. The Supreme Court's decision set Farmville's white residents back on their heels, vowing that desegregation was never going to happen in their town; separation, they said, was "just the way things were." So when the Supreme Court pressed the issue years after *Brown v. Board*, white residents closed the county's schools, greatly harming poor whites, black families, and black students.

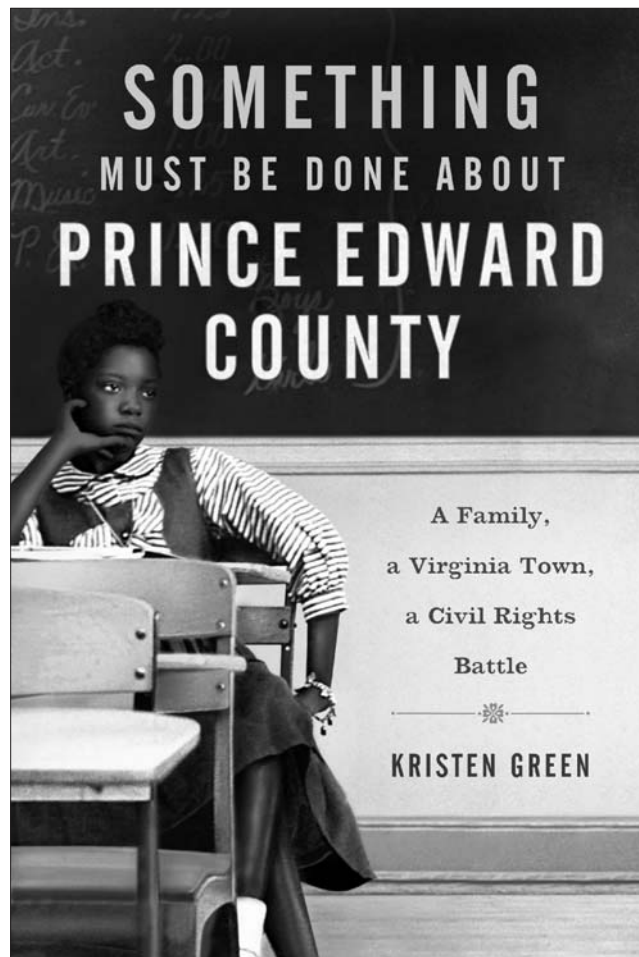
And Green's beloved grandfather – a man she adored – helped it happen...

As I was reading *Something Must Be Done about Prince Edward County*, I have to admit that I was a bit baffled. Author Kristen Green admits that she "came to the story from a place of privilege." So what about it?

Plenty, as it turns out.

Although she says that the town's elders seem to want this historical event to disappear, Green doesn't let that happen: she digs and digs, uncovering the whole of an outrageous story that would be front-page news these days. She even finds some of the kids-now-adults that were most affected by school closures, then she throws readers a bone of goodness amid the shame. Finally, although in this case what's done can't be undone, Green shows that amend-making has to start somewhere.

Sharp-eyed readers may notice some resemblance to *The Help* here, but *Something Must Be Done about Prince Edward County* is no novel. Nope, this is a feat of journalistic reporting with a personal twist, and it's pretty sharp.



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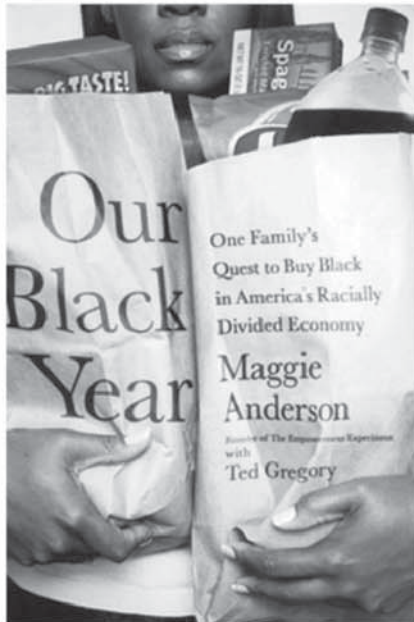
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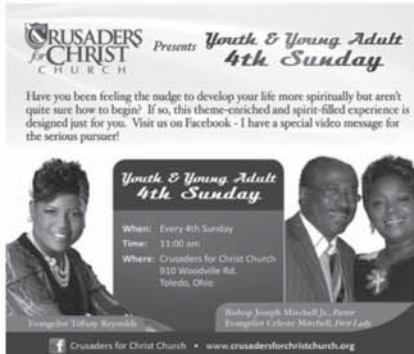
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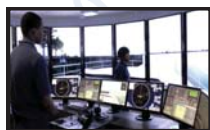
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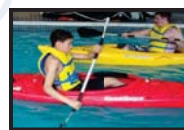
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