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# Brothers United and Lucas County Job and Family Services Host Child Support Workshop

*Sojourner's Truth Staff*

August is Child Support Month and on Friday, August 5 and Friday, August 26, Lucas County Job and Family Services and the Economic Planning Association, now known as Pathway, Inc, through its Brothers United program, jointly hosted a child support workshop in order to provide attendees with the information to navigate their way out of support payment issues or impending issues.

"We are helping to take care of barriers people may have so they can pay their support," said Kristen Miller of the LCJ&FS Child Support Services. "We are working with Brothers United who are helping with things such as resumes, clothing for interviews, transportation for jobs; our staff is doing what we can administratively."

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*LC Job and Family Services Nicole Dixon, Kristen Miller, Brenda Watson, Laura Mobley, Natalie Palitta*



*Combined LCJFS and Brothers United staffs*

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# This Strikes Us ...

## Hillary Clinton – A Woman of Substance – Part 2

*"I have to confess that I didn't see the special qualities that she had. But when she came over to give her first brief to a number of senators on health care, it was a tour de force. And I thought to myself, 'How did you get so attracted to this Bill Clinton guy that you missed Hillary Rodham Clinton.'" Sen. Charles Robb*

In 1992, Arkansas Governor Bill Clinton was elected president of the United States, defeating incumbent President George H.W. Bush. Hillary Clinton joined him in the White House in an arrangement that the incoming president had called, during and after the campaign, getting "two for the price of one." It was an arrangement that was immediately apparent.

Hillary established an office in the West Wing of the White House – the first time a first lady had done so – in order to be an integral part of the administration in matters of appointments and policy.

The first lady was appointed to head the President's Task Force on National Health Care Insurance and set about to bring universal health care to America. It was a massive undertaking that required her to coordinate the activities of a number of disparate groups, gain an encyclopedic knowledge of health care information and policy and convince Congress and the American people that it was time for a comprehensive universal health care plan.

Hillary Clinton had no problem with the first two parts of that task. Congress, however, was a different matter. The 1,342-page bill, the "Health Security Act," was a massive command and control system that would have governed virtually every aspect of the delivery and financing of health care. Congress rejected the plan.

The Clintons – new to the ways of Washington, inexperienced in dealing with Congress, the insurance and health care industries and obstructed by Republicans who could not have wanted a Democrat to succeed in such a project under any circumstances – never really had a chance to pass such legislation.

While the passage of a universal health care act would have to wait until another Democratic president took office 16 years later, the failure of that initial attempt was not the end of Hillary's efforts to make access to health care more convenient and more affordable to more Americans. She worked with members of Congress – Edward Kennedy (Dem. Mass) and Orrin Hatch (Rep. Utah) – to pass the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), the largest expansion of taxpayer funded health insurance coverage for children since President Johnson's Medicaid in 1965.

CHIP, which provides health insurance to eligible children from low-income families, had expanded to cover over two million children by the time the Clintons left the White House and had reached a coverage of 8.4 million children by 2015.

Hillary kept her focus on the well-being of women and children in numerous other ways as well. During a trip to Beijing in 1995, Hillary addressed a women's rights conference, after overcoming State Department resistance, and forcefully argued that "human rights are women's rights and women's rights are human rights."

*"Tragically, women are most often the ones whose human rights are violated. Even now, in the late 20th century, the rape of women continues to be used as an instrument of armed conflict. Women and children make up a large majority of the world's refugees. And when women are excluded from the political process, they become even more vulnerable to abuse ... it is time to break the silence. It is time ... for the world to hear, that it is no longer acceptable to discuss women's rights as separate from human rights."*

Those words resonated around the world and became a key moment in the empowerment of women.

At the same time, Hillary expressed her concern for the well-being of

children by writing a book titled *It Takes a Village* – the title taken from various African proverbs. The premise of the book is that groups and members of society – those outside of the immediate family – have a shared responsibility to successfully raise a child.

Hillary's prescription for such success is a combination of government-driven social reforms coupled with traditional conservative values. The book was on the New York Times Best Seller list for 18 weeks and Hillary was ultimately awarded a Grammy for Best Spoken Word Album.

Clinton was always involved in policy issues within the administration on matters affecting children, women and families. Along with Attorney General Janet Reno, Hillary helped to create the Office on Violence Against Women in the Department of Justice. In 1997 she led the effort to push through Congress the "Adoption and Safe Families Act" and in 1999, she was critical to the legislative success of the "Foster Care Independence Act," which greatly increased federal funds for teenagers aging out of foster care.

In 2000, the Clintons were preparing to leave the White House and move to New York, primarily because a group of prominent New York Democrats had approached the first lady about running for the U.S. Senate there. She would be the first woman to serve the State of New York as senator and the first former first lady to seek elective office.

*"Back in the fall of 1998, I asked Hillary Clinton if she would consider running for the Senate from New York state. I knew it would be a boon for New York, but I was as shocked as anyone when she actually decided to do it." U.S. Congressman Charles Rangel*



## Community Calendar

### July 24-September 12

Free Parenting Classes: Saturdays 11:30 am to 1 pm; Continuous open enrollment; Sponsored by Operation Re-Seed Christian Ministry Parenthood Program: 419-297-3530

### August 3-31

Studio Fitness Free Community Fitness Classes: Every Wednesday at 6 pm; One-Hour beginner friendly fitness class – 20 mins of cardio, 20 mins of weight lifting, 10 mins of yoga: 4190870-2318

### September 2-4

The Armory Church Latter Rain Conference: Speakers Pastor Donnie McClurkin, Mother Judy Hines, Prophet Brian Carn: 419-537-9736

### September 3

Ebenezer MBC Rummage Sale: Gently used clothes and other items; 11 am to 3 pm: 419-290-4815 or 419-787-8435

Glass City Pacers – Toledo Based Run Crew: UT/Metropark; Walk/run; 9 to 11 am: 202-640-3448

Toledo Museum of Art Memory Loss Program: "Meet Me at TMA;" Co-sponsored by Alzheimer's Association; 1 to 2 pm: 800-272-3900

### September 6

Young Voices of Greater Toledo: A children's choir for ages 8 to 8th grade; Informational meeting; Monroe Street United Methodist Church; 6 pm; Free professional evaluation of children's voices: 419-473-1167 ext 230 or youngvoicestoledo.org

### September 9

Toledo Museum of Art Memory Loss Program: "A Brush with Art;" Co-sponsored by Alzheimer's Association; 1 to 2:30 pm: 1-800-272-3900

### September 11-12

Auditions for Cutting Edge Theatre Company's First Musical: Seeking All Ethnicities; Sunday 3-7 pm; Monday 7-9 pm; Bring photo, resume and prepare 1 minute song; St. Paul Church (Performance Nov 11-13): 419-494-4814





# The Manchurian Candidate...Redux?

By Lafe Tolliver, Esq

## Guest Column

Now, for some readers of this column, you will not understand the title of this piece unless and until you understand the mystery political thriller movie, *The Manchurian Candidate*, which was released in 1962.

It was the gripping tale of a captured military soldier who was brainwashed by the Communists while in Korea and, upon his release, was returned to the US but, unknowingly, for the sole purpose of assassinating the leading candidate for president of the United States.

The stars of the movie were Laurence Harvey and Frank Sinatra. The evil villain behind this macabre plot was the mother of the brainwashed soldier (Harvey) played by Angela Lansbury.

There has been an update of this movie starring Denzel Washington and others but the original movie was "da bomb!"

The word Manchurian Candidate has been adopted into the English lexicon as a symbol of a person who has been psychologically emptied and has taken on the persona of his captors and who will, on a given signal, "snap" into his brainwashed training and carry out any given orders.

That "snap" could be activated by a face on a deck of cards, or a certain whistle or a certain slogan or song. The important thing is that the candidate has been unknowingly brainwashed to follow orders when he hears that "snap."

For being a meanie and revealing the end of the movie, the candidate is barely thwarted when he tries to carry out his assassination of the president but he commits suicide and his "handlers" are killed.

The word, "Manchurian" was used in the original screenplay due to the fact that the soldier had been taken captive in the short-lived country of Manchuria during the Korean War. He was later repatriated back to the United States...as a living time bomb.

Well, for me, the latest and wild escapades of Donald Trump reminds me that Donald could be a political Manchurian Candidate not for purposes of any coup against the US government but a plant by the "alt-right" to blow up the Republican Party and attempt to cast it anew as a right-wing nationalistic party.

If you have been following the political shenanigans of Donald Trump, you will have probably noticed the following characteristics which, to me, resembles someone who is being "manipulated" by outside forces of which he is either unaware of or simply does not care to know:

(a) Donald Trump has brought in the sophisticated policy wonk, Kellyanne Conway, as his campaign director to sugar coat over his bushel baskets of messes and outrageous statements and to appeal to the much-needed white woman voter.

(b) Donald Trump has brought in the despised (according to who you believe) right wing nutcase Stephen Bannon of Breitbart News. If you know anything about Bannon, he has uttered some vile and outrageous comments against and about people of color. He does not apologize for his vile rancor against black people. He revels in it. And yet. This is the person that Donald Trump has brought into his inner orbit to be the CEO of his campaign!

Ever hear the phrase, "birds of a feather, flock together?"

When you compound the empty headed right wing nationalistic babble of Donald Trump and mix in the deadly racist commentaries of Stephen Bannon, you have a toxic mix of political drama that is attempting to force a coup d'etat of the Republican mainstream party.

Notice, to date, that neither Speaker of the House Paul Ryan nor Majority Leader Mitch McConnell has uttered a mumbling word against this diabolical duo of Trump and Bannon.

Oh, sure, some Republicans have found some scattered pieces of their political backbone and have decried this development but the overwhelming number of Republicans are as quiet as baby lambs in the pasture when it comes to denouncing this sudden and drastic swing of the Republican Party to the alt-right.

Even some American Nazi members have articulated that the positions of Trump are their positions and that is why they support him. Has Donald Trump chopped them off at the knees when they said this? Of course not! He is a' whoring for their votes by his subtle and not so subtle affirmation of this white nationalism which the alt-right espouses.

So, back to our story. Here is Donald Trump who is ostensibly clueless on foreign policy issues and is tone deaf on domestic issues. He changes his positions more than Kim Kardashian changes her clothes (or no clothes?) on any issue.

Seemingly, Donald Trump is adept at taking his influences or clues from the alt-right including wacko conspiracy theories that the far right loves to revel in.

Repeatedly, Donald Trump will run with the conspiracy flavor of the day and see how it plays out with his base and if they hoot for it, he will add it to his arsenal of nonsense and gibberish.

Ever use a duster under a bed? Notice all of the dust and debris that comes up with one stroke of the duster? You may wonder, "where did this stuff come from?"

Well, that is Donald Trump's mental capacity. Whatever sticks with him, right or wrong, he will throw out as gospel and with the ending, "Trust me!" or "Believe Me!" tacked on for good measure.

The alt-right agenda and the bilge that Stephen Bannon of Breitbart News is pouring into Donald is downright frightening and even more so for a person who professes, like Donald Trump, that he has a great brain.


Donald Trump is being co-opted by the far far right for their political purposes and because Donald Trump is such a low achiever, intellectual wise, he is the darling of this fringe group; and they can practically have him say whatever they want and Donald Trump, like a well-trained Manchurian Candidate, will oblige and blurt it out to see how the public will react to it.

A glaring example of this ability of Donald to be twisted in a pretzel at a whim is when he lashes out at the black community and tells them that only he can save them from themselves and how he is their only hope but yet he championed the birther movement (a favorite of the alt-right groups) against President Obama!

The far right-wing nuts are ecstatic at their trophy find in Donald Trump. Years and years of Donald Trump feeding at their wacky political troughs have handsomely paid off...they have their candidate and he is not from Manchuria but from Queens, NY!


Stay tuned. This candidate has not yet been used up by his handlers. The worse is yet to come.

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# Local 500 Opens Account at Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union

*Sojourner's Truth Staff*

The executive board of Local Laborers 500 and Business Manager David Fleetwood opened an account at the Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union this week and deposited a significant amount of money into the only African-American owned and managed, federally-insured financial institution in the state of Ohio.

The union, which has approximately 1,000 members, was formed in 1919 and represents men and women dedicated to construction. Members are skilled in placement and removal of concrete, demolition, grade checking, hazardous waste removal, tunneling, among other skills.

The union services Lucas, Wood, Defiance, Fulton, Henry and Williams counties and works throughout the state of Ohio under the Heavy Highway Agreement administered by the Ohio Laborers' District Council. Local 500 is an affiliate of IUNA – the Laborers' International Union of North America.



*TUFCU Board Member Ray Wood, Local 500 Executive Secretary Annette Lacey, TUFCU CEO Suzette Cowell, Local 500 Business Manager David Fleetwood*

# Ashford Appointed to Bipartisan Power Siting Board

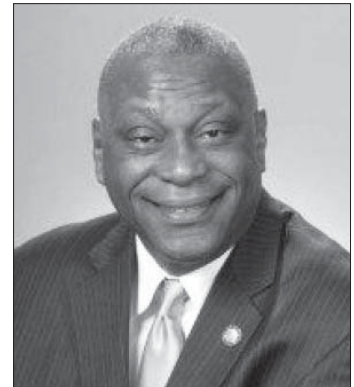
*Toledo lawmaker will examine ways to support sound energy policies*

*Sojourner's Truth Staff*

State Rep. Michael Ashford (D-Toledo) last week was appointed to the Ohio Power Siting Board. Ashford, along with Representative Christina Hagan (R-), Senators Bill Seitz (R-Cincinnati) and Sandra Williams (D-Cleveland) will consider ways to update and amend Ohio's diverse and robust energy portfolio.

"I'm honored to serve as a member of the Ohio Power Siting Board," said Ashford. "As we work to ensure our state's energy policies remain diverse and consistent for all Ohioans, I look forward to the opportunity to lend my voice on behalf of marginalized and traditionally disenfranchised communities who in the past have had no input in the original drafting of our energy policies."

The Ohio Power Siting Board is charged under the Ohio Revised Code to support sound energy policies that provide for the installation of energy capacity and transmission infrastructure for the benefit of the Ohio citizens, promoting the state's economic interests and protecting the environment and land use.



*Rep. Michael Ashford*



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## The Soulcial Scene

# Fros, Fashions & Finds: Back to School: A Family AffHair

By Megan Davis

Soulcial Scene Contributor

The year 2016 is more than half over and the summer sun is setting a little earlier each day. Nights are cooler and mornings are a bit brisk as the Back to School season has officially begun. When

we think of back to school, we think of hectic schedules, stricter routines and how we are going to juggle, work, home life and education. As if parents already don't already have a full schedule, getting little ones ready for each school week is another task to pencil in. Still it has to be done.

Clothes will always have to be laundered, meals must be prepared and hair must be done! Let's talk about some tips to help maintain your child's curly tresses while developing a routine that will help the whole family find success this school year. Make "wash day" quick and fun! Include your children in washing their hair. Encourage them to help get the supplies you'll need. Make a snack and play some energetic music or music from their favorite artists.

For smaller children ages two to five, try washing their hair while in the bathtub. Make sure they place a towel over their eyes to prevent products and water from getting in them. If they are between the ages five to seven, they may like to have their hair washed at the kitchen sink. They are still small enough to lay back on the counter with a rolled towel placed behind their neck for comfort.

These two methods allow easier access to the hair and scalp and helps keep products out of their eyes. If your child's hair is very thick, try sectioning into at least four sections prior to cleansing, to allow the shampoo to be applied to the scalp. You may apply a conditioner to detangle with a wide-toothed comb to make for easier styling. Detangling is very

important. While fingercombing the hair is good, it does not remove all of the tangles in one's hair. This will become a problem when trying to style the hair into neat cornrows, blow drying, flat ironing or braiding. Using a wide tooth comb helps remove the tangles without pulling out hair. Make styling your child's hair as pleasant as possible. If they are "tenderheaded," take your time in styling their hair. This will help encourage positive thoughts about their image and self esteem as opposed to ripping through their hair saying "your hair is too thick or nappy."

If their hair dries quickly, keep a spray bottle of water near to rehydrate while styling. Put on a movie and give them a snack or let them play a game on a tablet while getting their hair styled. It makes time go faster in a child's mind. Popular styles for younger children include cornrows, plaits and twists. For older youth – tweens and teens – a lot of them are wearing blowouts, locs or crochet-braided styles. The ones that require the most maintenance are the cornrows as they tend to frizz sooner than the other two styles.

A child's hair fashioned into two-strand twists can be styled in a number of ways to include accessories such as barrettes, baubles and beads. You can find these accessories at our local Powell's Beauty Supply located on Nebraska Ave.

For boys, while they may not seem to need a lot of hair care during the school week, they would also benefit from the shampoo routine and keeping their hair picked out and hydrated

throughout the week. Popular styles for boys include the sponge-coiled look, barber designs, locs and various faded styles with a little length at the top.

For fashion, some students do not have to wear uniforms. In the event that regular attire can be worn, parents may benefit from planning outfits for the whole week and placing them in small bins, such as those found at The Dollar Tree.

Label each bin with a day of the week or pictures of the specials they will have for the day. For instance, if Tuesdays and Thursdays are for physical education, label that bin with a basketball, football or jump rope, so they know why they are wearing gym pants and a t shirt. Include your children in the planning of their outfits.

When everything is planned out, it makes everyone's mornings smoother and it builds your child's organizational skills and encourages them to feel good about going to school.

Going back to school is a learning process for everyone from the students to the parents and even the teachers! Help your child prepare each week with a customized routine that they can be proud of as it also gives them encouragement to excel.



Megan Davis



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## The Soulcial Scene

# 12th Annual African American Festival at Northwest Ohio Rib Off

*Sojourner's Truth Staff*

This year the African American Festival took on a little different tone. On Sunday, August 21, the Festival joined the Northwest Ohio Rib Off at the Lucas County Fairgrounds and visitors were treated to gospel and rhythm and blues, along with ribs and the soul food specialties of Ruby's Kitchen.

Perfect weather greeted attendees, who took the opportunity to enjoy gospel choirs, along with vocalists Darius Coleman, Karen Harris, the KGB, saxophonist Katrina Barnhill, among other performers. The day's headliner was Bishop Marvin Sapp.

The African American Festival is organized and presented by the Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union.



Marvin Sapp



Katrina Barnhill



Karen Harris



TUFCU's Ray Wood, Suzette Cowell, Edwin Mabry and Rev. Cordell Jenkins



Darius Coleman



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## The Soulcial Scene

# Historic Scott High School Alumni Take Over Toledo

By Tricia Hall

Sojourner's Truth Reporter

The alumni of Scott High School organized their annual weekend reunion by class decade over the August 12th weekend.

Maroon and white were visual at various locations throughout Toledo including the Peacock Café and Our Brothers Place in downtown Toledo. The alumni expressed their appreciation for the Bulldog experience and school spirit.

"The great education that I began at Scott continued into college, the teachers and coaches were family and formed the foundation for how I view our people and life," explained Doug Allen, class of 1966.

A fellow classmate, Brenda Turner, now retired, agreed with Allen about the family dynamic within the building between teachers, students and staff. "Attending and graduating from Scott was a wonderful experience, from freshman to senior year. The teachers and staff made you believe that everything was possible, as long as you

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Bernice Murray, Natwiya Triplett Birchfield '89, and Latonya Smith '93



Betty Isaac Pope '70, and Bernard Pope



Bruce Bills '88, and Nadia Phelps



Carolyn Rankin '70, and Laurie Floyd '90



Cherise Easterly



Harold Mosley II



Chuck Rom '73, Keith Robinson '74, and Luther Jones '75



Doug Allen, '66 and Ruth Parker '66



Linda Mosley '74, Elaine Smith '74 and Shirley Crosby '74



Marqueta Hunter, Lisa Bibbs Hopkins '87, Mary Brown, and Lakeiva Zimmerman



Cowen Moore Byrd '72 and Brenda Turner '67



## The Soulcial Scene

# Revisiting Our Roots: Dorr Street Comes Alive Once Again!

On Saturday, August 20, 2016, the African American Legacy Project, under the leadership of Robert Smith, hosted Dorr Street ... Live II, a free, public event intended to rekindle the spirit of a community, a neighborhood, a culture and ... a people.

Food, fun, entertainment and more greeted visitors at the corner of Dorr and Collingwood as everyone reminisced about the times – 50 years ago, when Dorr Street was an explosion of colors, sight, sounds and aromas.

The street was filled with black-owned businesses and served as the cornerstone of Toledo's African-American business, cultural and artistic life.

The African American Legacy Project's mission is to document local black history and part of that charge includes documenting the history of Dorr Street especially for those who never had the opportunity to experience that time and place.

Everything changed ... ended ... in 1974 as the city and state completed the urban renewal project that effectively turned the street into merely an expanded corridor to the downtown area.



A Dorr Street Homage



Judge C. Allen McConnell and State Rep. Mike Ashford



Councilwoman Cecelia Adams, LC Commissioners Tina Skeldon Wozniak and Pete Gerken, Rev. WL Perryman, Bill Harris and MC Charley Mack



Councilman Tyrone Riley, Sheriff John Sharp, Judge C. Allen McConnell, AALP Executive Director Robert Smith



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# *The Soulcial Scene*

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*Naturalistas Downtown*



*Deanna Faeye with daughters  
Seanna and Patricia*



*Kim Taylor with Carol Rankin  
and LaRhonda McCoy*



*Mariah Hicks, Ramona Collins, Kim Sutton, Jennifer Merriweather and  
Aliyah Hicks*



*Ebony Munday and Gabriella Hall*



*Kylee Harris, Ebony Munday,  
Justice Satterfield, Gabriella  
Hall and Jayla Satterfield*



*Emily Evans, Lorrine Massey, Rosanne Harris and Carla Townsend with  
Donnetta Carter and Sherry Reed*



*Flora Jones, Mariah Hicks and Jayla Satterfield*



*Roxanne and Kylee Harris*



*Kim Taylor with Carol Rankin and LaRhonda McCoy*



*Lavonna Hicks, Marietta Gaston and Sandra  
Curry with Carcinie Odom and Lagwanda  
Parker*



*Maria Powell, Audrey Johnson with Marcia Stanton and Petronella  
Holmes*



*Sharon Spearman, Laretta Satterfield and Hollie Steia*



## The Soulcial Scene

# KOOL COMEDY Hosts "The L.O.L. LOUNGE"

Since 2011, Comedian Kool Keith of KOOLCOMEDY has been the Host of "THE L.O.L. LOUNGE" (Comedy Show) every first Thursday of the month. You can come enjoy some of the best seasoned amateur and veteran professional comedians from the Midwest (and beyond) as they bring the FUNNY!

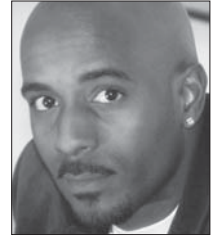
The Comedians featured on Thursday, September 1 are: DeAndre Washington (Columbus, OH.), J. Will (Detroit, MI.) and Melvin Bender (Detroit, MI.)

Doors open at 8:00 p.m. with music and videos by DJ Big Trav. The comedy show begins at 9:00 p.m. The bar is open with drink specials! ...enjoy a "Redd Foxx" or a "Joke Juice" as you get your laugh on! Food will also

be available to satisfy your hunger along with 50/50 raffles and various impromptu prizes!

This is a good place to enjoy good people, good comedians and overall good energy! This show is comedian Kool Keith's sincere "give-back" to the city of Toledo for the sake of needed stress-relief & overall enjoyment.

You can purchase your \$5 tickets from Keith Cook, Travis Grant (DJ Big Trav), or at The Peacock. We hope to see you on first Thursday for some much-needed laughter!



Kool Keith

# Hon. Barbara A. Sykes Named State Director of AARP Ohio

*First Akron African-American Councilwoman, past three-term State Representative, former President and CEO of Ohio United Way, starts August 29; Economic Security, Caregiving and Anti-Fraud Efforts Top her Agenda*

*Special to The Truth*

AARP Regional Vice President Rawle Andrews Jr., last week announced that Barbara A. Sykes—former distinguished legislator, community leader and devoted advocate for the underserved in Ohio for more than three decades—has been appointed State Director for AARP in Ohio, effective August 29.

As Ohio State Director, Sykes will lead and manage the advocacy, communications and community outreach work of AARP and its 1.5 million members in Ohio. "Our next state director must be able to thrive in a highly dynamic environment while advancing the AARP brand up, down and across the Buckeye State and inside the Beltway from time to time.

Barbara is a thought leader with a people-first, can-do attitude, who has the proven ability to help accelerate the progress of what is working well and to disrupt what needs changing. I look forward to working with Barbara and the Ohio team to make sure AARP is as good and vibrant as its promise for older Ohioans and their families" said Andrews.

Mike Barnhart, president of AARP Ohio, commented: "Barbara Sykes combines impressive leadership skills with a lifetime dedicated to public and community service. We are pleased and honored to have someone with her stature, passion and experience to lead AARP Ohio into the future."

Sykes, a graduate of the University of Akron where she earned her undergraduate degree in social work and her master's degree in public administration, served three terms in the Ohio House of Representatives from 2000-2006. Sykes has also been deputy auditor for Summit County, the past president of the Ohio Legislative Black Caucus and she was the first African-American woman to serve on the Akron City Council.

For the last 10 years she has served as president and CEO of Ohio United Way (OUW)—the state association for United Ways in Ohio—where she worked to strengthen local United Ways with an emphasis



Barbara Sykes



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worked hard. Scott was a powerhouse," said Turner.

The classes who graduated in the 1960s gathered at Peacock Café, while classmates who graduated in the 1970s gathered at Our Brothers Place. Graduates from the 1980's and 90's gathered at Garden Lake Hall and those from the 2000's at Caribbean Breeze.

"My best memories wee battle rapping in the hallways after lunch," said Harold Mosley II, Class of 2005. "All the teachers were amazing. I was in the radio and broadcasting program in 2005 where they taught a lot about production."

Alumni enjoyed a live jazz band and laughter at Peacock, while two floors of music and dancing was enjoyed at Our Brothers Place.

"My first year I attended Macomber High School and then transferred to Scott High School. My biggest regret was not participating in my graduation ceremony. I'm glad I finished and graduated, but I missed out on the cap and gown experience," said Rev. William Lucas, class of 1974.

Years later, Cherise Easterly, class of 1993, would take the same route. "I came to Scott in my junior year after Macomber Whitney closed and I graduated in 1993 as a senior. My experiences have been fundamental in shaping the person I am today. People don't realize how much unity is within all graduates of Scott High School," said Easterly. "I couldn't have made a better choice."

The alumni weekend continued with the All White Party on Saturday night. The cabaret style set-up, featured a live DJ and large dance floor. Over 150 alumni and their dates filled Aria Banquet Hall on Telegram.

"Once a Bulldog, always a Bulldog. Libbey and Scott were the only two black schools in Toledo. It's hard to explain the experience. Our principal was black, the experience was different, but different in a good way," shared Doris Neal, class of 1967.

*Ed. Note: Monique Ward also contributed to this report*



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The two programs, working cooperatively, provide those in need of assistance with information on: support modification, waiver and compromise, license reinstatement and account correction.

Brothers United, the recent recipient of a grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, has implemented a program designed to assist 2,500 young and low-income fathers over the course of the next five years to improve their father-child and family relationship skills and gain employment.

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# You're the One I Want by Shane Allison

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

The Truth Contributor

Mine, mine, mine.

When you were two years old, that was your favorite word. Everything you saw belonged to you, somehow, one way or another. If you liked it, it was yours. If you didn't like it, it was yours, too. And as you'll see in the new novel *You're the One I Want* by Shane Allison, some people never outgrow that.

Don't think Bree didn't notice that Deanthony was at Kashawn's birthday party.

Some might think it natural that he would be – they were twins, after all, so Kashawn's birthday was Deanthony's birthday, too. But Bree didn't think Deanthony would dare show his face after what happened. She surely hoped he wouldn't tell anyone that they'd slept together, because Bree was married to Kashawn.

Why did she do it? Bree didn't have an answer to that. She loved Kashawn, that was for sure. He was a doctor, respected in their community, and he was smoking-hot. He loved her, too, though he knew she had a shady past as a dancer at a local gentleman's club. He treated Bree like a queen, so there was no reason for her to sleep with Kashawn's brother, except that she couldn't resist the way Deanthony looked at her.

Deanthony had always been a little jealous of Kashawn. Truth was, he was in love with Bree and he couldn't understand why she'd ever choose Kashawn over him. He was better for her in so many ways, and he knew she'd be happier with him – just as long as she never found out what he did after he left Florida to follow his dreams.

Bree's BFF, Tangela, had a plan.

That was nothing new; Tangela was always planning on Bree's behalf because it was all about Bree, wasn't it? She was always making Bree's

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life better, making Bree's marriage better, getting Bree what she thought she needed, helping Bree make Kashawn happy. All that, it was something Tangela hated, just as she hated Bree because Tangela really just wanted Kashawn for herself. And here's the thing: much like Bree, Tangela always got what she wanted; plus, she really wasn't Bree's best friend.

Tangela wasn't anybody's friend...

Sounds complicated? Yes, it is, somewhat. Confusing conversation between characters doesn't help any, either – but then again, scintillating dialogue isn't why you'd pick this book up.

Filled with explicit sex, profanity, violence, lies, and cheating, "You're the One I Want" is an over-the-top story that you might not decide to read in public because it's steamy. I mean, wipe-the-fog-from-your-glasses *steamy*. Everything else is secondary in this book – the characters don't matter, the locale doesn't matter, even author Shane Allison's supporting cast is inconsequential here. The steam is at the stern, sex is what runs this book, and that's all you need to know.

I say that so you're *clear* that this novel is predictable and nasty, but readable. It's not horrid, but it is hot. And if you need that kind of escape, grab *You're the One I Want* and make it yours.

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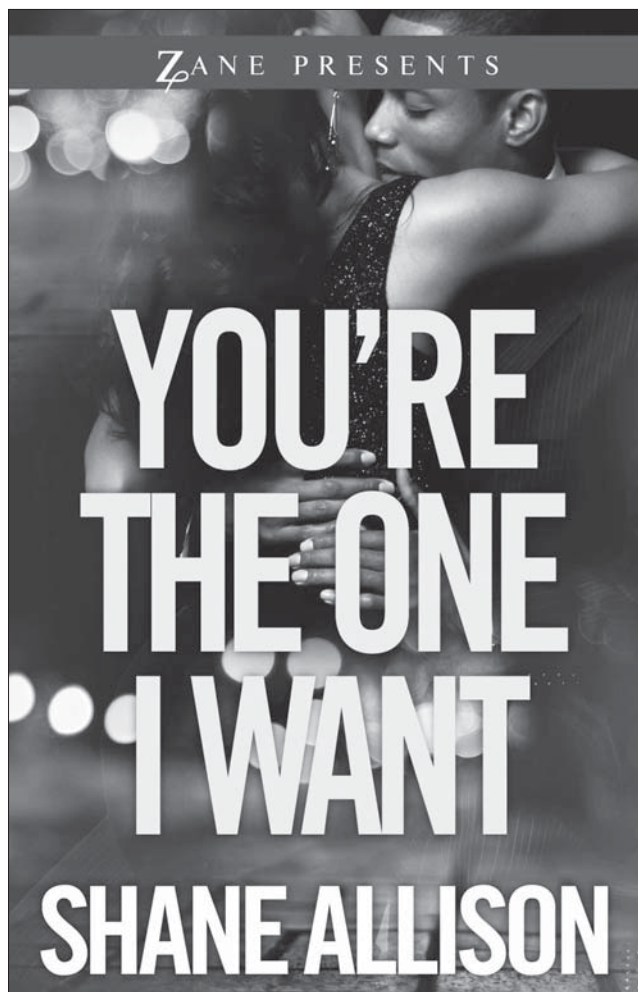
on education, health and financial stability.

During her tenure at OUW, she made the 2-1-1 health and human service information referral system a priority. She secured over \$2 million in federal, state and private funding for the program, making this gateway to vital services available to 10.6 M Ohioans across 91 percent of the state.

"Particularly impressive is the work Barbara has done to engage legislators from both sides of the aisle around the challenges and issues Ohio families face. Establishing regular contact and building relationships is crucial to our social advocacy work," said McNally.

Speaker Cliff Rosenberger (91st District) of the Ohio House added: "Although I did not have the privilege of serving in the Ohio House alongside Barbara, I have come to know the Sykes family well at the Ohio Statehouse, and I truly admire Barbara's passion for selflessly serving others. I know she will take that commitment, combined with her experience with local and state issues and policies, to lead and represent AARP Ohio into continued success."

"I am grateful to be appointed to this leadership position with AARP," Sykes said. "I am very appreciative to join the staff and volunteers who are passionate about and committed to this organization and its social mission to fight for and equip each individual to live their best life."



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## SPECIAL NOTICE - REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Lucas County is seeking proposals to provide reentry services to youth returning to Lucas County from Ohio Department of Youth Services. Additional information is available at <http://www.lcmhsb.oh.gov/publicnotice>. Proposals must be received by September 15, 2016 - 4:30pm.

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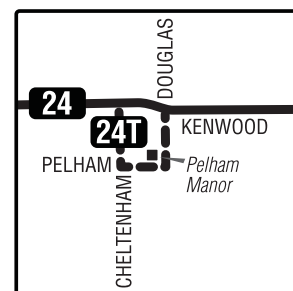
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## Third Annual Naturalista Photo Shoot

By Carla Yvette

*Soulcial Scene Contributor*

Each year I look forward to the Naturalista Photo Shoot. I anticipate seeing how each Naturalista will express her unique, individual style, from the outfit she wears to the way she styles her hair.

I look forward to meeting the new women and girls and always appreciate seeing the "veterans" who return year after year. Most importantly, I LOVE the positive energy the ladies convey and the sense of Sisterhood that naturally evolves from our gathering.

The Naturalista Photo Shoot is open to women and girls of all ages, however, we never mind if the occasional guy chooses to join us. Although each year there is a specific theme, there is no criteria as to how dressy or casual one should dress; all I ask is that everyone bring their smile and personal style and just Be-YOU-tiful! Now in its third year, a few of the ladies agreed to share their thoughts and experiences from participating in the shoot.

"I do the Naturalista Photo Shoot every year because it embraces Women of Color's natural beauty. We have been programmed from the time we were little girls to believe

that our hair has to be straight in order to be beautiful. I'm so happy that society has evolved and now recognizes that beauty is natural and comes in all forms. I am truly inspired by all the women, young and old who come out each year to show off their natural swagger," said Kim Taylor.

"I enjoyed participating in the Naturalista Photo Shoot because it truly helps us as black women to embrace our natural selves. In a world where our beauty and true worth has been undermined, I am glad that there are people taking the step to help aid towards revival in loving and embracing ourselves again. Our black is beautiful, nobody can tell us different," said Mariah Hicks.

"I chose to participate this year in particular, in a form of celebrating the authenticity of the bold, blonde and the beauty of natural hair. This is a process of 'new beginnings' for me!" added Sandra Christopher.

The photo shoot is usually held the third week of July, however, in order to avoid the sweltering heat we've encounter three



years in a row, Naturalista Photo Shoot 2017 will be held mid August or early September. As you can see by the spread, the heat never stopped the ladies from bringing their best face forward, highlighting the essence of who they are. ENJOY!

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