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The African American Festival

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Hate Has Constitutional Limits

By Dominique Warren

Over a week ago, white supremacists, white nationalists, and neo-Nazi groups swarmed the town of Charlottesville and assembled to protect the statue of Confederate General Robert E. Lee. This statue is one of thousands throughout the country that were erected over 50 years after the Civil War, not to commemorate the saving of the Union and the abolishment of slavery. Nor were these monuments created to honor the Confederacy, in which the Confederate States of America were only in existence for four years.

These statues were erected as tools of intimidation along with the uplifting the "Stars and Bars" of the confederate flag as symbols of white supremacy and were used as symbols of terror towards black people after reconstruction all the way to the present. This isn't a matter of free speech, this is a matter of domestic terrorist groups having free reign to intimidate a segment of the population.

Toledo's biggest newspaper in August, lambasted the University of Toledo for restricting the distribution of materials by the white supremacist group, Identity Europe, which was also in attendance at Charlottesville with the other groups that helped incite not just violence, but violence that ended in the death of a person. The mere existence of these groups serves to instill hatred, incite violence, and spread an Anti-American attitude of separatism and ethno-nationalism. These groups are hiding behind the 1st Amendment to cause harm and fear to a segment of our population. The U.S. Constitution has limits around infringing on the safety and well-being of American citizens.

Free speech does not apply to words that incite violence, motivate people to inflict harm or violently intimidate people. During times of crisis and contention, it is important that we notice who is in the room and what is said. It is easy to march for inclusionary policies, diversity and acceptance during annual summer festivals, but harder to take a stand against hateful speech and hateful public symbols, and work to protect people that these acts intend to attack.

In Toledo, I saw many candidates for public offices waving and marching at festivals and being close-lipped about Charlottesville. This should cause concern to not just black folks and the Jewish communities, but to those communities they march for when a societal challenge or crisis arises.

We have heard mayoral candidate Tom Waniewski somehow equate stolen flower pots being replaced as important as black lives being protected in early summer with his infamous "If a woman has a flower pot stolen that is as much of a crime as someone shot in the central city" during his speech to the Toledo Tea Party. Let's believe who Tom says he is and not give him the benefit of the doubt, because our black lives can't take that risk. Wade Kapszukiewicz's silence on Charlottesville is disturbing because he has campaigned on being a moderate politician. We do know that Martin Luther King, Jr's biggest criti-



Dominique Warren

cism was for the complacency of the white moderate "who is more devoted to order than to justice, who prefers a negative peace which is an absence of tension to a positive peace which is the presence of justice."

If the leaders we elect can't protect us in times of our greatest need, we shouldn't expect them to make impactful change when times are better.

The U.S. Constitution is a breathing and living document that has continuously advanced the causes of social justice and change when this nation needed a recalibration of democracy and freedom. We expect the people who are sworn to uphold its statutes, to do so in the creation of a more perfect union that allows people to embrace diversity and inclusion, not bigotry and separatism. We must continue to push for progress from these institutions as well as from ourselves. We should understand that the limits of the Constitution are only dictated by our limits on love, acceptance, and compassion; therefore hate has constitutional limits.

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Community Calendar

August 26

Toledo Neighborhood Block Watch Picnic: Ottawa Park; 11 am to 3 pm; Open to all Neighborhood Block Watch Area Leaders, their families and meeting members; An afternoon of food, fun and games

August 26-27

Trinity Faith Tabernacle 54th Church Anniversary: Saturday 5: 30 - Old Landmark Meet and Greet; Sunday services at 11 am and 4:30 pm

August 27

New Prospect Baptist Church Appreciate Month: 4 pm; Guests Pastor CL Mayes and Macedonia Baptist Church
Calvary MBC Annual Deacons' Program: 4 pm; Gospel choirs and soloists Vaxxed: Cover Up and Catastrophe. Documentary being shown and discussion; 4 pm; Frederick Douglass Community Center.

September 3

Greater St. Mary's MBC Youth In Praise Dance Ministry 13th Annual Praise & Worship Service: 5 pm; Also featuring praise, mime and drill teams from around Toledo: 419-973-4197

September 9-10

Bibleway Church Re-Dedication for Apostle Thomas Mitchell and Co-pastor Vesta Mitchell: Guest speakers and guest choirs; 7 pm service on Saturday; 10 am service on Sunday, dinner at 2 pm, 4 pm service: 419-246-9357

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Depart from Me...I Never Knew You!

By Lafe Tolliver, Esq

Guest Column

One of the sad and sorrowful results of the domestic terrorism acts that took place in Charlottesville, Virginia two weeks ago is the fact that we have yet to see Credible, white evangelical Christian organizations loudly and thoroughly condemn both the violence and the lack of moral leadership coming from President Donald Trump.

Now remember, it was many white evangelicals who were "hot to trot" for the likes of Donald Trump when he was trolling for their votes during his incendiary political campaign. He told them lies but that was OK for them since they now found a "friend" in Trump.

A wolf in sheep's clothing nonetheless...but sometimes you can't pick your friends when you have a newfound chance to exert influence in the White House.

These white evangelicals were at time seemingly breathless about the thought of a Donald Trump presidency and how they could, with little effort, get the then and now feckless Congress to pass any legislation to their liking and their "anointed" candidate would sign anything placed under his nose and pen.

These white evangelicals had happy dreams and visions of dancing with joy that there was now a candidate, albeit void of any moral groundings, who would say what they wanted to hear and then sign off on whatever legislation their cronies, House Speaker Paul Ryan and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, could get passed through Congress.

For these morally craven people, it did not matter about the pedigree of the Republican candidate or his lack of any moral convictions or his past racist statements about people of color.

No, all they wanted was someone who would wink at them, shake their hand and promise them that he was giving America back to them. With those statements, many white evangelicals put down the cross of Jesus and picked up their blindfolds and stuffed their ears with warm wax and said, in unison, "Lead us on... oh great one!"

Regrettably, in a media-driven society, it was the high profile, white evangelicals who were able to commandeer the spotlight and spin their yarns of saying that voting for Trump was nearly akin to knowing Jesus and eating lunch with his disciples.

These wayward men and women, with compromise in their hearts and with a jettison of scriptures, fell at the feet (or hooves?) of their Golden Calf... Donald Trump, and engaged in scandalous political worship of the worse kind.

These white evangelicals were willing to hold in check their knowledge of the Word of God and conspire with crass politicians to engage in religious

doublespeak that would have embarrassed even the most hidebound atheist.

Even their Golden Calf told them that he was a dissolute man in terms of his multiple marriages, his crass statements about women and immigrants, racial epithets about Mexicans and African Americans; but these blind guides covered their wax-filled ears and scale-covered eyes and still pulled the voting lever for Trump!

Would they have been willing to forego voting for either candidate and simply be content to issue moral proclamations about the moral decay of America?

Would they have been willing to forego any alliances with Caesar and to walk the straight and narrow way; and dine on a diet of locust and wild honey and not the rich delicacies falling from the tables of political expediency and moral compromise?

Would they have been willing to suffer reproach for the sake and cause of Christ and not pine for the applause of man and the ability to be ushered into the halls of political power in return for their scandalous endorsements of a moral midget such as Trump?

The answer is a resounding no because that portion of the white evangelical church went a'whoring after other gods and the people loved it so!

These white evangelicals made a myriad of conscious decisions to behave as a nation of stiff-necked people and to yell out to Caesar that they wanted Barabbas released to them and not the man named Jesus!

If there ever was a time that the white evangelical church pulled up their fancy and puffy-starched dresses and shamefully exposed themselves for all to see, it was their unfathomable display of worldly wisdom that led them to kiss and slobber over the ring finger of Herod in exchange for a few shiny baubles and trinkets of power and access.

And Donald Trump, both then the candidate and now the President, knew it! He knew that by appealing to their vanity and their latent racist tendencies, he had them where he wanted them and that was on his side in getting to the White House.

The white evangelicals, including the likes of Mitch McConnell, were livid about the fact that a black man occupied the White House for eight years without a scandal and was a charismatic, intelligent, compassionate person who was "over the moon" about his beautiful and smart wife and two terrific kids.

White, evangelical America was unable to successfully suppress its latent racist tendencies; and when Donald Trump bantered about "Making America Great Again!" it was these religious charlatans who voted Trump and, at the same time, mouthed a pious cover story that they were sanctified members of the Body of Christ.

They saw his political banner as their dog whistle call to vote all things Trump!

With the tragic incident in Charlottesville, Trump is still unable or unwilling to separate himself from the racist ideology of white supremacy and refuses to excoriate people such as Klansman David Duke by name in public.

And all along, the white, evangelical church has yet to regain any high moral ground because they are unwilling to break away from the Trump orbit in any attempt to realign themselves with their purported first love, Jesus the Christ.

Too many white evangelicals in supporting and voting for Trump, decided to dance with the devil and when the dance is finally over, the evangelicals, who sold their birth right for a crust of moldy bread, will leave the dance floor feeling groped and disheveled.

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Current elected officials will be on hand to discuss their perspectives and respond to probing questions from the participants. The public is invited to participate in these events for a cost of \$20.00 per person for each event which includes, breakfast, listening to and questioning elected officials and enjoying smooth jazz.

Come and hear from Mayor Paula Hicks-Hudson, City Council Members Cecilia Adams, Yvonne Harper, Tyrone Riley and Larry Sykes. This is your opportunity to meet and interact with current elected public servants—and the food will be delicious and the jazz will be smooth featuring our own "Lady K" (Karen Harris) and C.J. Manning.



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Dr. Joseph E. Lowery Statement on Passing of Comedian and Activist Dick Gregory



Dick Gregory

Atlanta, GA - Rev. Dr. Joseph E. Lowery, co-founder with Martin Luther King Jr. of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and former president, issued the following statement on the passing of Dick Gregory:

"I would like to offer my sincere condolences to Dick Gregory's wife, Lilian, his children, and the entire family. We have lost a true warrior in our long journey towards justice.

"Dick was not just a comedian, author, entrepreneur and a dedicated foot soldier in the Civil Rights Movement; he was a friend and will be missed by many. His unique brand of social satire helped opened the eyes of people of all races around the world. Dick's keen understanding of the need for black people to have a voice led him to run for Mayor, President, and gave him the audacity to make significant sacrifices in his career in order to stand against, and call out hatred and oppression. When the people asked, 'Who will bell the cat?' Dick Gregory answered the call."

In Our Own Voice: National Black Women's Reproductive Justice Agenda Condemns Racist Violence

*Calls on Trump administration to take
action*

Statement of Founder and Executive Director Marcela Howell

In response to the deadly attack on civil rights protesters in Charlottesville, Virginia today, In Our Own Voice: National Black Women's Reproductive Justice Agenda Founder and Executive Director Marcela Howell issued the following statement:

"Our hearts go out to those who were injured or killed as they stood against hate and rallied for equality and justice in Charlottesville. We call on President Trump to fire the alt-right white supremacists on his staff and we demand that Attorney General Sessions investigate the hate crimes perpetrated against the civil rights protesters today. The country needs moral leadership exhibited by action, not empty rhetoric, which is only a tacit endorsement of racism and hate."

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L-R - Earl Mack, Lorinda McCaleb, William White, Willie Ward, Melanie Clark

A Message about Charlottesville CEO Lisa McDuffie of the YWCA of Northwest Ohio

In the wake of the tragic events of Charlottesville, on behalf of the YWCA at Northwest Ohio I send my condolences to the family of Heather Heyer and the other Americans who were physically and mentally injured in the senseless racist violence.

The YWCA denounces all forms of racism and have boldly stated our position in our mission to “work toward the elimination of racism” for 125 years. It is with purpose that I use the word “bold.” While I believe most Americans were appalled by the pictures of the white nationalists carrying guns and dressed in war-like attire, I was equally taken aback by the boldness these people displayed in showing us their faces. No longer do racists feel the need to hide behind white hoods and robes but to boldly show America their faces! All moral Americans should be disturbed!

But what did we expect when language to ban and build walls became acceptable commentary? When comments to be “less careful” when arresting individuals was uttered at a police officers’ forum in Long Island despite the public outcry for attention to police brutality, racial profiling and deaths of people of color. When it’s no longer politically incorrect to say racist things- racists act boldly on what they believe to be “correct.”

Our Silence co-signs their wrong! Racism that’s hidden in policies and practices that oppress communities of color must not be overlooked. All Americans must be bold and stand against racism and all of its evil forms, regardless of who incites it. Racial justice is neither red nor blue but totally nonpartisan.

So regardless of party affiliation, racism cannot be normalized or tolerated. Contact the YWCA of Northwest Ohio for ways to get involved in conversations about race, advocacy and ways to support our mission.

The YWCA of Northwest Ohio, working to meet the diverse needs of women and the elimination of racism, serves more than 15,000 individuals each year through various programs. The programs include: Domestic Violence Shelter, H.O.P.E. (Rape Crisis) Center, Child Care Resource and Referral, Youth Development, Long Term Housing, and Healthy Connections (including EncorePlus)

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T-Bonds Holds Third Annual Back to School Bash

Sojourner's Truth Staff

On the grounds of the former Nathan Hale Elementary School, T-Bonds, a local bail bonds company, held the its annual Back to School Bash on the weekend of August 12-13 featuring free screenings, food, dunk tanks, bouncy houses, school supplies, entertainment and children's games.

Hundreds of neighborhood residents turned out for the third annual event during which bicycles were also given away to some of the lucky youngsters in addition to well over 500 bookbags. The weekend featured live performances by the KGB Band on Saturday and Dazz Band on Sunday.

T-Bonds also presented certificates of appreciation to five individuals who have been so instrumental in the success of the event – Mayor Paula Hicks-Hudson, Terry Crosby, David Fleetwood, Willie Knighten and Robin Reese.

"It was awesome," said Tina Butts of T-Bonds and the organizer of week-end's festival.

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Mayor Paula Hicks-Hudson addresses Sunday's audience



Tina Butts and Willie Knighten



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This year's African American Festival, held once again as part of the Northwest Ohio Rib-Off at the Lucas County Fairgrounds on Sunday, August 20, brought in a huge crowd to enjoy some fabulous weather, tons of barbecued meats and side dishes and a varied slate of entertainment headlined by The Zapp Band,

The Festival, started and organized by Suzette Cowell and the Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union, has grown in attendance from a few hun-

dred guests in its first several years. In addition to The Zapp Band, the entertainers were local legend Ramona Collins, vocalist Cherrelle along with the Jerusalem Mass Choir, the Indiana Avenue Missionary Baptist Church Mass Choir, Amy Nicole Meredith & the Greater New Psalmist Mass Choir, the First Church of God Combined Choirs and comedians Darrell Banks, Larry "The Phenix" Walker and Harriet Hardy.

Darius Coleman served as master of ceremonies for this year's event.



Darius Coleman

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Statement Regarding Charlottesville Attacks

Declaration of Independence

"We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness-That to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just Powers from the Consent of the Governed, that whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these Ends it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its Foundation on such Principles, and organizing its Powers in such Form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness."

The Ohio Association of Community Action Agencies condemns the domestic terrorist attacks in Charlottesville that killed three Americans and left dozens more injured. The violence stirred by "white supremacists" and neo-Nazi extremist groups are unacceptable and not what our country will stand for.

"We fully believe that all Americans are created equal and that our government must stand up to those who threaten our countrymen. Here in Ohio and throughout this country, as part of our mission, we stand against discrimination-- racial or other forms. We encourage the President of the United States to do the same and follow in the footsteps of our founding fathers and of our Declaration of Independence, by condemning those who threaten the lives and rights of American citizens."

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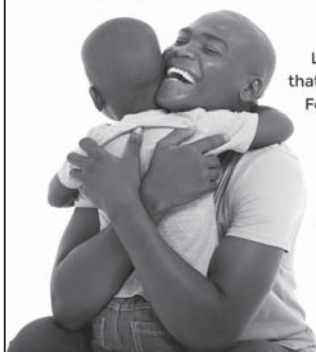
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Books4Buddies Holds Back to School Events

Sojourner's Truth Staff

On Saturday, August 12, Books4Buddies held a back-to-school event at Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority's Birmingham Terrace in order to bring free books and snacks to the residents. The "Book Ambassadors" – the students who coordinate the book program – were joined by members of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc and State Rep. Mike Sheehy.

Books 4 Buddies is an organization that collects new and gently used books for disadvantaged children and young adults. Over the years, Books 4 Buddies have distributed more than 40,000 books all around northwest Ohio and the world.

On Monday August 14, founder Laneta Goings and the ambassadors met with Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur, a Books4Buddies supporter. "I don't think there's another program of this kind in the country, correct me if I'm wrong," noted Kaptur.



L-R Paul Thomas, Jr., Jr/Southview who just returned after being selected in a weeklong entrepreneurship training program for high school students; Co-founder Toure McCord; Laneta Goings; Congresswoman Kaptur; Jordan Topoleski, Sr, Sylvania Southview. He was one of 1250 at Boys Nation selected as one of two senators to represent Ohio. He was in DC for nine days and met elected officials; Paul Thomas, Sr. retired executive of the Carpenters Union.

Back to School Carnival at Wayman Palmer YMCA

In celebration of the new school year, the Wayman D. Palmer Community YMCA hosted a free back to school carnival for families on Friday, August 11 from 4 to 7pm. The carnival took place in the parking lot and gym at the Wayman D. Palmer Community YMCA located at 2053 N 14th St in Toledo.

The event will feature fun games and activities, novelty gifts, free refreshments including hotdogs, cotton candy and slushies, bounce houses, a DJ, and a bike giveaway from Wersell's Bike & Ski Shop. Owens Corning volunteers will join YMCA staff to run the event.

This event was free and open to the community.



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Pancakes, Politics & Jazz Coming Soon to Our Brothers Place

On Sunday, August 27, 2017, a program featuring *Pancakes, Politics & Jazz* will be happening at Our Brothers Place - 233 N. Huron Street in downtown Toledo. The program begins at 1:00 pm. And will end around 4:00 p.m.

Breakfast will be served between 1 and 2:00 p.m. Immediately following breakfast Mayor Paula Hicks-Hudson will spend a few minutes offering remarks and discussing issues of concern that she has for the city. Council members Cecelia Adams, PhD; Yvonne Harper; Tyrone Riley and Larry Sykes will also spend a few minutes addressing such issues.

The audience will have an opportunity to ask questions of the elected officials and provide opinions on topics of interest. Following the question and

answer session comes the jazz portion of the afternoon as vocalist Karen "Lady K" Harris entertains with her smooth jazz stylings.

The cost for audience participation is \$20 per person. *Pancakes, Politics & Jazz* is an effort to educate the public about current political issues while enjoying good food and smooth jazz. This is an opportunity to have fun and also learn about local matters affecting our community.

Pancakes, Politics & Jazz is sponsored by Paul L. Hubbard, Keith L. Mitchell and The Sojourner's Truth Newspaper. If you have any questions, please contact Paul Hubbard at 419-471-9719, Attorney Keith Mitchell at 419-255-4480 or Publisher Fletcher Word at 419-243-0007.

Local Women to Celebrate Winning the Vote

To commemorate Women's Equality Day, UAW Local 12 Women's Committee, Women of Toledo and AAUW/Toledo sponsor a day of celebration.

On Saturday, August 26, 2017, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the UAW Local 12 Union Hall, 2300 Ashland Ave, Women's Equality Day Celebration dedicated to the strengthening the voices of all people to work toward equality. The family friendly celebration will have food and other vendors, performances and free entertainment for all ages. Dress to present your version of Rosie the Riveter in our "Essence of Rosie" Contest to win fabulous prizes. The event will kick off with a rally, Teresa Fedor and other local dignitaries will speak on the issue of women's equality.

On this date in 1920, the Nineteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution was passed, securing women's right to vote. By

a joint resolution of Congress on August 26, 1971, the first Women's Equality Day was celebrated in NY. And every year since, Women's Equality Day not only commemorates the passage of the 19th Amendment, but also calls attention to women's continuing efforts toward full equality, continued support for the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment, funding for Title IX and Equal Pay legislation.

Statement Regarding Protest Violence

I am against and do not support or condone the violence that lead to the death of three persons and injuries to 19 others because of dog whistling that promoted racism and bigotry carried out by racist, white nationalist, and alt rightwing terrorist groups.

Our hearts go out to the young lady and two police officers who lost their lives, those that were attacked, and their families. Our prayers go out to Maumee and I encourage everyone to not attend any protest activity there. Those who do this are no better than those hate groups that converged on Virginia and caused citizens to lose their lives.

Sincerely,

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By Erin Thompson Social Security Public Affairs Specialist, Toledo, OH
Guest Column

The Erie Shores and Black Swamp Councils of the Boy Scouts of America are inviting families across northwest Ohio to register for Scouting during their "Join Scouting Night" at area elementary schools on Thursday, September 14 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The "Join Scouting Night" campaign is aimed at introducing families to Scouting's positive and fun-focused Cub Scout program open to boys in first through fifth grade. In Cub Scouts, boys learn leadership and life skills while participating in adventures ranging from building pinewood derby cars and assembling robots to enjoying the great outdoors and helping others through its strong focus on community service.

"We know that our young people have a variety of extracurricular activities to choose from," said Ed Caldwell, Scout Executive and CEO of the Erie Shores Council. "We're working together with the Black Swamp Council headquartered in Findlay to host a single night throughout Northwest Ohio to register new Scouts. While activities like athletics address a specific area of a child's development," Caldwell added, "Scouting provides programming that focuses on the total child. We offer age-appropriate activities at every level so that by the time a Scout leaves high school, they are prepared to lead and succeed."

Now in its second century of serving youth and families, Scouting is build-

ing off its first hundred years by incorporating more science, engineering, technology and math-based (STEM) programs to reach even more young people. In keeping with their focus on STEM programs, each new Scout will be provided a model rocket to build and launch during a "Rocket into Scouting" launch event later this fall.

Hundreds of Scout volunteers will be in local elementary schools on September 14 to answer questions, register new members and to invite new members to the Rocket into Scouting events. It costs \$24 annually to join Scouting but all boys can become Scouts regardless of a family's ability to pay. Interested families should visit www.erieshorescouncil.org/new to find a local participating school or find the nearest Cub Scout Pack.

About the Erie Shores Council of the Boy Scouts of America:

Under the leadership of approximately 2,500 adult volunteers, the Erie Shores Council provides a values-based, character education program for youth in our community, including Cub Scouts (1st-5th grades), Boy Scouts (6th-12 grades). In addition, Erie Shores Council offers Exploring and Venturing which are co-ed programs for youth 14-20 yrs. old who seek opportunities to "explore" fields of career interest, or wish to participate in high "adventure" activities.

Erie Shores Council serves more than 6,000 youth throughout Lucas, Wood, Ottawa & Sandusky Counties, as well as, a portion of Fulton County including Swanton, OH. Erie Shores Council owns two camps which provide outdoor education and camping experiences for Scouts and non-Scouts alike.

To learn more, call 419.241.7293, or go to www.erieshorescouncil.org.

Statement on Violence and Hate in Charlottesville

The domestic terrorism perpetrated in Charlottesville, Virginia, by neo-Nazis, white supremacists, and the KKK has left so many of us incensed and distraught. It was particularly jarring to those of us who live in northwest Ohio to learn that the driver of the car that plowed into a crowd of protestors, killing one and injuring many others, lives in Maumee, Ohio.

Part of the mission of the Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo is to foster constructive relationships within the Jewish community and among people of all faiths and cultures in order to promote a just, democratic, and pluralistic American society. We join with the many who have already condemned these acts of hatred and violence. We will work relentlessly with other community organizations to keep hatred and bigotry out of northwest Ohio and our nation.

Charlottesville Mayor Mike Signer began this relentless work when he spoke out against the rally and attended a candlelight vigil the following night. He was almost immediately assaulted on Twitter. The tweets accusing Signer, who is Jewish, were explicitly anti-Semitic. Equally anti-Semitic and racist were the chants of the torchbearers, "Blut und Boden" (Blood and Soil), a German phrase prominently used during the rise of the Third Reich.

History teaches us that discrimination and marginalization of ethnic and racial minorities leads to the destruction of the fabric of democracy and worse—much worse.

In the words of Elie Wiesel:

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Families are Getting Savvier Paying for College

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College costs may be on the rise, but families are as determined as ever to make higher education a reality for their children. What's more, families are becoming savvier about how they meet the expense, suggests a new study.

According to "How America Pays for College 2017," a national study from Sallie Mae and Ipsos, students and parents shared paying for college responsibilities equally in academic year 2016-17, each contributing about one-third of the expense, with scholarships and grants covering most of the rest.

In addition, 98 percent of families surveyed took proactive measures in order to reduce college costs. That included choosing an in-state school, living at home, and enrolling in an accelerated program.

"Throughout our 10 years of conducting this study, families have consistently demonstrated they are determined to make college happen, and they've also become more value-conscious as they pay for higher education," said Raymond J. Quinlan, chairman and chief executive officer, Sallie Mae.

For those families with college-bound students, Sallie Mae recommends a 1-2-3 approach.

- Maximize money that doesn't need to be repaid. Scholarships and grants paid 35 percent of college costs last school year; and scholarships were used by 49 percent of all families.

You can get in on this action by utilizing free scholarship search tools from companies like Fastweb, Chegg, and Sallie Mae. To stay organized, maintain a spreadsheet of each scholarship's details, including application due dates.

- Explore federal student loans. All college-bound students should complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, no matter what they believe their eligibility is – and repeat this every year they are in school. This is the key to securing federal and state financial aid for college. To learn more, visit fafsa.ed.gov.

- Consider a responsible private student loan. Regardless of cost, nearly all families (98 percent) agreed college is an investment in a student's future, and 86 percent of families said they expected their child to attend college since he or she was preschool age or younger. Even further, 59 percent said they expected their child to pursue a graduate degree. Making these dreams happen may require seeking out a private student loan. Be sure you turn to a responsible lender so there are no surprises down the line when it comes time to pay back.

To learn more about "How America Pays for College 2017" visit SallieMae.com/HowAmericaPays.

Higher education remains an important aspect of the American dream for

many families. As cost remains a deciding factor, more families are taking creative and proactive steps to make college affordable.

Courtesy StatePoint

Statement from RAN Executive Director Lindsey Allen:

Rainforest Action Network condemns domestic terrorism, the white supremacist rally held in Charlottesville, Virginia, the North Carolina District Attorney's response to activists mobilizing against symbols of bigotry and racism, and the inciteful and irresponsible rhetoric from the President. These past few days are a reminder that white supremacy is alive and well in this country. With the election of our current president and his appointment of Steve Bannon, a known white supremacist, to chief strategist, we know hate groups have a mandate from the highest office in the country. These recent incidents are a cruel reminder of what happens when hate and bigotry is left unchecked. Even outside of the events unfolding in Charlottesville, Durham and Baltimore, the impacts of racial inequity and injustice are felt everyday by communities of color in education, employment, health, environment, criminal justice system, economy and housing.

We remember Heather Heyer, Sandra Bland, Philando Castile, Tamir Rice, and the many others who have lost their lives to the hands of white supremacy and state sanctioned violence. We stand with everyone who upholds civil rights and those who use civil disobedience to gain the collective liberation of all people. In the words of Martin Luther King Jr. "The saving of our world from pending doom will come, not from the complacent adjustment of the conforming majority, but through the creative maladjustment of a nonconforming minority."

It was an important step when business leaders, in the wake of the recent events and President Trump's inadequate response, registered their protest by stepping down from the advisory councils. Similar to them, each one of us holds responsibility to work in solidarity to dismantle racism, xenophobia, sexism, ableism and homophobia, and support those at the frontlines of these fights. We urge you to support and join local, regional, national actions and rallies being organized all over the country.

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Truth Doesn't Have a Side by Dr. Bennet Omalu (with Mark Tabb)

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

The Truth Contributor

Everyone you meet has an effect on your life.

Somehow, in some way, others change you: a stranger's smile lifts your mood. Kindness makes you happy. An injustice spurs you to action, making you someone else's change. Clearly, as in the new memoir *Truth Doesn't Have a Side* by Dr. Bennet Omalu (with Mark Tabb), a chance meeting could alter your path.

Sometime toward the end of 2002, Bennett Omalu met Mike Webster.

More specifically, Omalu met Autopsy A02-5214.

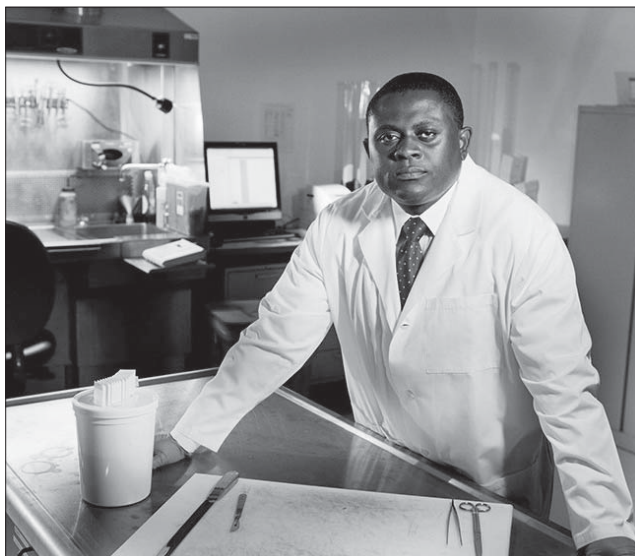
That was Webster.

It was a meeting that Omalu later said he wished had never happened...

Omalu was born in the midst of a bombing raid on the small Nigerian town in which his parents had taken refuge. Civil war didn't last long but it left its mark: Omalu says he was always physically small for his age, due to wartime malnutrition, but it didn't affect his mental abilities. Omalu's father, a self-made man with a college degree, insisted that his children become educated; Omalu started school at age three.

He was an introverted child, a dreamer, and "lazy," but Omalu knew he could get good grades if he wanted them. The problem was, he didn't want them, until an older sister enticed him with money. His grades rose and he became a star student who dreamed of becoming a pilot – but Omalu's father had other ideas. He wanted another doctor in the family.

Unwilling to disappoint his father, Omalu entered medical school at age 16, with an eye toward going to America. Med school revealed to him that he was uncomfortable with caring for living patients so, by the time he emigrated, he'd shifted his focus to a career in research. Later, he reached for a fellowship in pathology.



Truth Doesn't Have a Side author

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His first autopsy was unsettling, he says, until he recognized the humanity of the remains before him. As he does even today, he asked the deceased to help him understand.

And then he met Mike Webster...

So you've seen the movie, *Concussion*. You may've even read the book. So why read this one, written by the guy the other book and film are about?

If you've always felt that the book is better than the movie, you know why: in *Truth Doesn't Have a Side*, author Bennet Omalu (with Mark Tabb) offers his own tale, first-hand, with a different focus. Omalu tells readers more about himself, explaining how faith protects and drives him, and laying his success at God's feet. This, along with his detailed story, gives a clearer picture of the man who confronted the NFL.

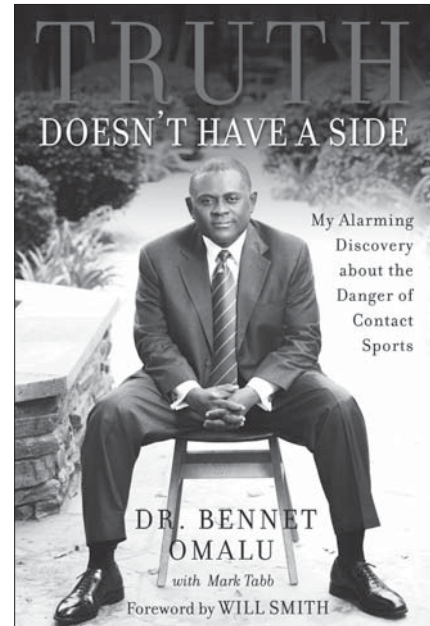
And that's where the second half of this book takes you: to Omalu's discovery, uncovering, his opinions and conclusions, and his battle for recognition, both in findings and out. It's this second half that may disturb football fans. It may shock parents.

It could change your weekends.

If you can handle that, then grab this elegantly graceful, informative bio-wrapped-in-science and have a seat. "Truth Doesn't Have a Side" is *good*, so settle in and meet your next favorite book.

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For another side of the subject, check out *Playing Hurt: My Journey from Despair to Hope* by John Saunders. It's a story of football and depression – something, coincidentally, that Omalu says he suffered from, too. Together, these books will have you glued to your seat.



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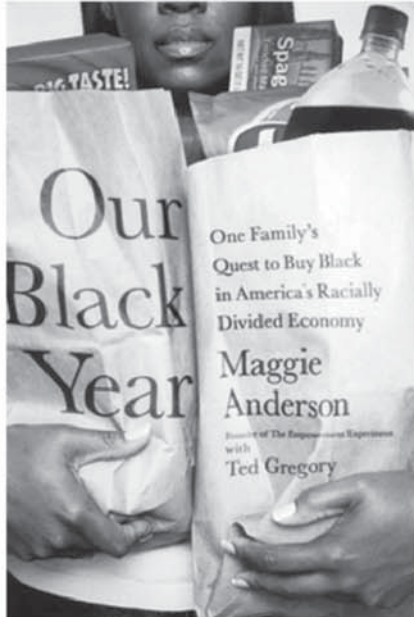
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You are invited to a public hearing on Tuesday, October 3, 2017 at 4:00 p.m., McClinton Nunn Community Bldg., 425 Nebraska Ave., Toledo, OH 43604. Interested citizens will be provided pertinent information regarding strategic goals and program activities of the LMHA. Citizens are encouraged to attend this public hearing and provide additional comments on the Annual Plan 2018.

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- schedule adjustments
- **10 Rossford Call-A-Ride**
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- **16 Alexis via Meijer**
- routing and schedule adjustments
- **27H Nebraska/Hill-Reynolds**
- **27N Nebraska/Angola-Wenz**
- weekday schedule adjustments;
weekend timepoints clarified

- **28 Indiana/Smead**
- **28/30 City Park/Indiana/Oakwood**
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