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# Farewell to Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela

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

**Rev. Perryman:** We give thanks for the life and legacy of God's mighty warrior and peacemaker, Nelson R. Mandela. We join the world in committing him to the One who gives all life and to dedicate ourselves to living out and passing on the rich legacy he has left for us.

**People:** Almighty and gracious God, we thank and praise you that You formed, nurtured and molded your servant, Nelson "Madiba" Mandela to lead a world toward light when darkness surrounded and to lead a world toward reconciliation when conflict reigned.

**Rev. Perryman:** Apartheid was the enemy and injustice was Madiba's foe. Those of us watching from afar, who read of his plight and stood in solidarity, boycotted goods or dared to post free South Africa signs on our church lawns, were guided

by his witness and moved by his seemingly unbreakable spirit. With reverence on our lips, we prayed for and called out the name—Nelson Mandela.

**People:** When the world witnessed his release from prison, we declared "Free Nelson Mandela" and the world celebrated with our South African brothers and sisters. We knew only You, O God, could do this. Only You could give us hope when there was only despair. And for this we thank and praise you.

**Rev. Perryman:** We thank You for the wisdom of Madiba, who showed us what it means to truly believe in the possibility and the power of the human spirit. Twenty-seven years in prison did not dampen resolve or steer him off course, not years spent in Robben Island, Pollsmoor or Victor Verster prisons. Believing that we, as human beings,

are connected and have responsibility for each other, Madiba was steadfast and determined, a living testament to the communal spirit of Ubuntu, "I am because we are."

**People:** From prisoner to President, he led the country to affirm the hope and human dignity of a nation; and to provide for his people, those with the least in the midst of plenty. He led the world in a massive exercise toward healing and wholeness with national reconciliation hearings.

**Rev. Perryman:** In our ongoing quest for true freedom, the words of Nelson Mandela will always guide our steps: "Freedom is indivisible; the chains on any one of my people were the chains on all of them, the chains of all of my people were the chains on me...we have merely achieved the freedom to be free, the right not to be oppressed."

**People:** "We have not taken the final step of our journey... for to be free is not merely to cast off one's chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others."

**Rev. Perryman:** We thank the Creator of all things for Nelson Mandela's living testimony of hope, grace and dignity to all humanity. Nelson Mandela freed all our souls, altered our worldview and challenged us to

be better stewards of each other. He was the spirit of Ubuntu.

**People:** "And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." (Micah 6:8 (NIV) May we now commit ourselves to embodying Nelson Mandela's vision of non-racism, forgiveness, community, humility and building a new world morality.

**All:** May almighty God watch over us. May the light of our new ancestor, Nelson "Madiba" Mandela, continue to shine on us. May his vision continue to inspire us. And may the blessings of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit continue to be with us, now and forever. Yes, the struggle continues. Amandla! Amen.

Recited at Center of Hope Community Baptist Church December 8, 2013 in memory of Nelson R. Mandela

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## Community Calendar

### December 21

New Life COGIC 21st Annual Christmas Clothes Give-Away: 9 am to noon:  
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### December 22

Friendship Baptist Church Christmas Production: "The Gift;" 8:30 am

### December 25

Christmas Day!

### December 26 – January 1

Kwanzaa Celebration: Frederick Douglass Community Association; 6:55 to 8:30 pm nightly; Food, drumming, games, poetry, rap, vendors and more: 419-708-9701

### December 28

"Saturday Morning Youth Skate:" 9 am to noon; Ottawa Park Ice Rink; Sponsored by Councilman Tyrone Riley: 419-245-1050

### January 1

New Year's Day!

# (ANNN) All Negro News Network Just in: Don't Swim so Far out that You Can't Get Back!

By Lafe Tolliver, Esq  
Guest Column

As many of you know by now, I am the regional news reporter for the fledging news agency called ANNN. Simply put, our motto is: "When it is news about Negroes, read it first at ANNN!"

We strive to get first hand news stories and interviews with the news makers and to find out what is what and how things got that way.

My bureau chief in Columbus wanted to get an interview with the ex-mayor Michael Bell as to his reactions to losing the recent mayoral race.

Even weeks later, I was hesitant to undertake such a story because I believed that the rawness of losing the election was still an open wound and needed time to heal. But, my director, a hard-nosed bureaucrat, who used to work border patrols in Arizona, wouldn't hear of it, so, with great reluctance, off I went in search of Michael Bell.

After running down a dozen leads as to his whereabouts or hangouts, I finally learned that he was in a back booth at "Country Cousin" the new country and western restaurant/dance hall in South Toledo.

It was just past the lunch hour special of one dollar burritos and unlimited salsa and chips, that I found the ex-mayor all alone and seemingly waiting for a return call on his smart phone.

**ANNN:** (motioning to the Mayor if I may join him and sit down). Mr. Mayor, may I have a few minutes of your time for an interview for my ANNN readers?

**MAYOR BELL:** (covering the phone with one hand). Yeah, sure... sit down. Can I offer you some burritos? Best in Toledo!

**ANNN:** No thanks. I just want to ask you

some questions about the recent election results and what happened. Do you think that you should have won that race?

**BELL:** What race? There is only one race and that is the human race. Why are you bringing race into the picture? Who said anything about race? I am not a race man!

**ANNN:** Mr. Mayor, you misunderstood me. I was referring to the recent mayoral race...contest if you like.

**BELL:** (calms down and removes his 20-gallon western hat and sets it on the table...still waiting for his call to go through). Ok...ok. Whatcha want to know?

Hurry up. I'm trying to get Governor John Kasich on the line about a job.

**ANNN:** (I take out my microcassette recorder and push the ON button).

Did you see the vote tallies for the inner city wards? It appears that if voters in those precincts would have come out with an extra 10 percent in voting numbers, you would be in your second term. How do you feel about that?

**BELL:** (mumbling about, 'all that I did for those people'). I was robbed. But like I said earlier, I don't care. I did it my way and the results are what they are. I am fine with it. I am not going to beg for anybody's vote. I am what I am. Next question!

**ANNN:** Why didn't your platform and record resonate with the voters? You seemingly did a lot in your first term. What was the problem of getting your message out to the minority community?

**BELL:** (seemingly agitated about being on hold with the governor). I blame it on the lame Democratic Party. If they could have fronted just one candidate, Mr. Policeman would not be sitting in my mayor's chair!

They run two candidates and split the vote and Mr. Policeman tiptoes in!

**ANNN:** Mr. Mayor, the rap seems to be that you shunned the black vote and did not aggressively campaign in those wards which should have been your base and had your back. Why did you play them so lightly?

**BELL:** (yelling into his phone) Hello... hello, is someone there? This is Mike Bell calling, remember me...Issue 2 supporter! (Then turning his attention to me...) Sorry about that. John Kasich promised me a call back about being his legislative aide. I am done with Toledo.

I am outta here! If I played to the black voter, I would have been seen as playing sides and the South End white voters would have run from me.

I did all they asked and this is how they repay me! If I would have known this, I would have hit the chitlin' circuit with a vengeance and would have won a second term.

**ANNN:** Do you think that your support of Senate Bill 5 or Issue 2 regarding constricting the rights of unions to organize and negotiate cost you the election in a union town like Toledo?

**BELL:** ( finally...) Hey John, this is Mike Bell...what do you mean, "Bell who?"

John, what about that job you promised me if I supported you on Senate Bill 5? What do you mean... "what job!"

**ANNN:** (I am appearing a little uncomfortable hearing this conversation but I am glued to my seat hearing this exchange!). Mr. Mayor, do you wish for me to leave for a moment for you can have some privacy?

**BELL:** (apparently not hearing what I am saying...) You told me that if I sup-

ported you on that issue, the sky was the limit and you and I would be a team player in your next election campaign and I would be your wingman!

I cut my political throat based upon that promise and now you have the gall to ask me, "what job?"

**ANNN:** ( The mayor starts to sputtering and threatening the governor that if does not get that job, he will spill the beans on the secret political plans Jack Ford and Carty Finkbeiner and the governor have in store for Toledo regarding them supporting him for a 2016 presidential run).

Mr. Mayor, I do not think that I should be hearing all of this and especially with my tape recorder running. What you are saying about the governor and other politicians would be dynamite if it gets out!

**BELL:** (starting to shamelessly beg Kasich for a job...any job). Ok. If this is how you want to play it...watch me! Two can play this game! I am going national on what you promised me for your support on that issue and we will see how far you get to the White House!

And as for you ANNN, beat it! Interview is over.

**ANNN:** (packing up my equipment) Well, there you have it dear readers, a scorned politico trying to cash in on some promises and trying to make sense of what happened to a sure bet of a second term as mayor but it fell through when Mike Bell forgot his base and instead went country line dancing! Sometimes, you simply cannot swim too far out from the shore that you cannot get back...if you know what I mean.

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# Reversing the Poverty Trend

By Jay Black, President TAACC  
The Truth Contributor

In this week's article we continue the series on why our community is amongst the poorest communities in America and what we can do to reverse the trend. We conclude with the final two of the top 10 reasons today.

### TAACC Mission Statement

The Toledo African American Chamber of Commerce (TAACC) advocates and promotes the economic growth and development of African American owned businesses by focusing on the development of business opportunities, business alliances, and legislative advocacy.

**Reason Number 2.** Black on Black Crime. In the words of James Clingman, "we talk a lot about criminal justice and crime in the streets, especially among black people". There is another type of what I call black on black crime that is more abominable than literal crime, and that is the economic crimes we commit

against ourselves and each other every single day. How, you might ask? I am glad you asked, listed below are examples of black on black crimes that we are all familiar with:

1. Failure to patronize (spend money with) AA owned businesses. As we've outlined in every article in this series, we are the only group in America who will not support its own economically. I can show anyone who wants to know, why it is vital that we follow the lead of other groups and support our own first. We just can't understand why we do not see the importance of this principle. We can address virtually every shortcoming that exists in the AA community by embracing self-help economics.

2. Economic exploitation by those outside of the AA community. Why do we consider this to be a crime? **Because we allow it to happen.** Do any of us really believe that we could do business

in a sustained way in the Caucasian, Asian, Arab, and Jewish communities without investing something back in to those communities? It is a crime to "allow" ourselves to be economically exploited by those who don't live or worship in our community, who will not do business with AA owned businesses, who don't respect us as human beings, and who will not hire the kids in our families or churches. We can move past this type of exploitation by replacing these business with our own, and kicking them out of our community by refusing to spend our hard earned money at their establishments, and by demanding that they hire people that look like us, and invest in our community. Lastly, we should challenge our own businesses to do more to re-invest in our community.

3. Political exploitation. It amazes me that we don't see this one for what it is, a crime. The black-on-black part of this equation is evidenced by our embarrassing low



Jay Black

voter turn-out in the local elections last month. And how we continue to blindly support politicians, parties, and institutions that do nothing to help us promote economic empowerment. Next, it is a crime for us to allow politicians into our meetings and sanctuaries when

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## African Art Has Arrived!!

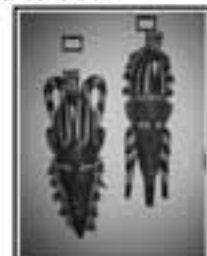
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the only time we see them is when they need our vote, and once they receive it we don't see them again until the next election. It's criminal when our Black Pastors let the aforementioned politicians in the church to fleece the flock while cutting their own back door deals. It is equally criminal for our black politicians to parade these politicians throughout our community knowing that they have not represented our interests. We should do what the Jewish Community does on this issue; make the politicians show us the money. We can move past this issue by refusing to vote for any politician who will not use their office to economically support our businesses.

4. The epitome of black-on-black crime is when we are in a position of influence to help a worthy (notice I said worthy) brother or sister or AA owned business, and refuse to do so. A colleague of mine reminded me last week that he has witnessed instances where AA's have gone out of their way to kill an opportunity for other AA's. I have seen time and time again where members of other groups have gone out of their way to "take care" of their own. Just look at all of the Caucasian Democrats who have landed on their feet from an employment perspective. Conversely, look at all the faithful AA Democrats who have struggled to land on their feet locally or who have had to leave Toledo because they were never "taken care of" like their counterparts. Why is this most egregious of all black on black crimes? It's because we allow people to treat us this way rather than demanding that there be consistent application when it's our turn to be "taken care of". Lastly, a local businessman asked me why we are so excited about the prospects of having 5 AA's on Toledo City Council for the first time in our history. He went on to point out that we have now had two AA mayors, three AA superintendents, and most recently, three AA's on City Council. He specifically reminded us that we have had three AA board members at TPS on multiple occasions. His point was that perhaps we shouldn't get too excited at this point.

**Reason Number 1. A Lack of Unity.** We really need to have a candid discussion about this cancer in our community. This is the one issue that holds us back from achieving economic and political empowerment. Many have offered reasons for this phenomena and why it has been so hard for us to overcome a general lack of unity in our community. On a local level we struggle with this one

more than any other group. And as a result, they are much farther a head economically and politically than we are. We seem to be sitting around and waiting for some one to rescue us as a community. Guess what? It's not going to happen, we must save ourselves. Some of the reasons (or excuses) for our lack of unity are listed below:

- **Racism.** There is no denying that racism exists. We need to realize that the most damaging form of racism is practiced within our own community by us (see reason 2). Also, some form of racism will always be in existence as long as there is human life. While it is easier said than done, we cannot let this one stand in the way of us unifying around the important issues in our community (economics and political power).

- Some say we have been taught to hate ourselves and mistrust each other for generations. Slave masters successfully introduced us to the Willie Lynch Theory, which psychologically binds some of us up to this day. The central tenant of this teaching is to breed mistrust within our group which perpetuates itself over and over again.

- Not knowing or appreciating our rich history in this country. We have a long history of overcoming seemingly insurmountable odds, playing a game where the cards have been stacked against us, and being twice as good in the corporate arena as many of our counterparts in order to advance. This rich history of overcoming all odds should help motivate us to overcome the unity issue amongst us. Our history in this country is just as rich and profound as any other group and we should be extremely proud of our contributions.

- Some deny that the first two items exist and that we should "all just get along" and race no longer matters. I wish it was this simple. Again, we need to follow the lead of other groups and work together to take care of and promote our own economic and political agenda.

- Allowing those outside of our community to divide and conquer us on certain issues. This is an age old trick that works very well in this community. A good example of this one is how we allow politicians to choose our leaders for us. Do you really think they are going to choose someone who will hold them accountable and challenge them to do the right thing? One of the tricks that have worked in this community for a long time is when politicians use select pastors to implement their divide and conquer strategy. We all know who they are and we need to stop them.

What must we do to become more unified?

1. We must first acknowledge that a lack of unity is a major problem in our community that requires strategic alternatives that are unapologetically designed to benefit our community. This includes making the commitment to do all that we can to ensure that our businesses prosper and succeed. It means holding each other to a standard of uncompromising excellence and refuse to accept anything less. Lastly, it means supporting only those politicians who will support our agenda.

2. We should foster a renewed sense of self-respect grounded in moral and ethical values. We practiced these principles as a community prior to our preoccupation with "assimilating" into the mainstream.

3. We should choose our own leaders and set our own agenda rather than letting others do it for us. We are not a monolithic community. So we can never buy into the idea that we can only have one leader. We can be just as diverse with differing opinions as any other group. What we must learn to do is have a strong sense of unanimity on the important issues (money and power). Whenever someone tries to pigeon-hole us on this issue ask them who is the leader of the white

community?

4. We need to understand that we are all in this together whether we believe it or like it or not. We should value a sense of community and work together to build up our community versus tearing it down. We need to get back to being our brothers (and sisters) keeper and put the community's needs above our own. While many of us think we're doing well, most in our community are not. How many people in our immediate families or churches are unemployed, underemployed, or are struggling financially? The analogy that the Apostle Paul uses in 1 Corinthians 12 relative to our interconnectedness and dependence on one another is a good one. We should see our community as a body that's interconnected with one segment being dependent on all of the other segments. No part of the body is totally independent of the other parts and all parts are needed for the body to live and function properly.

By this time next week we will know whether we will have 5 African Americans on Toledo City Council or not. If so, we will publish an open letter to this group.

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# Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela: A Man for All Nations

By Fletcher Word  
Sojourner's Truth Editor

*"During my lifetime I have dedicated myself to this struggle of the African people. I have fought against white domination, and I have fought against black domination.*

*"I have cherished the ideal of a democratic and free society in which all persons will live together in harmony and with equal oppor-*



Nelson Mandela

tunities.

*"It is an ideal which I hope to live for and to see realized. But, my lord, if needs be it is an ideal for which I am prepared to die."* – Mandela's speech at treason trial, April 20, 1964

As the last decade of the 20th Century approached, there were three seemingly intractable human conflicts that captured the world's attention on an almost daily basis – the Israeli/Palestinian impasse, South Africa and *apartheid*, the "Troubles" of Northern Ireland.

Of these, the oldest, and perhaps the most difficult to understand, was undoubtedly the conflict in Northern Ireland between Catholic and Protestant, between the Irish Republican Army and the Unionists, between native Irish and Scots/English settlers (to be sure, they had been settled for centuries).

The "Troubles" specifically refer to events of the late 20th Century, but the origins of the Catholic/Protestant conflict has its roots in the

16th and 17th centuries as the Protestant British forced colonization upon its weaker Catholic neighbor to the west. Thence followed centuries of oppression as the British kept their boots on the Irish Catholic necks, resisting calls for sovereignty or independence, turning a blind eye during the "Great Frost" of the mid-18th Century and a devastating potato famine of the mid-19th, keeping the population mired in poverty.

Years ago, an airline pilot was heard to tell his passengers as Ireland became visible: "Those of you in the seats to the left can see Ireland below ... please set your watches back 300 years."

By 1994, Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela, after 27 years of imprisonment and another several years of tense negotiations with the white Afrikaans minority to create a democracy, had been elected president of South Africa and was on his way to establishing a Truth and Reconciliation Commission that would prevent a bloody, vengeful aftermath to apartheid as the black majority became part of the power structure.

*"It will forever remain an indelible blight on human history that the apartheid crime ever occurred. Future generations will surely ask:*



*What error was made that this system established itself in the wake of the adoption of a universal declaration of human rights?*

*"It will forever remain an accusation and a challenge to all men and women of conscience that it took as long as it has before all of us stood up to say 'enough is enough'."* –

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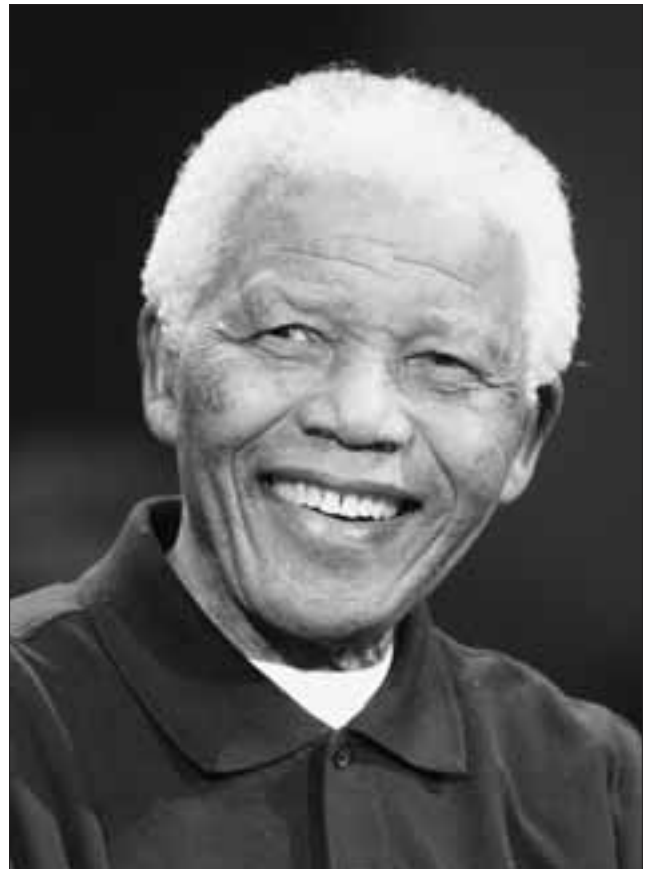
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# Local Agencies Collaborate to Create Young Readers

By Rhonda B. Sewell, Library Media Relations Coordinator  
The Truth Contributor

A pilot initiative to help create young readers among African-American kindergarten boys is bringing together major area institutions.

Real Men READ-y is a new pilot program founded by the United Way of Greater Toledo affinity group African American Initiative (AAI), whose current focus is to advance the education, income and health of African-American males.

To initiate Real Men READ-y, AAI sought the expertise and part-

nership of Read for Literacy, an organization whose mission provides literacy services and training to children, adults and families. Read for Literacy's Creating Young Readers (CYR) program, began in 2009 as a response to low literacy rates among children entering kindergarten. The CYR program recruits, trains, and places volunteers to read with at-risk children in select preschools and elementary schools in northwest Ohio.

AAI also sought the support of

the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library, to help select culturally sensitive and appropriate books for Real Men READ-y, and reached out to Toledo Public School's Leverette School to pilot the initiative.

Leverette was a perfect location to kick off the pilot, which begins officially in January 2014, because Creating Young Readers was not previously in the school and it is the site of a United Way Community Hub. Schools as Community Hubs (Hubs) connect residents,

students, and their families to resources and support within their neighborhood. The strategy makes a school – a place that already acts as a natural anchor for kids – the center of an entire neighborhood by bringing together multiple services and programs and making them accessible to everyone, not just students at the school.

Hubs strive to collaborate with area partners to offer an integrated and impactful array of services, support, and opportunities that

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## Real Men READ-y

In partnership with Read for Literacy's Creating Young Readers. With support from the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library and Toledo Public Schools

### What is Real Men READ-y?

- A pilot initiative that recruits, trains and places African American adult working/retired males to read and interact with African American kindergarten boys at Leverette School.
- The goal of Real Men READ-y is to ensure that African American male children have the necessary literacy skills to be successful in school from kindergarten to high school graduation.
- The pilot seeks to encourage and motivate students to enjoy the gift of reading.

For details, please call  
Read for Literacy at 419.242.7323



# What Every Parent Needs to Know About Changes in the Classroom

## Special to The Truth

Across the country, parents are beginning to notice that today's classroom looks quite different from what they experienced in their own school days. From personalized learning technologies to new educational standards, teachers and administrators are using a variety of tools to ensure students are better prepared to succeed than ever before.

In this era of innovation in education, this school year will be particularly exciting in part because states will be piloting assessments aligned to the Common Core State Standards, the new set of K-12 educational standards designed to improve students' readiness for college and future careers.

So just what do these changes mean for your kids?

### Shift to New Standards

Schools nationwide are finding

new ways to provide individually tailored lesson plans while addressing the Common Core State Standards, often relying on a new generation of educational technologies that help students learn and succeed at their own pace.

McGraw-Hill Education's Reading Wonders is one such tool. Available in both all-digital and print/digital formats, it is the first K-6 core reading program designed specifically for the new standards.

"Even before the advent of the Common Core, we knew that preparing students for the demands of college and careers required setting a solid foundation in skills such as reading comprehension and writing," said Christine Willig, senior vice president of products at McGraw-Hill School Education. "When the new standards reiterated the importance of these

skills, we saw an opportunity to build an entirely new program that would address the Common Core requirements, by leveraging contemporary cognitive science about how we learn, using cutting-edge digital tools."

### Personalized Learning

Education research has shown that instruction becomes more effective when tailored to students' unique learning styles and needs. Personalized learning tends to lead to deeper learning – which will help students meet many of the new Common Core standards. As classrooms continue getting bigger however, delivering that sort of individual attention to students becomes more difficult.

With this in mind, Reading Wonders was built using entirely new educational technology, offering interconnected platforms personalized for students and teachers and accessible across any device.

Other digital learning tools use additional techniques to help students succeed. McGraw-Hill Education's LearnSmart and FLEX

Literacy, for example, each use "adaptive" technology to continually assess students' knowledge, skill and confidence levels and to create a unique study path designed to help each student in the topics and concepts they need most – a level of personalization previously only available from a personal tutor. LearnSmart delivers this adaptive learning experience for a variety of high school subject areas, while FLEX Literacy incorporates it into a comprehensive, Common Core-specific reading and language arts intervention system for students in Grades 3–8.

More information about new digital programs, including those designed specifically for the Common Core State Standards, can be found at [www.mheducation.com](http://www.mheducation.com).

In this ever-evolving educational landscape, keeping up with the changes can seem daunting – but it needn't be. Parents can rest assured that teachers are increasingly equipped with new technologies that ensure their students are getting the personalized attention they need to improve their chances for long-term success.

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Reading is Fundamental (RIF), is a program that first arrived in the Toledo community in the decade of the 1980s. This program has helped children in impoverished neighborhoods love reading by introducing them to a variety of books. RIF enhances the program by giving the children the opportunity to select and own their favorite book, biannually.

Upon its inception in the Toledo area, Reading is Fundamental, Incorporated, was funded by the Chrysler Corporation with matching funds from the Toledo Public School (TPS) system. Subsequently, its funding was through the federal government, with matching funds remaining the same. Presently, the federal government has terminated its support to RIF, but the Macy Corporation provides a grant to keep at least two Book Distributions available to more than 2,000 TPS students.

With the start of the 2013-2014 school year, Head Start is no longer affiliated with the program. Fortunately, the Third Baptist Church of Toledo and its pastor, the Rev. K. David Johnson, have been given authority by RIF to conduct the program in conjunction with TPS. Church member Hubie Pitts, who has coordinated the program through the years, will continue functioning as its coordinator.

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of ShapeMe Jeans who are designing a custom pair of jeans for her and inviting you to stop in and say hi.

From there we will be heading to the University Rec Center's Oak Room at 2 p.m. for a free, public event where she will share her inspirational story. At 4 p.m. we will be doing a community stop at the Mott Branch Library for a meet and greet. Finally, at 6 p.m. we will be having "An Evening with Ernestine" at Club Evolution which will include dinner (for purchase) and photographs with Ms. Ernestine.

This event will be "After 5" Attire for dinner; there is no charge for admission; Evolution is located at 519 N Reynolds.

Miss Ernestine's signature event will be held *Saturday, Dec 14* at Ottawa Park beginning promptly at 9 a.m. We will meet at the gazebo located at the main entrance located by the police station off Kenwood. The walk is in coordination with The Lucas County Department of Minority Health and is continuing the goal of "A Million Healthy Steps."

What better way to lead into the 2014 than with "A Million Holiday Steps with Ms. Ernestine?" Walking is her passion and she shared this with me: "There is not a day that goes by that I do not walk. I know I can run but there are those who cannot and running can be intimidating to others.

"In my classes," she continued, "I wanted to help my ladies to do some type of walking because it is the easiest way to get moving. I looked at my ladies and said to myself, this is what I am going to do and put together a walking program."

Her visit to Toledo is intended to bring our community together to commit to take care of each other by joining together to walk for our life, for our health, for our families. She said she wanted people to know that age is nothing but a number.

Her message is not only directed to seniors but to younger people as well because younger people think they can wait until they are old to care about their health, but early prevention is the key! The walk is a free, family event.

You, like your health, are priceless. It is not about what you have to lose, but what you can gain in focusing on the one thing you do have control of...your mind, body and soul! Please contact me via email with any questions at [ErikaWhite@live.com](mailto:ErikaWhite@live.com) or through my website [www.ErikaWhite.net](http://www.ErikaWhite.net) and let's go Toledo!

Third Baptist Church is excited about having a role in helping to get books into the hands and homes of more than 2,000 Toledo Public School students in grades K-8. The first of two Book Distributions occurred at six TPS and three community sites in November

"Not only is reading fundamental, but it is also a necessity in our society," said Pitts. "Thanks to Reading Is Fundamental, Incorporated and all of

its affiliates, our children are on the road to learning and discovering the world's hidden secrets. Yes, books challenge young minds and launch lives that have no boundaries.

"On behalf of Rev. Dr. K. David Johnson and members of Third Baptist Church, we extend sincere thanks to the community businesses and individuals for their support of our literacy outreach efforts."

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lead to a better neighborhood.

United Way's AAI, Read for Literacy and the Library pitched the idea of Real Men READ-y this year to Leverette's Hub director, principal and Hub committee and the pilot was accepted.

AAI committed some \$9,000 to the Real Men READ-y initiative which will provide books, selected by officials at Kent Branch Library Public @ccess Center and Read for Literacy, to all Leverette kindergarteners. Read for Literacy is currently training African-American adult working and retired volunteers called MENTors to then work in small groups with African-American kindergarten boys using the dialogic method of reading.

According to Reach Out and Read, dialogic reading is a concept based on the work of Grover Whitehurst, Ph.D. and the Stony Brook Reading and Language Project. According to Whitehurst, "In dialogic reading, the adult helps the child become the teller of the story. The adult becomes the listener, the questioner, the audience for the child. No one can learn to play the piano just by listening to

someone else play. Likewise, no one can learn to read just by listening to someone else read. Children learn most from books when they are actively involved."

Together, United Way's African American Initiative partnering with Read for Literacy, with the support of the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library and Toledo Public Schools, hope to help pilot participants succeed by creating a love of reading with the help of positive adult males in their own image. =

The Real Men READ-y initiative will measure the control group outcomes of the pilot to demonstrate the impact of the MENTors' presence and participation in the classroom. These results will be shared at the end of the school year in June 2014.

For more information on the Real Men READ-y program call, 419-242-READ (7323) extension 19.

*Disclosure: Sewell is a member of United Way's AAI Joint Council and chairs its Strategic Partnership Committee.*

## Toledo Zoo Offers Winter Camps throughout December

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Kids stuck at home with nothing to do? Too much shopping on your list, but you can't get away? The Zoo will fix that. On Saturday, Dec. 14, and again during the winter break week (Dec. 27, 28 and 30), the Zoo offers winter camps that are so fun, the kids just might forget it's winter.

Campers ages 5 through 12 can enroll in camps one day, two or all the days. Camps run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily.

### Ages 5-10 years

**Sat., Dec. 14: Hibernation Celebration** Explore how the Zoo's animals handle the cold, whether it's leaving for the winter, going to sleep or surviving with special adaptations.

**Fri., Dec. 27: Zooper Heroes** Faster than a speeding cheetah, more powerful than an elephant... learn about some animal "zooper powers."

**Sat., Dec. 28: Winter Wild Artist** Create wild masterpieces and exhibit them in an art show at the end of the day.

**Mon., Dec. 30: Penguins to Polar Bears** Travel from the South Pole to the North Pole and discover animals that love to live in the cold.

### Ages 11-12 years

**Fri., Dec. 27; Sat., Dec. 28; and Mon., Dec. 29: Junior Zookeeper Experience** what it takes to be a keeper by working alongside the Zoo's own Education animal keepers. Learn about preparing diets, cleaning enclosures, training behaviors and making enrichment.

The cost for 5- to 10-year-old campers is \$35 per day; the cost for 11- to 12-year-old campers is \$40 per day. Toledo Zoo member discounts apply. Space is limited and advance registration is required; enroll today. Learn more at [toledozoo.org/camps](http://toledozoo.org/camps).



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# Dusk by Uri Shulevitz

By Terri Schlichenmeyer  
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This time of year, one of your favorite things to do is to look at lights.

Your entire neighborhood is filled with all kinds of them. Lights on houses, lights on trees, lights on bushes, wire, decks and steps. You might see them on boats, in the park, on a statue or made into shapes in someone's front yard. And you might even have them inside your own house, on a tree or in a window.

They're twinkly. They're bright. And you can't stop looking at all the lights. So let's take a walk to see the lights in **Dusk by Uri Shulevitz.**

It gets dark very early in the winter, sometimes even before you get home from school.

On this one winter afternoon, a boy, his grandfather, and their dog decide to take a walk around the city. By the time they got to the edge of the water, the sun was disappearing beyond the horizon.

"How sad," the boy said, "the day is no more."

But the grandfather (who had a very long beard) wasn't worried. It was only dusk, which is what happens when the sun goes down.

On their way back to the city, they noticed

that people were scurrying everywhere. Some were on their way back home at the end of the day. Others were hoping to do a little shopping at the downtown stores.

The grandfather and the boy met a lot of unusual people as they walked. One man was shopping for toys. A woman with a very fancy hat was looking for gifts for her kitten. People were looking for yummy things and weird things.

But the boy, his grandfather, and their dog kept

right on walking. It was starting to get dark. "As nature's lights go out, city's lights come on" and so did the lights on all the downtown stores! The boy saw Christmas lights on the streetlamps and on Christmas trees inside and outside. He saw candles on a menorah, and children celebrating Hanukkah. He saw candles in another window, standing proud on a kinara and surrounded by children celebrating Kwanzaa.

It was beautiful. It was magnificent. It was almost as if the sun was still out.

So your child wants a read-aloud tonight, but there's not much time for it. Grab *Dusk*, then, because this book won't take long.

Author Uri Shulevitz tells a story of an eve-



ning stroll on a cold night and he does it with a handful of words; some pages, in fact, hold just a half-sentence. That forces you to take a slower, ambling pace in reading – somewhat like a leisurely walk.

And maybe because those words are so sparse, it's easy to focus on the illustrations here – which is, perhaps,

what you should be doing anyhow. Shulevitz' drawings are done in gorgeous color, evoking the night chill and the warmth of the lights.

If you're looking for a Kwanzaa-Christmas-Hanukkah book that will dazzle your two-to-six-year-old, this one's it. Read it, and *Dusk* could become one of her favorite things.

## Great Holiday Gifts for Current and Future College Students

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Whether the students in your life are in high school and dreaming about their future majors, or in the middle of their college careers, the holiday season is a great opportunity to shower them with gifts that quench their thirst for knowledge and foster their academic interests.

Stumped? Here are a few holiday gift ideas to brighten the bookshelves and desks of your favorite scholars:

### Make Cramming Easier

For dorm dwellers, book lights are crucial. When roomies are snoozing, night owls can use a book light that attaches to the pages of the book, or a task light that sits atop the desk, to keep studying in an unobtrusive manner.

Consider creating a gift basket full of snacks. But skip the junk food and instead fill the basket with "brain food." Nuts, almond butter and popcorn are all great choices containing brain-boosting vitamins and minerals.

### Simplify Complex Concepts

A standard text book covering weighty subject matter sometimes can make things even more confusing for a student. Help demystify some of the hard-to-grasp subjects with a new book series from DK Publishing,

"Big Ideas, Simply Explained." The fully-illustrated series uses innovative graphics and creative typography to cut through the haze of misunderstanding, untangles knotty theories and sheds light on abstract concepts.

There are five books currently available: "The Philosophy Book," "The Psychology Book," "The Politics Book," "The Religions Book," and "The Economics Book," which covers more than 100 economic concepts from Aristotle to the top economic thinkers of today, and is a 2013 Parents Choice Gold Book Award Winner. More information about these books and other forthcoming titles including, "The Business Book" and "The Science Book" is available at [www.us.dk.com](http://www.us.dk.com).

### Broaden Horizons

No matter what your gift recipient plans to study or is currently studying, you can round out his or her education with a great dose of classic cinema. Consider a gift set that features the collected works of a gifted director such as Ingmar Bergman or Akira Kurosawa. Or opt for a topical box set on a favorite subject, such as World War II or nature.

This holiday season, you can enrich and round out classroom learning in fun and interesting ways.

Courtesy State Point

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Mandela to U.N. Special Committee against Apartheid, June 22, 1990

In 1994 Mandela invited Gerry Adams of Sinn Fein - the political arm of the IRA - to South Africa and very publicly shook his hand, signaling how seriously he identified with the cause of the oppressed, but more importantly, the cause



of peace in Northern Ireland. "We fully support the peace process," Mandela said at that time. "And we will do everything in our power to support all the parties."

The gesture was not immediately well received in Great Britain or amongst the Unionists of Northern Ireland.

Within a several years, however, Mandela was viewed by both sides of the Irish conflict as someone who could assist in efforts to bring about their own reconciliation. In time, he invited peace negotiators to South Africa in just such an attempt to assist. Both sides arrived in Cape Town in 1997 after 18 months of stalemate, willing to speak with Mandela and other leaders of the African National Congress; unwilling, however, to speak to each other.

"The time for the healing of the wounds has come ... the moment to bridge the chasms that divide us has come. The time to build is upon us." - Mandela at his inauguration as president of South Africa, May 10, 1994

Mandela broke that impasse and provided the path forward to negotiation. The Unionists had always insisted that the IRA declare a ceasefire and destroy its cache of weapons before meaningful talks could proceed. Mandela convinced them to uncouple those demands and accept a cease fire, then use negotiations to set a possible date for destruction of the arms.

The Indaba (Zulu for "gathering of the minds") proved successful. Within months Sinn Fein declared a cease fire, meaningful negotiations started and a Good Friday Agreement was signed that led to a sharing of power. A year later, the leaders



of the two delegations, Unionist John Trimble and John Hume, of the Social Democratic and Labour Party, were awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, much as Mandela and his Afrikaans counterpart, F.W. de Klerk, had been almost a decade earlier.

"No one is born hating another person because of the color of his skin or his background or his religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite." - Mandela from his 1994 autobiography Long Walk to Freedom

The push for reconciliation moved on for the next decade as the leaders of the Northern Ire-

land parties frequently contacted ANC leaders for advice on how to proceed. The British removed their troops and, just last year, Martin McGuinness, Northern Ireland's deputy first minister and former IRA commander, was pictured shaking the hand of Queen Elizabeth II in Belfast.

"What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others that determines the significance of the life we lead." - Mandela on the 90th birthday of Walter Sisulu, May 18, 2002

What counted for Social Democratic and Labour Party leader Mark Durkan, last week as he learned of the passing of Mandela, was that the South African icon was "was not just a friend to Northern Ireland, but a friend to the world."

Mandela, born July 18, 1918, died last week, December 5, at the age of 95. Twenty-seven of those years were spent in a well-documented captivity, during which he himself laid down the conditions for his release.

Ninety-five years, however, was clearly not enough time to settle all of the world's conflicts. Foolishly, the Israelis and the Palestinians and, for that matter, the Indians and the Pakistanis, the Turks and the Kurds, the Russians and the Chechens, the Sunnis and the Shi'ites and all manner of peoples engaged in religious, ethnic and racial conflict around the globe never got the message that the solution to the seemingly insoluble could very well reside just outside of Johannesburg.

Many of the leaders of groups engaged in such conflict are in Qunu, SA this week for the great man's funeral. It will be an opportunity for them to contemplate the processes that Mandela and the ANC employed to bring democracy and reconciliation to several parts of the world and to reflect on events back home.

"On my last day I want to know that those who remain behind will say: 'The man who lies here has done his duty for his country and his people.'"



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# “I Got You A Dollar... But You Gotta Be Quicker Than That”

By Michael Hayes  
Minister of Culture

What is the deal with all these dollar stores popping up overnight?

I'm big on development so I love to see any business opening in my city, but what does it really say about our area that cheap, discount retail is the only demand being fulfilled?

Yes, it's the holiday season and the economy seems to be rebounding well.

The number of people depending on unemployment is at its lowest point in five years.

Other indicators such as auto sales and on-line retail are looking good under Obama's second term. But you don't have to read financial articles to get a true sense of what's going on, all you have to do is pay attention.

It's great that companies are hiring again, but if you compare the actual wages of new positions in most manufacturing jobs then you see a downward trend.

Not only has the cost of living outpaced the actual money being earned by most people, the jobs many of us depend on pay us far less today than they would have paid for the same work back in the 1990s.

I'm talking about purchasing power.

We don't have as much of it as we once we did or as much as we are currently due.

That's why you know so many people working two jobs (if they can find two jobs).

That's why Republicans, although responsible for much of this mess, label Obama's economic turn around as “fools gold.”

That's why we ultimately need all these damn Dollar Generals and Dollar Trees and such, because although we are making money it's not stretching as far as before.

Even with signs of recovery, the lower wages mixed with increasing cost of living means we need every break we can get.

During his eight years in office George Bush presided over the outsourcing of American jobs.

From the customer service number you dial to as much as 40 percent of that American car you drive, it all leads to overseas workforces.

To wealthy one-percenters, they feel it's their right to move their operations wherever they please.

If they can stop paying Americans \$17 an

hour and move their call center or plant to a foreign country and pay those people \$17 a week, they feel that's their right as capitalists to do so. Which is why I posed this question in one of my previous articles on this topic:

Who does a job really belong to? The company relying on the manpower or the men and women performing the actual work?

President Obama has tried to woo employers back to our shores with tax incentives and other government goodies, but honestly... most of the jobs lost under Bush will never return to the United States.

And that so-called “Energy-based economy” that could support the new American middle class is still just a glimmer in Barack's eye.

So here we sit in the widening divide.

You or someone you know is living at or near the poverty line and working his ass off just to be there.

The middle class continues to shrink as it remains defenseless against the policies of conservatives and their refusal to support measures that could create a true turn for the better.

Have you heard the way they talk about raising the minimum wage?

Our president and the Democrats see it as vital to true recovery, something that needs to happen ASAP.

The Republicans in Congress call it “mooching.”

They call us the “entitlement class.”

Meaning that we supposedly don't work very hard and we just feel everything should be handed to us without any effort on our part.

Most of the people holding this perception wouldn't last a day on the dollars we make, but that's another topic.

The wealth gap is real, people.

Mercedes Benz, Hublot and Givenchy are all doing well... so it's not like the money has dried up all across the board.

Hell, luxury lifestyle items like \$300 T shirts and \$4,000 gold-plated cellphones are still being bought and sold regularly so somebody somewhere is getting paid.

Republicans believe in what's called “The Trickle Down” theory.



Michael Hayes

Meaning that, if laws and business policies favors the wealthy by allowing them to make and keep as much money as possible...then eventually all that activity will filter down to the common working-class folk.

Well, we have tried that.

It does not work.

Things are stable, and this Christmas may be better than the previous two or three but we have got to keep our eyes on the big picture.

Businesses only sell what people are buying, so if the only signs of growth we see are a bunch of dollar stores...what does that say about us and the shape we are really in?

Stay woke.

Happy Holidays.

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to provide oversight of grant funded programs. Responsibilities include, but not limited to, supervision and management of the fiscal affairs of the agency. Provide budget projections/forecasts and oversees the production/dissemination of various reports; Oversees and administers in collaboration with the President/CEO, the fringe benefits and salary administration for the agency.

BS in Accounting plus 5 years Quick Books/ Peachtree experience, data processing, administration, and employee relations with private non-profit financial functions. Must possess the ability to utilize computer technology to access information and produce reports. Demonstrated ability to model effective interactions and communication skills in cross cultural situations required.

Good written/oral communications, work independent, maintain confidentiality and manage multiple priorities, a must. Send cover letter and resume to:

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Rockey Love  
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# Project Thankful

Special to The Truth

On November 22, The Armory teamed up with The Cherry Street Mission to have the homeless bussed in for a night of entertainment, communion and to give away 100 bags of toiletries.

Project Thankful was created by Derick Thomas as an opportunity for people to "Be" the church. At The Armory Church, they believe it is a privilege to Love God, Love People and to Serve the World. Rev. William James teaches that everyone matters and that includes the ones ignored and often forgotten.

Project Thankful was an enjoyable, memorable moment for the homeless to sit back, relax and know that they matter, we see them, and that they are not forgotten.

The list of performers included: Jean Holden-Hanna, Jay Rush, Stephanie Alison, Positive Force (Dance Group), Leah Penrice, The Armory Dance team and host Derick Thomas.



Lauren Smith, Jean Holden-Hanna, Derick Thomas, Jay Rush and Stephanie Alison



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# Let's Go, Toledo! Let's Get Healthy!

Inspiration from Ernestine Shepherd

By Erika D White

Special to The Truth

Tipping the scale as the seventh fattest city in the county is not a slogan that most Toledoans would make into a bumper sticker for their car or wear branded across their chest on a favorite tee.

In fact, the statistics which show that Toledo residents are more likely than most Americans to have high cholesterol, high blood pressure, diabetes or to have suffered a heart attack should be enough to get most of the city moving!

However, in retrospect, if scare tactics worked then obesity would not be the epidemic it is in our society. So, I began thinking of a *positive* influence that would *inspire* our city to get moving and begin committing to better health and I found that influence in Ernestine Shepherd.

Her story of will and triumph is ageless! No matter what age you are, where you are economically, how much you weigh or even if you are the epitome of fitness you cannot deny the inspiration Ernestine Shepherd delivers in her photographs alone!

At 77 years old, she is the current Guinness World Book of Recorder Holder of the "World's Oldest Performing Female Bodybuilder" and has been featured in Ripley's Believe It or Not.



Let me emphasize that she holds this title for the entire world! There is only one fact that can top that accomplishment – she did not begin working out until she was 56 years old!

During my recent interview with Ms. Ernestine, she shared that at 56 years old she was a sedentary, well-padded school secretary who had never worked out a day in her life! It was not disease or health issues that got her moving, it was seeing herself in a full view mirror in a bathing suit.

Ernestine Shepherd will be coming to Toledo to share her message of how to focus on health and not looks. She shared with me the she did not want to make herself an old woman and that she is determined, dedicated and disciplined in everything she does.

Ernie, as she is affectionately called, has had her battles in life also. Her most challenging have been hypertension and depression from losing her sister Velvet unexpectedly after they made pact to get healthy together. Life has derailed Ms. Ernestine, but never threw her off track.

On December 13 and December 14 you will be able to meet, talk and listen to her amazing story and join us in moving Toledo forward. I will be hosting Ms. Ernestine, along with her fitness son, Chauncey "The Trainer," in coordination with several community partners who are excited to help give the gift of health this New Year.

Our goal is not to go to a gym or training facility but to bring fitness out of the "box". On Friday, Dec 13 at 11:30 am, we will be at Westfield Mall visiting the ladies



Ernestine Shepherd

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