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"The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education." - Martin Luther King, Jr.

Exam Time For Pastors and America....

By Lafe Tolliver, Esq
Guest Column

Well, if you read the papers, more states, like dominoes, are one by one falling to the wayside and are being placed in the camp of those capitulating states that are condoning gay marriages.

The states that are holding out are akin to being precariously perched on the razor-thin edge of a skyscraper window ledge; and with a brief financial push or a gust of political wind they too will fall in line and champion sodomites (derivative term from the O.T.) marrying each other.

For me, everyone and anyone regardless of their sexual preferences should be entitled to rights of fairness in employment and housing and medical care and other attributes that citizens enjoy.

My beef comes in the fact that the concept of marriage which was initiated and condoned and blessed by God to be a union of only a man and a woman is now being transmogrified to include same-sex individuals.

That is not a marriage. It may be a civil union but it is not a marriage which has been already defined by God and which cannot be redefined to suit the peccadilloes of the sodomite crowd.

Apparently with their relentless drive to be inclusive in the definition of marriage, the sodomite crowd, over the years has spent considerable capital and time doing a convincing job of telling society that same-sex marriage is OK.

God has the copyright, patent and trademark on marriage and the parameters of what constitutes a marriage and which concept has been etched in stone and is backed by the inviolable Word of God and is not subject to change or debate at the whim of contrary people.

Just as you cannot debate that water is made up of two atoms of hydrogen and one atom of oxygen, you cannot change the gender of who is to marry whom.

Just as you cannot command the sun to stop beaming, you can not tell God that He's got the concept of marriage all wrong and it should be changed to accommodate their sexual proclivities.

Just as you cannot fire a rifle and have the speeding bullet

reverse itself in mid-flight and return to the gun barrel, so you cannot practice the obvious lie that same-sex marriages are approved by God.

Oh, I know...I know. You want everyone to have their own freedoms and for everyone to be happy and in a state of marital bliss regardless of their sexual orientation.

But does that freedom to engage in same sex marriage extend to the following scenarios, since it is also reflects my choice and my pursuit of happiness that I am seeking?

For example, which of the following marriages would be allowed by the courts on the basis that the parties have either the freedom to contract or it involves one's individual liberties and the pursuit of their happiness?

[A] a man falls deeply in love and wants to marry his favorite horse...or cow...or pig [B] A woman wants to marry three men at the same time [C] three couples {all males or all females or a mixture thereof} want to intermarry with each other couple [D] people engage in "cluster" marriages by which a person from say, Japan marries nineteen different people from seven countries via Skype on a conference call officiated by a "minister"?

As you can see, the combinations of what a "marriage" can be construed to be is endless and that is why God placed limits on marriage and who could marry and why marriage was the first institution that was placed into society.

One of the questions for the pastors who profess to be followers of Christ is where are their voices and their allegiances to the Biblical concept of marriage when this 'Frankenstein' comes to a state near you?

Will these pastors raise a voice as one against such a fouling of the concept of marriage or will they meekly accept this Frankenstein and hide behind their pulpits and stained glass windows and refuse to make a comment for fear of losing their Sunday morning pew sitters or the money in the passed offering plates.

Has the power of the pulpit so lost its moral influence and power that the world no longer

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Handwriting On The Wall

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

... Everything nailed down is coming loose!
— The Angel Gabriel in the play *Green Acres* by Marc Connelly

The future of black religious leadership faces a further frightening descent into the abyss of irrelevance unless it can quickly learn to distinguish the power of dynamic change from the impotence of stale traditions.

According to several news outlets, the Missionary Baptist pastor of a church in Florida recently cancelled a funeral at the church with less than 24 hours notice when he found out that the deceased was gay.

No wonder the black church pews are increasingly empty and regard for the former beacon of the African-American community has devolved from reputable to repulsive. Evidently, even the "lost sheep"

understand that it is impossible for an oppressed people to get to a 21st Century Promised Land while stuck in the wilderness of a 19th or 20th Century mindset.

Times have changed. But many religious leaders don't see it.

There have been 36 consecutive legal victories (and zero losses) for the freedom to marry movement since June 2013 when the Supreme Court struck down the core of the Defense of Marriage Act. Nineteen states now have the freedom to marry whomever one loves, regardless of gender, including CA, CT, DE, HI, IA, IL, ME, MD, MA, MN, NH, NJ, NM, NY, OR, PA RI, VT and WA — plus Washington, D.C.

In the state of Ohio, a coalition

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Community Calendar

August 13

Unison Career Job Fair: 3 to 7 pm; Starr Avenue location: 419-926-7576 or 444.unisonbhg.org

August 15-17

True Church of God of the Apostolic Faith Homecoming Service: Fri and Sat workshops – 9 am to noon; Fri evening Block Party service at 6 pm; Sat evening service at 6 pm; Sun morning service at 10 am: 419-243-4948

August 16

Flanders Road Church of Christ Free Clothing Giveaway: 10 am to 3 pm
United Vision Baptist Church Community Day & Fun Day: BBQ dinners, yard sale, free hair cuts, school supplies, horse rides, games, free food: 419-720-0050

August 18-22

Second Baptist Church Vacation Bible School: 330 Oak Terrace Blvd; 6 to 8 pm: 419-944-8106

August 23

Second Baptist Church Youth Outreach Festival: Noon to 6 pm; 225 Irwin Rd; Fun, games, music, free school supplies: 419-944-8106

August 24

United Church of God "Friends and Family Day:" 10 am service; Prizes for those bringing in guests

August 29-31

The Latter Rain Conference 2014: The Armory Church; Guest speakers Carolyn Showell, Pat McKinstry, Donnie McClurkin: 419-537-9736

August 31

Second Baptist Church Outreach/Mission Sunday: 4 pm: 419-944-8106
New Prospect Baptist Church Pastor's Aid Program: 4 pm; Guests Rev. Sylvester Rome and Tabernacle Baptist Church

September 14

Prince Hall and Acceptor Masons of Amazon Lodge #4 and Composite Lodge #108 Celebrate Americanism Day: In honor of founder Prince Hall; 4 pm; St. Paul MBC: 567-258-9319

Toledoans United for Social Action Host Powerful Praise Concert

By Tricia Hall

Sojourner's Truth Reporter

The area surrounding N Detroit Avenue witnessed music, singing and dancing on August 10, 2014. The Powerful Praise Concert was held at St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church.

Host pastor and TUSA (Toledoans United for Social Action) member, Rev. James H. Willis, Sr. delivered the introduction and opening prayer, then First Lady Linnie Willis served as the mistress of ceremony. Sister Virginia Welsh, St. Martin De Porres Catholic Church pastoral leader and TUSA member, provided historical achievements and history about TUSA.

"We have come a long way, we once had 22 churches, but numbers haven't changed our commitment to this community. I thank God for the churches that have served and are serving to fulfill our commitment," shared Rev. Willis.

Total Praise of St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church offered the first praise during the concert, followed by a praise word from Rev. Dennis Payne of Monroe Street United Methodist, a presentation by Glass City Junior Praise Dancers, harmonies by Our Lady of Lourdes ensemble, a selection by Wesley United Methodist Church and a mime presentation by New Covenant Church. The praise concert served as a fund-raiser for TUSA and generated over \$1,000 in donations.

TUSA's mission is to bring together people of faith to address serious community problems. Annually, TUSA gathers hundreds of members to obtain public commitments from key officials for specific actions. TUSA congregations come from throughout Lucas County.

TUSA was formed in 1989, and has focused on issues including: carryout stores and drug dealing, reading achievement, jobs, abandoned housing, hot spot cards, ex-offender re-entry, criminalizing children, positive behavior initiative system, lead abatement ordinance and domestic violence awareness.

"This is what prayer can do. I want to thank First Lady Willis, the congregations that are represented here tonight. I thank you all for being here. My heart is filled right now. God has given us direction," said Rev. Willis during the program closing remarks.

The service closed with a chant, led by Rev. Willis, "TUSA stands for justice. TUSA stands for justice."



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Back to School Tips

- ☑ Make appointments for doctor (immunizations), dental checkups and physical exams (sports & extra-curricular)
- ☑ Gather all copies of health records, proof of residency and emergency contact information
- ☑ Start now and gradually return to early bedtime, early rising and meal routines
- ☑ Check with the school for supply lists and buy them early
- ☑ Call and set up a visit to your child's school and request a meet and greet with the teacher and principal
- ☑ Review routines for checking and emptying backpacks daily with your child
- ☑ Set up a location for homework and establish a routine for when it will be completed
- ☑ Play some learning games that review basic skills that will build confidence and ease your child into the learning process

Toledo Federation of Teachers wishes you a great 2014-2015 school year!



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African American Male Wellness Walk

Special to The Truth

The African American Male Wellness Walk (AAMWW) is a health initiative that began in Columbus, Ohio in 2004.

On Saturday, August 16 at the African American Legacy Project - 1326 Collingwood Blvd., health screenings will begin at 8 am, the Toledo African American Male Wellness Walk/Run will begin at 10 am.

After several Toledo Firefighters participated in the Columbus Walk, they determined that this initiative is a way to help achieve their goals of "education and prevention" in the areas of healthcare and medical emergencies. The Toledo Fire and Rescue Department (TFRD) is looking to use this initiative as a means to bring awareness to the healthcare issues.

On August 3, 2013, the Toledo held its 1st Annual African American Male Wellness Walk with an assortment of activities, vendors, exercise demonstrations, but most importantly, free health screenings for participants. More than 150 free health screenings were done that included blood sugar, body mass index, HIV, oral cancer, blood pressure, cholesterol, 12-lead EKGs of the heart, and prescription counseling. As a result of this initiative, the Governor of Ohio declared August as African American male Wellness Month.



Last Year's Participants

The primary challenge with making the AAMWW a continued success is the need for funding as its prime sources of funding are contributions from donors. The African American Male Wellness Walk needs YOU! Join the Toledo Fire and Rescue Department and our community partners in our efforts to make this very important initiative a continued success.

To help spread the message that, "Healthy Men Make Healthy Families" we invite you

wear green on Saturday and to consider joining us!

For additional information or to schedule interviews concerning Toledo's AAMWW please contact Brian Byrd, Toledo Fire and Rescue Department Deputy Chief of Emergency Medical Services & Communications at 419-936-2647 or by email at Brian.Byrd@toledo.oh.gov. Additional information on the history of AAMWW can be found at <http://aawalk.org>.

African Art Has Arrived!!

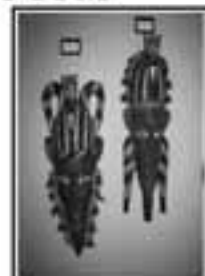
Hundreds of wood carvings from Ghana have recently arrived at The Truth Gallery – masks, statues, village scenes! All at unbelievably low prices!



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See more art online at www.thetruthtoledo.com



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Help Kids Stay Organized for a Fresh Start This School Year

Special to The Truth

Back-to-school time means another year of tests, team tryouts and club meetings -- but it also means an opportunity for students to have a fresh start. Whether your kid is an ace academic or has found it challenging to stay on top of a to-do list, there are many ways to get prepared for a successful school year.

By studying smarter, staying organized and keeping motivated, students can learn to juggle it all.

Study Tips

Cramming at the last minute doesn't work. Encourage your student to start studying well in advance of test day. Pacing during study time gives the brain a better opportunity to absorb information.

In many ways, the pen is mightier than the computer, particularly when it comes to taking notes. Writing notes down is almost like etching them into your subconscious. Formulating the words and reviewing them as you go is the best way to retain materials.

Organize

When it comes to lockers, backpacks and school supplies, organization is everything. Different systems work for different students. For example, some prefer to arrange their lockers by sequence of the day, whereas others prefer to sort items by subject or color. The important thing is finding a system that works and sticking to it.

Use tools to support the system and help maximize sought-after real estate. For lockers lacking shelf space, consider creating your own -- just be sure the solution is durable. The Five Star Stackable Locker Shelf is made with heavy-duty plastic, can hold up to 150 pounds and can be stacked one on top of the other for double the shelf space.

Customize

Ed Choice Scholarship Opportunity to Attend Catholic Schools Extended to September 5

Central City Schools (CCMT) Rosary and Queen of Apostles included
Special to The Truth

The deadline to apply for scholarships that help students from underperforming public schools, or those with demonstrated financial need, to attend private schools, has been extended to September 5, 2014. For the upcoming school year, approximately 4000 scholarships are available to incoming kindergartner and first grade students whose family income is at or below 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. Kindergartners who turn five years old before January 1, 2015 are eligible. Toledo's Central City Ministry School (CCMT) campuses at Rosary school on Collingwood and Queen of Apostle on Courtland are available for students who are eligible for EdChoice scholarships.

If a student is eligible for the EdChoice Scholarship, the first step is to apply for admission at a participating Catholic or other private school. Once students have been accepted, they can apply for an EdChoice Scholarship through the school. Participating schools/providers can enter scholarship applications for students through their online application system. The maximum amount of the scholarship for kindergarten through eighth grade students is \$4250.

For more information call Rosary Cathedral school at 419-243-4396 and Queen of Apostles school at 419-242-7829 or call the Catholic Schools office at 419-244-6711; email gguzman@toledodiocese.org.

Your locker is a home base during the school day, so make it your own with artwork, photos, and a dry erase board. It's also an area to refresh -- so consider hanging a mirror, like the Five Star Foam Mirror + Storage accessory which not only acts as a mirror but also a space to hang notes and store pens, pencils, cell phones or calculators.

Encourage students to decorate notebooks and binders with stickers and drawings, or choose their supplies based on favorite styles and colors. Just be sure the items chosen are highly functional. Multi-use supplies, such as the Five Star Flex Hybrid NoteBinder, acts like a notebook and works like a binder, making it easy for students to have everything they need in one convenient area.

Stay Focused

If your kid is rocking out to their favorite song, while texting their best friend about the latest gossip, then you can guarantee they aren't concentrating on homework. Turn off the distractions and the work will get done faster and more accurately.

More study and organizational tips can be found at www.MeadFiveStar.com.

For better grades and more success, get this school year started on the right foot.

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The Library's Book Recommendation: *We Are Our Mothers' Daughters*

By Rhonda Sewell, Library Media Relations Coordinator
The Truth Contributor

The Toledo-Lucas County Public Library is excited to welcome New York Times best-selling author and renowned political correspondent and commentator **Cokie Roberts** to *The Blade* and Library's Authors! Authors! on Wednesday, **September 3** at the Stranhan Theater, 4645 Heatherdowns Blvd.

The Library would like to recommend Cokie Roberts' book *We Are Our Mothers' Daughters*— this book examines the nature of women's roles through the lens of her own personal experience. During her September appearance in Toledo, Roberts is expected to discuss her own distinguished career, politics, the upcoming election and her books.

Below is an Amazon.com review by Brangien Davis:

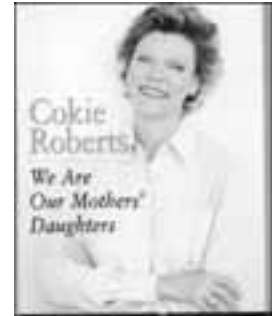
In *We Are Our Mothers' Daughters*, Roberts poses what has long been a real doozy: "What is a woman's place?" As you might guess, her answer is manifold, reflected by the table of contents, which reads like the Career Day schedule at a progressive girls' school: Sister, Politician, Consumer Advocate, Aunt, Soldier, First Class Mechanic, Friend, Reporter, Civil Rights Activist, Wife, Mother/Daughter, Enterpriser. Roberts makes no claims about this being groundbreaking research, or even an exacting investigation, rather, she explains that these are simply her own stories, and those of women she has come in contact with at different times and places in her life.

Having graduated from Wellesley College in 1964, Roberts explains that the women of her generation were pioneers in many ways--especially when it came to career and workplace issues: "We were the first women at almost

everything we did, and most of us often had the experience of being the only woman in the room."

Accordingly, many of her essays are political in nature: the passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Act (which included "sex" as a prohibited discrimination category by virtual accident); the work of consumer advocate Esther Peterson; and the history of women in the military. But for Roberts, it's clear that the personal is political, and many stories, while not overtly activist--her older sister's death, her circle of female friends, and her experiences as a wife, mother, and reporter--reveal the importance she places on a united community of strong women.

Using clean, compelling language throughout, Roberts compiles these different stories to reveal a thread of continuity running through the fabric of women, summarizing, "We are connected throughout time and regardless of place." She ends with a message of encouragement for young women--that we need only look as far as our foremothers for inspiration.



Registration is Under Way for Programs at Penta Adult & Continuing Education

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Registration is under way for full and part-time programs at Penta Career Center, Adult & Continuing Education. Full-time programs begin August 25, 2014 and include: Auto Body Repair; Auto Mechanic Technician; Builder, Contractor and Remodeler Technologies; Machinist/Machine Technologist; Heating, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration Mechanic & Repair; and Welder/Welder Technologist. Penta also offers courses in the health occupations area and job training programs for State Tested Nursing Assistant (STNA).

Adults interested in part-time and online training at Penta can also register now for fall classes. These courses have various start dates and include: Pharmacy Technician; Dental Assistant; Clinical Medical Assistant; Marine Skills Mechanic; Forklift; OSHA & EPA Testing; and Plumbing licensure. Penta also offers short-term, skill-specific programs associated with all of its full-time career tracks. Online options include 12 healthcare tracks and over 300 Ed2Go options.

For business and industry, Penta's Adult & Continuing Education offers professional training and consulting services for employers looking for specialized training for their employees at Penta or at the employer's site. If a company is unable to find the skillset needed to fill their staffing needs, Penta will help develop and train future employees, to a company's specification, and help them create their own job-specific workforce.

Adults who want to improve their reading, writing, and math skills or study for the GED and/or

the Compass/Accuplacer College Entrance exams can register for Penta's Adult Basic Education

Programs, offered at 38 locations throughout Northwest Ohio.

To register for any of the Penta Adult & Continuing Education programs, please call **419-661-6555** or stop by the Adult & Continuing Education office located at 9301 Buck Road in Perrysburg. Additional information is available by visiting www.pentacareercenter.org and clicking on "Adult Education." Financial aid, Veterans Educational Benefits Assistance, and WIA funding is available for students who qualify.

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Back-to-School Shopping on a Budget

Special to The Truth

The excitement of back-to-school preparations can bring back fond memories of youthful school days. Once you have kids of your own, making new memories can be even sweeter by thinking about your child's new friends and teachers and what the new year will bring -- but they'll need some cool new school supplies first!

So while the start of the academic year may mean lots of new stuff for your kids, don't let it be a budget-breaker. To make the back-to-school season easier and more affordable, do your homework and get your game-plan together.

The shopping experts at Dollar General are sharing convenient and cost-effective tips to prep the family for a great school year:

Cool Threads

For a new academic year, start with a fresh look. Any parent knows keeping up with fashion isn't the only consideration for school wear-- there's price to

think about as well. Not only do styles change, but children grow and change too. Be smart and buy the basics like jeans, sweaters and sweatshirts for those upcoming fall and winter days at low cost.

Kids quickly outgrow everything so you have to plan accordingly. For school uniforms, research online low prices, discounts and free shipping offers.

Reading, Writing, Arithmetic

Pencils, paper, calculators and everything else. For the little ones, you may need to stock up on pencils, markers, crayons and arts-and-crafts essentials. Older children may have more advanced classwork and advanced supplies like calculators, compasses and composition notebooks.

Consider purchasing all of these items during the summer from an everyday low price retailer like Dollar General. You can get a great deal and spread the

cost of back to school supplies out over the summer months.

The Breakfast Club

Breakfast is the most important meal of the day to help fuel their brains and muscles and meet their growing needs. Unfortunately, it may be quickly eaten in a rush out the door or completely forgotten all together.

Get off to a running start by clipping digital coupons and buying everyday items that can be eaten quickly, such as cereal or peanut butter. Save time and money by shopping online too. To help you save even more for the back to school season, text DGBTS to receive \$5 off any \$25 pretax purchase in more than 11,000 stores nationwide or online at www.dollargeneral.com.

The season of great deals starts now, so don't be late for school!


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Wednesday, September 3, 2014
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Cokie Roberts

The deeply respected and influential *New York Times* best-selling author and popular ABC and NPR correspondent plans to discuss her distinguished career, politics, the 2016 election and her books, including *Founding Mothers: The Women Who Raised Our Nation* and *We Are Our Mothers' Daughters*.






Marjane Satrapi
Wednesday, October 22, 2014
(Main Library, 7 p.m.)



Elizabeth Gilbert
Wednesday, November 19, 2014
(Stranahan Theater, 7 p.m.)

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First Day at Zoo School by Sarah Dillard

By Terri Schlichenmeyer
The Truth Contributor

This year, you'll be just like the big kids.

c. 2014
Sleeping Bear Press
\$14.99 / \$15.99 Canada
40 pages

Yep, this year, you're going to school. You'll have a brand-new backpack filled with paper and crayons. You'll have a desk where you'll sit and raise your hand when you want to talk. You might even get to ride the bus.

Best of all, you'll make new friends at school, maybe even a new best friend, but be careful what you ask for. In the new book *First Day at Zoo School* by Sarah Dillard, Alfred's new BFF is B-A-D.

Mrs. Wattles had the seats lined up and her blackboard was clean. It was the first day of Zoo School, and she was eager to welcome her new stu-

dents.

Amanda Panda was ready for school. She was excited

because there were so many possibilities for this year. But Alfred Alligator wasn't sure. He wasn't sure if he wanted to go to school. He just didn't see the reason.

Amanda didn't see something else when she got to Zoo School on that first day: she didn't see a best friend. Everybody else had one, so she clearly needed one, too.

Then she spotted Alfred standing all by himself.

Here was the best friend that

Amanda always wanted! They could sit together, right up in front of the class. They could eat lunch together every single day and maybe even share what was in their lunch bags. They'd be a team for every game. They'd walk home together at the end of every day. It would be awesome fun!

But Alfred wasn't having any of that. He hated sitting up front in class. He tried to hide from Amanda at lunchtime, but it didn't work. She even made him play a game that she wanted to play, even though he didn't like it.

This best friend idea was the WORST. Alfred didn't need all that, and he didn't need Amanda telling him what to do. He was NOT her best friend, and he told her so – and then he felt bad. He never meant to hurt Amanda's feelings. How could he make things better?

That first day of school is always scary – for you and for your child. But you can smooth the way with a cute little book like *First Day at Zoo School*.

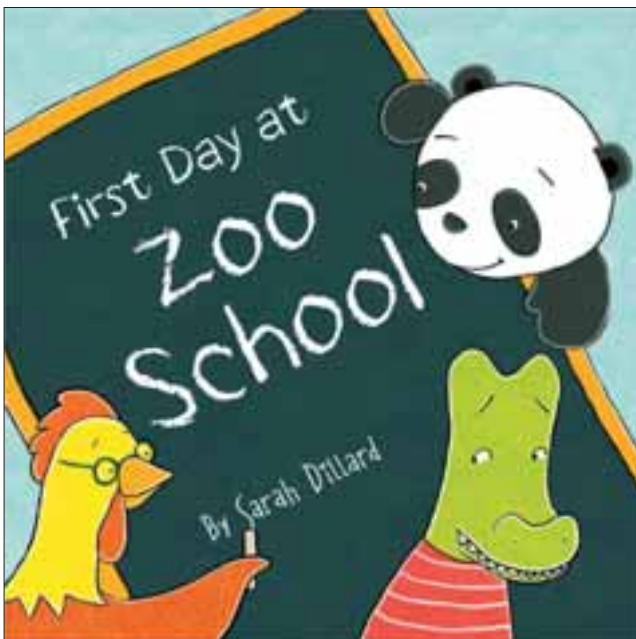
Every class, it seems, has at least one overeager student and author Sarah Dillard captured this one perfectly. Your child will clearly see that Amanda Panda has good intentions but Alfred Alligator isn't so sure about them, which may help children learn that they'll meet all kinds of people in school. The humor in this situation also takes some of the scare out of First-Day Jitters, and the hilarious (even to adults) illustrations will make you both giggle.

Kindergarteners-to-be and newly-minted First Graders will enjoy this tale; it may become a favorite, even later in the semester. For them, or for any child who's changing to a new school and is nervous about it, *First Day at Zoo School* will be a big hit.

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Empowering Africa's Next Generation of Leaders

By Valerie Jarrett
Special to The Truth

President Obama's town hall last month with 500 of Africa's most promising young leaders provided an inspiring window into what the future holds for Africa, and the world.

The 500 participants in the Washington Fellowship program were selected from nearly 50,000 applicants from across Africa, as part of the President's Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI). YALI was launched by President Obama in 2010, as part of a long-term investment in the next generation of African leaders. It aims to sharpen their skills, to improve their networks, and to strengthen partnerships between the United States and Africa for years to come.

The President announced during the town hall that the Washington Fellowship was being renamed as the Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders, in honor of the former South African President, Nelson Mandela. Mandela Washington Fellows represent the best and brightest from communities across Africa, and fields ranging from education, medicine, law, business, and beyond. These are the young leaders whose skills, passion, and visions for the future, will help shape the fate of their countries and the world. It is in everyone's best interest to help them prepare with the tools they need to build a healthier, more secure, more prosperous, and more peaceful Africa, which is why President Obama launched YALI in the first place.

President Obama also took last month's opportunity to preview another historic event planned for later in the summer. The U.S.-Africa Leaders Summit was hosted in Washington this past week by President Obama represented the largest gathering any American president has ever hosted with African heads of state and government.

The President pointed out:

"Even as we deal with crises and challenges in other parts of the world that often dominate the headlines; even as we acknowledge the real hardships that so many Africans face every day -- we have to make sure that we're all seizing the extraordinary potential of today's Africa, the youngest and fastest-growing continent."

"YALI is about capitalizing on the creativity and talent of Africa's young leaders by empowering them with the skills, training, and technology necessary to make lasting change, and meaningful progress back home. And to do so, we are engaging public and private sector partners to create new Regional Leadership Centers across Africa to reach more young leaders. We're joining with American universities, African institutions and business partners like Microsoft and MasterCard Foundation. Starting next year, young Africans can come to these centers to network, access the latest technology, and get training in management and entrepreneurship. The first centers will be located in Senegal, Ghana, South Africa and Kenya -- and will provide tens of thousands of young Africans the resources they need to put their ideas into action.

"As last year came to a close, the world said goodbye to one of the brightest lights the world

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The Toledo Museum of Art is seeking participants for a research study regarding its toddler tour program. Children ages 18-36 months who can speak in three to four word sentences and their adult caregivers can participate.

Sessions take place at the Museum every Saturday morning from **September 13-December 20, 2014**. Participants who attend all sessions will receive a \$150 gift card.

For more info and to register, visit research.toledomuseum.org or call 419-255-8000 ext. 7363.

Political Commentator Cokie Roberts Appearance on September 3

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

The Blade and the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library are proud to announce the 20th season of its **Authors! Authors!** series with a powerhouse lineup of authors, which kicks off with news correspondent **Cokie Roberts** (September 3), graphic novelist **Marjane Satrapi** (October 22) and New York Times mega-bestselling author of *Eat, Pray, Love* **Elizabeth Gilbert** (November 19).

Fall 2014 lineup:

- **Wednesday, September 3** – Cokie Roberts (Stranahan Theater): The deeply respected and influential New York Times bestselling author and popular ABC and NPR correspondent will discuss her distinguished career, politics, the upcoming election, and her books, including *Founding Mothers: The Women Who Raised Our Nation* and *We Are Our Mothers' Daughters*.

- **Wednesday, October 22** – Marjane Satrapi (McMaster Center, Main Library): This Iranian-born, internationally-acclaimed graphic novelist, children's book author, and filmmaker based her modern classic *Persepolis* on her childhood and early adult years in Iran during and after the Islamic revolution and their war with Iraq. She is scheduled to discuss her experience and inspiration, as well as her upcoming career turn as the writer/director of the upcoming film *The Voices*, starring **Ryan Reynolds** and **Anna Kendrick**.

- **Wednesday, November 19** – Elizabeth Gilbert (Stranahan Theater): The New York Times mega-bestselling author is best known for her work *Eat,*

Pray, Love which spent over 200 weeks on the bestseller list and was made into the equally popular film starring **Julia Roberts**. Her additional works further confirm her status as a literary powerhouse. Her short story collection *Pilgrims* won the Pushcart Prize, the biography *The Last American Man* was a finalist for the National Book Award and National Book Critic's Circle Award, and her most recent book *The Signature of All Things* has received rave reviews as it continues to hold forth on the bestsellers list.

Tickets are on sale at all Library locations during normal hours of operation. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students.

At each program, authors will speak for about an hour, followed by a short question and answer session. Following the program, the featured author will be available to sign copies of their works. Books will be available for purchase at the program from **Barnes & Noble Booksellers**.

An anticipated treat for the community, Authors! Authors! has welcomed one of the biggest names, straight off the bestsellers lists, for an evening of discussion, Q&A and book signings. Some of the exciting names from past series appearances include **David McCullough**, **Anna Quindlen**, **Isabel Allende**, **Neil Gaiman**, **Sebastian Junger**, **Nicholas Sparks**, **Bob Woodward**, **Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.**, **Nikki Giovanni**, **John Updike**, **Henry Louis Gates, Jr.**, **P.J. O'Rourke**, **Donna Brazill**, and **Sue Grafton** to name a few.

For media inquiries please contact **Ben Malczewski**, Library Humanities Coordinator, and Authors! Authors!/Open Book series Coordinator at Benjamin.Malczewski@toledolibrary.org or 419.259.5193.

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Tech-Savvy Tips to Get Kids Organized for Back-to-School

Special to The Truth

When it's time for the kids to head back to school, they'll often find themselves buried in binders, folders and enough loose-leaf paper to transcribe "War and Peace." Your son or daughter might be able to keep these supplies neat and tidy for a couple of days, maybe even a week or two, but eventually, organization is going to fall by the wayside.

Unless, of course, you were to find a way to store it all in a space the size of say, a hard drive. Remember folks, it's 2014 -- technology rules the day. So stop treating back to school like they did last century and take a look at some techno-savvy tips that can keep your kids organized year-round.

APPLY Yourself

A variation on a familiar parental refrain. We're not talking about effort, however, we're talking about the power of applications. Sure, when you were in school, you'd write your assignments down in your notebook -- but you also walked to school uphill, both ways.

There are plenty of great mobile apps that can help your young student keep their ducks in a row, and the most basic is an iteration of a classic: the to-do list. While your son or daughter might lose that sheet of paper they wrote their assignments on, they won't be so cavalier about the phone that connects them to their friends and to the world at-large.

Digitize

We've established that sheets of paper can disappear, but notebooks and binders can vanish as well. Problem is, to lose one of those, is to lose much more than just a day's homework. Luckily, it's a little more difficult to lose

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has ever known -- President Nelson Mandela. His life was proof of the power within each of us to leave the world better than we found it. Yet, as that brilliant star dimmed, we now have the opportunity to see 500 more shine brightly this week."

One of this summer's Fellows, Sobel Ngom from Senegal, captured the spirit of his experience in the YALI program this way: "Here, I have met Africa. The [Africa] I have always believed in. She is beautiful, young, full of talent, motivation and ambition."

And being here with all of his Fellow Mandela Washington Fellows -- learning together, working together, dreaming together -- has only strengthened his determination, he says, to realize his aspirations for his country and his continent.

The 500 fellows come from 49 different sub-Saharan African nations. The number of participants is expected to increase to 1,000 in 2016.

A continent on the move, in recent years Africa has seen real incomes increase by 30 percent after two decades of decline; trade with the rest of the world has increased by 200 percent; HIV infections have declined by 40 percent and malaria deaths among young children have declined by 50 percent.



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Still Time To *Flock* to the Zoo before School Starts

Special to The Truth

Summer goes by too fast. Savor the fun at the Toledo Zoo, where every day brings you a new experience.

It starts with the all-new Flamingo Key, Penguin Beach and 'Keet Retreat. Flamingo Key, sponsored by Toledo Express Airport, shows off the "avian supermodels" back at the Zoo for the first time in decades. Near Primate Forest, Penguin Beach leads you *right through* the penguins' exhibit, along with daily keeper-led penguin feeds sponsored by ProMedica. Just a couple minutes away, 'Keet Retreat, sponsored by BP, offers a fun new walk-through encounter with these bright, friendly little birds.

Don't miss the summer's animal feeds and enrichment demonstrations. From keeper-led feeds of penguins, hippos and native turtles to enrichment for Cinereous Vultures, Rhinoceros Hornbills and elephants, watch your favorite animals

chow down or interact with keepers and enrichment objects. It's fun for visitors to watch and meaningful for the animals, too. These opportunities are **free with regular Zoo admission**.

In Nature's Neighborhood, the award-winning children's zoo, even more fun is waiting. The Stream is open for the summer, along with new animals in the Forest Room, an interactive green screen in Jumpin' Junction and kids' programs in The Workshop. At the nearby Museum of Science, learn more about how animals fly during daily Science of Animals and Flight shows at 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. All these activities are free with regular Zoo admission.

Additional activities, offered at a separate fee and available through online advance reservation, include new Behind-the-Scenes Tours that feature **penguins, seals, big cats, rhinos, Watusi cattle and**

Australian dingoes. Continuing this year are family-favorite rides on the **Safari Express train, African Animal and historic carousels**. The Zoo's ride passes make these opportunities more affordable than ever.

Visitor experiences like these are just some of the reasons the Toledo Zoo is rated the #1 zoo in the nation by USA Today Travel, and among the top ten family attractions nationwide by FamilyFun Magazine. More information is at toledozoo.org.

This summer, the Zoo is open seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Zoo is located on the Anthony Wayne Trail (US 25), four miles south of downtown Toledo. For more information, please visit toledozoo.org or call 419.385.4040. Lucas County residents are admitted free of charge on non-holiday Mondays from 10 a.m. to noon. Valid ID showing proof of residency is required.

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a computer.

If you decide to digitize, look for something that's both portable and durable. Consider HP's Next Generation PC and Print Portfolio, which has some great choices for students. The HP ENVY x360, for instance, is a convertible PC offering up to a terabyte of storage and a unique hinge that shifts from notebook to tent or tablet mode; it's powerful enough for work and versatile enough for play (not during class, of course). The HP Split x2 is another option. A sleek, light-

weight model, this 2-in-1 detachable PC enables users to easily switch from notebook to tablet and back, and its fan-less design allows it to run quietly, meaning it won't disturb the rest of the class.

Before going this route, just be sure to find out whether your local school district allows such devices in the classroom.

Ink and Paper Have a Purpose

While having all your course materials in one place is convenient, most teachers don't accept assignments sent as email attachments.


A multi-functional printer is a staple in any modern household, so you'll want to make sure your kids have access to one. Try the HP ENVY

5530 e-All-in-One printer if you're in need. It doubles as a copier/scanner and features HP Instant Ink, a monthly service that automatically orders replacement cartridges before your ink runs out, saving you time and up to 50 percent on ink. Plus, it can print from most smartphones and tablets.

For more info, visit <http://www.shopping.hp.com/>

Staying organized the old-fashioned way can be cumbersome, so why not use all the technological tools at your disposal? When your son or daughter heads back into the classroom, make sure they're well-equipped and that they can never use the excuse: "my dog ate my homework."

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"Toledo Stories: Sign On – A Journey of Integrating Technology"

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WGTE will premiere its newest half-hour documentary on Thursday, August 14, 2014 at 8:00 p.m. "Toledo Stories: Sign On – A Journey of Integrating Technology" documents the trials and triumphs of three northwest Ohio teachers as they learn to incorporate iPads in their classrooms.

Produced by WGTE, "Sign On: A Journey of Integrating Technology" takes viewers inside the classroom as WGTE's Educational Resource Center's profes-

sional development staff help teachers at the Islamic School of Greater Toledo and Waite High School learn how technology can help produce better learning outcomes for their students.

At www.wgte.org, "Sign On" Web extras can be found, including a video discussion on technology and early learning, a behind-the-scenes look at the production process and a reunion with the program's teachers.

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bends a listening ear towards the Church of the Living God to hear, "what sayeth the Lord?" on social and moral issues?

Is it because those who occupy so many pulpits across America has so diluted their teaching and preaching that the world is more in the church than the church is in the world?

Has the saltiness of the church been trampled and lost and its light hidden under the proverbial bushel basket?

Has the pulpit been hijacked by mere hirelings who care not for the sheep or for even propagating a sound word that has a moral punch within it, or, would so speaking,

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of over 90 elected officials and over 270 small businesses have signed on to publicly support the freedom to marry, according to Michael Premo of Why Marriage Matters Ohio, a marriage equality advocacy group. Conversations around love, commitment, and family are also taking place in Ohio to "consider new information and perhaps reconsider old ideas."

My opinion?

The handwriting is on the wall. And, in the words of Michael Eric Dyson, PhD, "If you are against gay marriage then don't marry a gay person!" It's that simple. For many in the black community however, it is too late, evidenced by the heterosexual transmission of HIV and other STD's by gay men. I support the "valuing of ALL persons regardless of their particulars," – black/white, rich/poor, young/old, tall/short, long hair/short/no hair as well as gay/straight. To keep people trapped in a closet of antiquated ideological and theological stigma rather than to allow them to "be who they are" is the hypocrisy that is located "a stone's throw away".

There is additional handwriting on the wall of change that religious and other leaders are currently having difficulty interpreting as well.

The epidemic of gun violence continues to snuff out lives, robbing thousands of young black and brown people of their potential from Columbus to Compton and Tuscaloosa to Toledo. Religious, political and community leadership are at wits end in their attempts to find a solution to the culture of violence that has become the new norm for children who, growing up in war zones where violence is witnessed daily, are becoming oppressively traumatized. (Why is it that the individual and

cause the effete pastor to wince because he would rather see the semi-illiterate (lack of Bible knowledge and discernment) pew siter have their best life now and leave the church happy and not under any conviction or remorse?

The sheep are being scattered and the Caesars (courts and legislatures) of the world are trumpeting their new found freedoms of control over the institution of marriage and are being energized by the well-oiled lobby of the sodomites who both deny God and defy God.

Once the moral rot of the acceptance of gay marriages takes it full toll on these shores, it is only a matter of time before that rot metastasizes to other vital societal

mass murder in majority white communities is treated as acts of mental illness while accepted as normal in black and brown communities?)

What is a surefire solution to end the gun violence?

It is simple. Legalize marijuana and possibly other drugs.

Only 13.5 percent of all drug users and dealers in the U.S. are black (versus 72 percent white). But 37 percent of those arrested for drug violations, 60 percent of those in state prisons, and 81 percent of those charged with federal drug violations are black. Approximately 80 percent of black on black homicides involve drug "turf wars," disputes or other drug-related altercations.

There is a growing movement against the prohibition of marijuana that is gaining steam. Two states (Colorado and Washington) have already legalized marijuana while Alaska, Arkansas, California, Oregon, Rhode Island and Washington D.C. are poised to soon follow.

The handwriting is indeed on the wall, but many cannot read it because of the ideological and theological blinders we are wearing.

"We legalized alcohol in the U.S. in 1933," says Jack Cole, retired detective lieutenant and former undercover officer with the New Jersey State Police and who is co-founder of the Law Enforcement Against Prohibition (LEAP). "And the next morning Al Capone and his smugglers were out of business and no longer killing each other to control that lucrative market. They were no longer killing our children in crossfire and drive-by-shootings or killing us cops, charged with fighting that useless war. Today, this is not a war on drugs. It is a \$500 billion per year war on people," he adds.

Ending the prohibition on marijuana and establishing government oversight and dis-

tribution would provide the U.S. treasury with 76.8 billion dollars. This money can be redirected to give hope to millions of young people and restore them as productive members of society while paying for quality educational, healthcare, housing and economic opportunities in communities long under siege from drug-related violence.

If the true church of God (not including those apostate denominations that have already bowed their knee to Satan in their acceptance of gay marriages) is to make a stand, now is the time.

They might have to forsake the applause and comforts of social acceptance and be willing to suffer the slings and arrows of an enraged Herod but if they have already died out to self, they have nothing to lose but all to gain.

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Yet, the most significant change would possibly occur in the black community's cultural and spiritual capital. When the profit is taken away from street drug dealers, gangsters would disappear and those involved in violence or that harm our community will no longer be glorified. Instead, men will be celebrated for how they take care of their wives, partners and children. Education and knowledge will be seen as the way forward rather than through drug dealing or athletics. Men and women will be honored and admired, not for how much money they make but by how they make the black community better.

The handwriting is on the wall. What is needed, are leaders who are able to discern the sign of the times.

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be linked to the success of the first African-American auto-maker, C.R. Patterson and Sons of Greenfield, Ohio. The Pattersons manufactured automobiles from 1915 until 1919.

Wesley Cole ran a garage, in downtown Toledo, and soon earned a contract from a well-known meat packing and distribution company. The contract required truck repairs, and was awarded to Wesley Cole because of his good reputation and excellent work. In later years, Wes-

ley Cole built a garage in the family's backyard and continued auto repairs as a self-employed businessman.

Wesley Cole and his wife, Henrietta, raised four daughters and three sons. Wesley and Henrietta were soul mates, married in their late teens, remained loyal to each other until Wesley's death in 1969.

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Vann-Cole 2014 Family Reunion

Special to The Truth

The descendants of Wesley and Henrietta Vann-Cole held a family reunion on Saturday, August 2, 2014 at Walbridge Park in East Toledo.

A committee of 10 family members met monthly for some time operating under the wisdom found in the Bible, Proverbs 15:22. "Plans go wrong without talking together, but they will go well when many wise men and women talk about what to do."

In the new version of the Bible, the same passage says, "the best laid plans of mice and men will often go awry." The committee understood the Bible verse to mean, regardless of careful planning, something may still go wrong during the reunion.

In spite of Toledo's water crisis, family members from Florida, Texas, Virginia, Georgia, Michigan, and parts of Ohio gathered and enjoyed the planned reunion activities. A family neighbor was hired and prepared barbecue ribs and chicken. Heriva King, a local caterer prepared the side dishes.

Reunion shirts were designed by Art and Air Brush Company, which included three family-related images. The unique design displays images of Mary Vann surrounded by her three children Henrietta, Hugh and Paraless. The second image is Wesley and Henrietta Vann-Cole. The third image is young Wesley and several family members next to his new car.

Wesley and Henrietta were one of Toledo's first African-American families who settled in the Toledo area in 1929. Wesley then left and participated in a correspondence course, where he learned how to repair automobiles. Wesley Cole temporarily

left his wife, three young children, and Henrietta's mother Mary Vann, in Pawhuska, Oklahoma until he was able to establish a home for the family.

When that task was completed, the entire family came to Toledo, together. Wesley had a keen interest in automobiles, which could

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