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## AALP Legends Weekend



2014 Emerging Leaders: Marcus Sneed, Treva Jeffries, Lionel Brock, Faith Hairston, Cherron Payne and AALP Executive Director Robert Smith

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## Street Talk II

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

The real servant of the people, then, will give more attention to those to be served than to the use that somebody may want to make of them.

Carter G. Woodson



Early voting began Tuesday, October 7 for the November 4 election. "It is of importance," one community flyer reads, "that we ... vote for change." Pursuers of tangible positive change, at least in Toledo, Ohio, have found it to be adeptly evasive. Motivating African-American voters to show up at the polls in sizable numbers for a mid-term election has also been an elusive chase in recent years.

How do we regain the sense of obligation to exercise the right bequeathed to us by ancestors through the shedding of blood and sacrifice of their lives? What action, particularly in the black community, represents responsible use of the ballot in the aftermath of a widespread assault on the voting rights of blacks and the poor not seen since the Jim Crow segregation of the 1950s?

I took to the streets, churches, barbershops and cafes to explore the community's thinking about the upcoming election and to learn how our latent power to achieve real change can best be exercised. The following represents part II of this community dialog.

Perryman: What do you think of the upcoming election?

We the Peeps: Same old, same old. Pretty sad. Business as usual and the same old politics.

**Perryman:** Are you saying that the African-American community should stay home and continue to boycott midterm elections as we usually do?

We the Peeps: No. No. No. The only reason things can possibly change is if we come out. That's why we have to show up. Low voter turnout ensures that the politicians will keep playing the same old games. They will keep putting their own agenda ahead of the community's agenda. Therefore we will lose once again. So it's important that we come out to vote, get to the polls.

**Perryman:** What have those whom the black community helped to get elected in the past, done for the community?

We the Peeps: We always talk about holding politicians and public servants accountable. At the end of the day, what are we implementing to hold them accountable? I, for one, give my vote and hold their feet to the fire by saying to them "This is what you said you were going to do and if you dont't, I will let my community – those who look like me and pay taxes like

#### The Sojourner's Truth

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**Perryman:** Let's get right down to it. I am looking for reasons to get out to vote. What are some of the issues and who are some of the candidates on the ballot that stick out in your mind?

We the Peeps: Well, I'm good with the Mental Health levy. It's not a new

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### **Community Calendar**

#### October 11

United Church of God Women's Breakfast: 9 to 11 am; Open to all women Center of Hope Annual Women's Empowerment Celebration: 11:30 am; Speaker April Hearns: 419-304-5693

#### October 12

Calvary Baptist Church 85th Anniversary: 4 pm Service; Guest speaker Pastor Lorenzo Edwards of Holy Cross

Indiana Ave. MBC Quartet Musical Concert: Presented by No 1 Nurses Guild; 5 pm; The Sensational Bentley's of Louisville, KY and various Toledo quartets; Stephenson Roberts Hall: 419-470-0616

Servant's Heart Christian Church 10th Anniversary: 5 pm; "Pressing Towards the Mark;" Guest Pastor William James of St. James (The Armory) COGIC United MBC 31st Church Anniversary and Blessing of "Mortgage Burning:" 10:45 am service – guest Rev. Robert Lyons of Louisville; 4 pm service – guest Rev. Derek Arnold of Bethlehem Baptist

#### October 13

Community Conversation for School Success: 6:30 to 8 pm; Kent Branch Library; Meeting for citizens, students, administrators, teachers, university faculty to Pool Our Knowledge about how to achieve success for K-12 and post secondary re: 1. Cultural competency; 2. Parental involvement; 3. Community involvement; 4. Suspension rates and disparities; 5. Governmental control of education: 419-283-8288 or lynne.hamer@utoledo.edu / 419-309-4931 or willie.mckether@utoledo.edu

#### October 14

NAACP General Membership Monthly Meeting: 7 pm; 1326 Collingwood

#### October 1

Calvary Baptist Church 85th Anniversary: 4 pm service; Guest speaker Pastor Donald Newsom of Mt. Zion Baptist Church

Center of Hope Women's Empowerment Celebration: 11:30 am; Speaker Rev. April Hearn of Detroit; Presented by COH Bodacious Women's and Women Ministries: 419-304-5693

Beulah Baptist Church Anniversary: 4 pm; Guest Rev. Michael Key of Peoples Baptist Church

#### October 20

Iota Theta Sigma Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Meet and Greet: Lagrange Branch Library; 5:45 to 7:45 pm; Networking, membership opportunities, fellowship

#### October 25

First Church of God Ceremony of Consecration by the College of Bishops for Rev. Robert Culp: Noon: 419-214-0530 or fcogconsecration@gmail.com

#### October 20

Spring Street Baptist Church 81st Anniversary: 4 pm service; Guest speaker Pastor Cecil J. Graham of True Vine

Calvary Baptist Church 85th Anniversary: 4 pm service; Guest speaker Pastor Stanley Clark of United Vision Baptist

First Church of God 80th Birthday Celebration for Rev. Robert Culp: 10 am service; Guest speaker Bishop Timothy Clarke of Columbus: 419-214-0530 or fcogconsecration@gmail.com

## **Did You Hear About This?**

By Lafe Tolliver Guest Column

When people come to me and are disillusioned about the current state of the local church and they want to know how they can spot a local assembly that seems to be on the up and up but they do not want to commit to it unless and until they know something of its inner workings, I tell them this:

By their fruits you can spot and smell a phony church which is producing bitter grapes or brackish water and is engaged in religious nonsense and buffoonery and, on the flip side, a church that is legit and authentic.

Yes, sad as it is, there are church bodies that exist for reasons other than the primary purpose of the propagation of the Gospel and to humbly disciple men and women.

In my decades of attending various church assemblies and storing up a considerable library of books that speak to the same issue and being able to discern between a wolf and a true under shepherd, I offer below my personal top seven "Bewares" so that you can discern for yourself what is happening in a church fellowship with which you are considering being affiliated.

Will my list touch upon every possible scenario that you could possibly encounter in choosing what is known as a "church home?" No, but it is a good starting point especially for a novice who, as of yet, is not yet versed in the bog of "churchy" sounding words or church politics.

So, here we go.

Beware One: If you go to a local church assembly and their main focus or emphasis is on separating you from your wallet or purse. Watch out! You are in the company of money hustlers who will use any means possible, including guilt trips, to have you get in their \$100 giving line or the \$25 giving line. They will merchandise you without a qualm.

Why do they do it? Because they can! Because the sleeping sheep in that church are without any discernment as to what the Word of God says about giving. They may stay due to family ties, out of peer pressure or are just too lazy to go elsewhere.

If there is a steady drum beat of give ... give ... give until it hurts or you are pressured to give for any and all occasions created by the pastor and there is no transparency as to where the money goes or who gets it ... run for the door.

Even if you have to leave your coat or hat in the pew, just run. Run like someone just set your pants on fire. Run like your life depends on it.

Matter of fact, because of your running, you should have many bruises on your arms and legs as they were hitting chairs and pews on your way out of the door.

Clear enough?

Oh, by the way, when they preach that gambit that you are under a divine obligation to give a weekly or bi-weekly tithe (one tenth of your gross income), run even faster because tithing is not required under the New Testament. Joyful, freewill and glad giving is. Any pastor that says that the tithe is your guaranteed ticket to wealth, health and favor with God doesn't have two working brain cells.

Beware Two: When you attend a church meeting about the business of the church and you have questions but are discouraged from asking them and are given the "evil eye" when you are seeking transparency and wishing to avoid doubletalk in the decisions that are made ... run. Run like a crazy man (or woman) until you reach the parking lot and are peeling rubber to get away from that cult.

If you want to see the financial records of the church or its minutes and you are told that you are not a leader or an elder or a deacon and thus those records are not for you to see ... run. Run like someone is about to throw a five-gallon pan of super hot grits on you. Run, fool, run!

Beware Three: If the fellowship you are considering has a pastor or a leader who is always speaking from his subjective experiences or from the news headlines or from a popular book on human potential or is always giving a feel-good sermon but with no biblical basis for the text ... run. Run like you just came upon a mean hungry bear with her starving cubs and the bear eyes you like her

next snack.

Beware Four: If the fellowship you are attending or plan on attending wants to give you a list of do's and don'ts which includes mandatory church times, seeing your paystubs, telling you whom you can see or not see, regulating your free time, whom you can or cannot marry or what holidays you can celebrate or not celebrate or having you stand up when the pastor enters the sanctuary ... run. Run as if you were just poisoned and you are running to a local hospital for an antidote.

Beware Five: If you study the Bible and have questions as to what you heard from the pulpit and it does not line up with the Word of God and you go to the speaker with your concerns or with gentle corrections, suggestions or input and you are shown the door on the basis that you do not "touch God's anointed"... run. Run as if you just learned that your daughter is drowning in the next door neighbor's pool and you can hear her calling out for help!

Beware Six: If you attend or think about attending a local fellowship where you are expected to give deference to anyone who has a title and not question his "authority" or you see the local leadership giving preference to those with money or those with degrees or titles ... run. Run as if you just saw three giant pit bulls running at you and they ain't wagging their tails! Run, fool, run!

Beware Seven: If you are considering a church that has a First Lady (if there is a "first" lady then there has to be a second or a third lady and, by the way, there is no such title or office in the Word of God) or the church has a female co-pastor (again, pure man-made fiction with no scriptural support), slowly, but smiling all the time so as not to cause any undue suspicion alarm, move to an exit and then bolt for your car, never to return. Run as if you are being chased by a headless horseman.

Well. There you have it. A partial list of what to watch out for since so much of the world's corrupting influence has entered and captured the church that sometimes you cannot tell one from the other. Now, you can with my Beware List! And it's free! Disregard it at your own peril.

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## African American Legacy Project Acknowledges Emerging Leaders

By Tricia Hall Sojourner's Truth Reporter

Toledo's African American Legacy Project honored five emerging leaders during the annual Legends Hospitality Reception on Friday, October 3, 2014 at the Toledo Club.

The event welcomed community and political leaders, faith-based leaders and community residents. Individuals were welcomed by event volunteers, enjoyed networking opportunities, and celebrated the accomplishments of the 2014 emerging leaders. The five honorees each received a plaque commemorating the event.

Honoree Faith A. Hairston, "I'm honored to have the opportunity to serve in the community, because it's very important to me," she shared during the reception. Hairston graduated from Libbey High School and Bowling Green State University. She has served as the manager at Kent Branch Library located on Collingwood Blvd since 2002. After a few years of successful operations and programming, plans were started for a major renovation.

To overcome the budget crisis facing libraries in Ohio, Hairston assisted in writing a federal grant for funds to add more technology to Kent. Under the leadership of then Deputy Director Margaret Danziger, Kent's proposal was accepted and awarded \$2.1 million through the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program, a federal stimulus program. As a result, Kent is now a prototype of what public libraries in the future should look like.



Marcus Sneed, Treva Jeffries, Lionel Brock, Faith Hairston, Cherron Payne and AALP Executive Director Robert Smith

"It's a blessing to be selected as an honoree. I was amazed when I was selected," shared Honoree Lionel D. Brock. He joined the Managed Wealth Financial team in 2011, serves as president of the University of Toledo Black Alumni Affiliate and also serves as youth pastor and director of outreach at his church.

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## 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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Brock earned his BS in pharmacology/toxicology from the University of Toledo and he began his career working and teaching in the medical research field. Although much of that experience was positive, he always wanted to make a more direct impact on people's lives, which led him to look at the financial industry.

Upon receiving his Masters of Business Administration from Walden University in 2010, he began his career with a firm where he gained valuable financial management experience but realized he needed to align himself with a firm with a broader array of client solutions. This led him to Managed Wealth Financial.

Scott High School Principal and honoree Treva E. Jeffries, "I want to thank the community for their continued support. I'm humbled by this experience." Jeffries is a graduate of Scott high school and has served as the school's principal for six years. Jeffries received her B.S. in Biology from Kentucky State University in 1997. She received her M. Ed in Curriculum and Instruction from Bowling Green State University.

"I'm humbled by the experience, I don't serve the community to earn awards, but I'm grateful for the acknowledgement. I urge individuals to give back, because you always want to help someone become better and do better" shared Marcus L. Sneed, emerging leader honoree. Sneed is a Scott High School and the University of Toledo graduate, and serves as associate director for the Office of Alumni Relations with the University of Toledo Foundation. He has quietly made strides in securing scholarships for UT's students of color, and is as an ever-present voice and advocate for African-American alumni through his role with the university.

"I'm honored to receive this award by my community. It's my na-



AALP volunteers - Gwen Roberts, Dawn Humphrey, Jacqueline Humphrey, Brenda Hil, Essie Wiggins

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ture to give back to the community," explained Cherron M. Payne, Esq. Payne is the founder of Global Motion dance troupe, plays the viola for an orchestra, and volunteers with various boards and organizations.

Payne, a native Toledoan, graduated from Notre Dame Academy and entered Ohio University Honors College as a *Templeton Scholar*. She graduated summa cum laude in only three years. Continuing her education, she received a Graduate Fellowship to Harvard University where she earned her masters degree and then earned a law degree from Vanderbilt University as well as advanced diploma with honors from Oxford University.

Payne is the founder and managing principal of ACP Law Firm, LLC. [Connecticut]. She has worked as an adjunct instructor of law and a contract specialist at the University of Connecticut.



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# African American Genealogy and the Pursuit of Family History

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

The Toledo-Lucas County Public Library brings to the community a FREE unforgettable program titled **African American Genealogy and the Pursuit of Family History** scheduled from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, October 25 in the McMaster Center at Main Library, 325 Michigan St., in downtown Toledo.

This course, organized by the Library's Local History and Genealogy Department, presents an introduction to the world of family history research from an African American researcher's perspective. Join professional genealogist **Timothy Pinnick** as he outlines beginning steps, identifies important resources, and discusses research methods and strategies. **Registration is required** to attend this FREE and open to the public event – call 419.259.5233 to register!

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Pinnick, also an independent scholar, lecturer, author and entrepreneur, is known in genealogical circles for his vast research. For example, for more than a decade he has accumulated information on African-American coal miners with an accompanying website: http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~blackcoalminers

He has also expanded his research interests in other areas of African-American history and genealogy covering roughly the period from the Civil War to 1930. He teaches in the African-American track at the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research. Pinnick has served on the boards of both the Association of Professional Genealogists and Federation of Genealogical Societies.

According to an article published on the History Detectives page of PBS.org, do-it-yourself genealogical research has become a popular hobby for millions of Americans. Some historical factors can inhibit or aid your research, based on events surrounding the lineage you are tracing.

The article states, "One potential obstacle to tracing African-American lineage is slavery, an institution that broke family bonds and made record keeping nearly impossible. Because African-American slaves were considered property, often a bill of sale - bearing just the age and gender of the person sold - is the only record for an individual living in a pre-Civil War slave-holding state.

The challenges of reaching back to the period before the Civil War are great, but a host of tools are available if you know where to look. One invaluable resource is The U.S. National Archives. Documents created by federal agencies after the Civil War provide a wealth of personal data about the nearly four million African Americans freed by the Emancipation Proclamation.

For example, The Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands (or Freedmen's Bureau), established by Congress on March 3, 1865, has a wealth of searchable information. Established to supervise relief and educational efforts for refugees and freed slaves, the Freedmen's Bureau helped countless African-Americans reunite with relatives at the end of the Civil War. Though officially disbanded in 1872, the bureau still maintains detailed records concerning African-American military service, plantation conditions, migration, the names of slave owners, and a host of family-related matters such as birth, marriage and death certificates.

The most reliable records for the pre-Civil War era may be oral histories. Genealogical histories were passed down through stories told from one generation to the next. Since this was often the only way to preserve one's lineage, keeping the facts straight was of paramount importance.

In the 1930s the U.S. Library of Congress created Voices from the Days of Slaver, an oral history project developed to record and transcribe accounts by surviving witnesses of the Civil War and slavery. With the development of audio tape recordings, oral histories have become much easier to collect and preserve, and it is now not uncommon to find genealogical information through various individual collectors."

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## Speak Up During National Bullying Prevention Month

Special to The Truth

With classes, sports, homework and other activities, weekdays are action packed for kids. Unfortunately, some students deal with an unwelcome addition to their daily routine -- bullying. An estimated 13 million students are bullied annually, according to government statistics

With online social media so widely available to kids today, bullying doesn't necessarily stop after school, and often takes place round-the-clock. The repercussions can be missed days of school, depression and even suicide.

Fortunately, kids are getting more help these days as bullying prevention efforts are growing nationwide.

Cartoon Network has been a pioneer in this space and its "Stop Bullying: Speak Up" campaign has been empowering bystanders to put a stop to bullying since it launched in 2010. On average, more than 100,000 people visit the initiative's website monthly to learn prevention strategies.

"Speaking up to a trusted adult is the safest, most effective way for victims and bystanders to bring an end to a bullying situation," says Alice Cahn, Cartoon Network vice president of social responsibility. "Bystanders in particular can be powerful agents for change when they report incidents."

Support for Cartoon Network's award-winning pro-social effort has come from such diverse organizations as Facebook, Boys & Girls Clubs of America, LG Mobile, and CNN. President Obama even invited Cartoon Network to the first Bullying Prevention Summit at the White House, and later introduced the initiative's first documentary, "Speak Up."

This year, Cartoon Network's Speak Up Week (Sept. 29 - Oct. 3) kicks off National Bullying Prevention Month in October and is a great time to review ways that adults and kids can stand up to bully-

ing

- Cyberbullying: Don't contribute to the problem by sharing, saving, forwarding or reposting information. If you're on the receiving end, resist the urge to get back at the person or fix the issue online -- both can make the problem worse. Get offline and deal with it in real life. Parents can help prevent cyberbullying by monitoring kids' use of computers, mobile phones and tablets.
- Don't stand by: Research has found that when bullying occurs and a bystander intervenes by speaking up, more than half of bullying situations stop within just 10 seconds.
- Share your voice: Cartoon Network is recruiting 1MM students, parents, teachers, legislators and anyone concerned about bullying prevention to submit user-generated videos that feature individuals declaring the phrase, "I Speak Up!" You can use a smartphone or go online to upload your own video to the www.StopBullyingSpeakUp. com website

Participants are also encouraged to use the hashtag, #ISpeakUp to share videos via their own social media platforms to help spread the word and enlist friends to take part in the 1MM challenge. Select videos will appear on-air as part of new campaign spots for Cartoon Network, its digital platforms and Boomerang.

• Listen: Parents should check in with kids periodically to make sure they're safe and happy at school, on the playground and online. If you're an adult and a child tells you about a bullying situation, listen. Either let the school know about the issue or talk to the other children's parents about putting a stop to the behavior.

Whether you're a victim, a bystander or a concerned adult, don't sweep bullying under the rug. By speaking out against cruelty, you can help end bullying.

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#### TOLEDO-LUCAS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY presents

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and the Pursuit of Family History

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This program is free and open to the public. Free on-site parking.

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## The African American Legacy Project of Northwest Ohio in Partnership with Toledo Public **Schools Presents The Second Annual Legends** All-Star Co-Ed Basketball Fundamentals Camp.

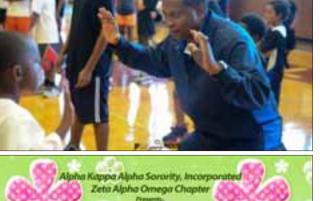
By Angela Steward, Fitness Motivator The Truth Contributor

The Camp led by former Libbey High School Basketball Head Coach Leroy Bates will focus on shooting, dribbling, defense, and passing. Students will be taught the fundamentals of basketball through drills, practice, contests, and games. Emphasis will be placed upon good sportsmanship, teamwork, and proper mental attitude. Each camper will receive four sessions of quality instructions, a written player evaluation, camp certificate, and contest awards.

The four-day camp is FREE and runs nightly 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. beginning Monday, October 20 through Thursday, October 24, 2014 will be held at Calvin M. Woodward High School Field house, 701 Central Ave. and is open to the first 100 elementary school students fourth through eighth grades.

To register your child and for more information about the camp contact: Coach Leroy Bates by calling: 419-350-2565















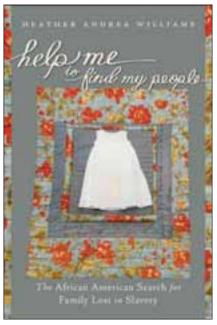
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## The Library Recommend for the Month of October ...

For the month of October, the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library recommends the book Help Me to Find My People: The African American Search for Family Lost in Slavery by Heather Andrea Williams (The John Hope Franklin Series in African American History and Culture). This book is a perfect companion for attendees of the Library's upcoming workshop African American Genealogy and the Pursuit of Family History scheduled from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, October 25 in the McMaster Center of Main Library, 325 Michigan St. (Register for this FREE event by calling 419.259.5233).

After the Civil War, African Americans placed poignant "information wanted" advertisements in newspapers, searching for missing family members. Inspired by the power of these ads, Heather Andrea Williams uses slave narratives, letters, interviews, public records, and diaries to guide readers back to devastating moments of family separation during slavery when people were sold away from parents, siblings, spouses, and children. Williams explores the heartbreaking stories of separation and the long, usually unsuccessful journeys toward reunification. Examining the interior lives of the enslaved and freed people as they tried to come to terms with great loss, Williams grounds their grief, fear, anger, longing, frustration and hope in the history of American slavery and the domestic slave trade.

Williams follows those who were separated, chronicles their searches, and documents the rare experience of reunion. She also explores the sympathy, indifference, hostility or empathy expressed by whites



about sundry black families. Williams shows in African-American culture in the ongohow searches for family members in the ing search for family history and connection post-Civil War era continue to reverberate across generations.

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# Imagination Station Celebrates 5 Years of Bringing Interactive Science Education to Toledo

The Science Center Turns 5 on October 10, 2014

Imagination Station announced on Tuesday, September 30 that it will kick off its Five Year Celebration by launching 500 paper Gizmocopters on October 10 and welcoming the temporary exhibition Dinosaurs Unearthed on October 25. Throughout the year, the science center will commemorate its birthday by collecting over 2,500 photos from visitors at Imagination Station to create a photo mosaic.

Over the past five years, Imagination Station has grown dramatically with three new exhibitions, three new major exhibits, 11 temporary exhibitions and exhibits, summer camps, workshops and an expansion of its educational programmatic offerings. Imagination Station has also forged new partnerships with businesses, organizations and educational institutions. Since opening, the science center has welcomed 984,432 visitors, adopted 21,654 students and teachers through our Adopt-a-School program, reached 65,240 through educational outreach programs and welcomed 33,291 Lucas County free kids on Saturdays. The science center looks forward to working with the community to continue to grow and offer new learning experience to northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan. Imagination Station will kickoff its birthday celebration with these events this October:

#### Gizmocopter Drop • October 10 at 10:30am

On Imagination Station's birthday, the science center is celebrating by inviting over 250 fifth graders from schools that have taken a field trip to the science center each year since 2009. Students from those

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#### **Scott High School**

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schools and visitors will participate in a paper Gizmocopter drop with  $500 \; \text{Gizmocopters}$ .

#### Photo Mosaic • October 10, 2014 - October 10, 2015

To commemorate its 5th year, Imagination Station is inviting visitors to contribute to a photo mosaic with over 2,500 photos taken of visitors at the science center. All photos must be vertically oriented and can be submitted via Facebook or Twitter with family name attached.

#### Dinosaurs Unearthed\* • October 25, 2014 - April 12, 2015

Experience a new reality with an adventure back in time 65 million years. Actively engage in a unique learning experience that features realistic, animatronic dinosaurs as well as skeletons, fossils, a predator scene and much more! Presented by BP.

\*Timed tickets required. Ticked available online. Details available at imaginationstationtoledo.org/DinosaursUnearth

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## Funding, Performance Disparities Between Toledo City Schools and Area Charters Highlight Need for Fairer Funding Model, Says Area Lawmaker

Local charter schools underperforming, despite increased state funding

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Last week, State Rep. Teresa Fedor (D-Toledo) highlighted recent findings that reveal a significant funding gap between Toledo City Schools (TCS) and area charter schools. These findings were compiled for the first time in a new website—KnowYourCharter.com.

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## Raise Kids' Grades with Study Tips for the **Digital Age**

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kids and it's important for parents to get them organized and put them in a position to succeed. Thankfully, new developments in education are making it easier for students to keep organized, study smarter and achieve better results.

These days, technology has the power to dramatically improve how kids digest, retain and apply information - if you know how to use it. Check out these great study tips that can help your student achieve the grades they strive for.

#### **Quit Cramming**

"All-nighters" are a relic of the "Saved by the Bell" era. Research now shows that students who cram the evening before a test or quiz are less likely to perform well the following day. Rest is critical for academic success.

Instead of packing learning into marathon sessions, students should maintain a regular study schedule leading up to their tests and should make sure to get plenty of shuteye.

#### Create a Digital Tool-Kit

"Be prepared" is the simple motto of

build a tree-house without a hammer, order. While this approach may seem saw and nails -- you shouldn't study logical, research suggests that studydays, there are unique tech tools available that make the studying process more efficient, engaging and effective.

For example, McGraw-Hill Education's LearnSmart provides an adaptive "digital tutor" that continuously assesses students' knowledge and skills and provides personalized recommendations that help them master content over time. By helping students focus their study time more on learning what they don't know and less on what they already know, LearnSmart can help turn C students into B students and B students into A students.

The company also offers SmartBook, a personalized digital textbook that adjusts on the fly and highlights important information based on each student's current strengths and weaknesses. You can find more information on McGraw-Hill Education's entire family of adaptive learning tools at http://www.mheducation.com/back-to-school.

#### Jump Around

Not physically, but figuratively. When the Boy Scouts, and it applies to almost prepping for a test, most students re-

School can seem like a whirlwind for every facet of life. You wouldn't try to view course materials in chronological with an empty tool kit either. These ing out-of-order helps students retain standalone knowledge more effectively. This allows them to recall information in a randomized fashion (the way it appears on tests).

> If your children apply themselves and use these tips to guide their studies, they should have a leg up on the curriculum this school year. Whether it's McGraw-Hill Education's digital learning products, an outside-the-box approach to test-prep, or just a good night's sleep, a dynamic, modern approach to education can help your child thrive.

> "This is the era of digital education," said Jeff Livingston, senior vice president of McGraw-Hill Education. "We must continue to develop adaptive technologies that streamline the learning process and increase the potential of students everywhere.3

> If your student has struggled in the past, or if you think he or she isn't reaching his or her true potential, try some new techniques to help make this school year the best of your son or daughter's academic career.

Courtesy StatePoint

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The site compares fiscal and performance information from public schools and traditional charter schools using detailed reports of state data.

"Ohio's funding model has put our traditional public school students and teachers at a major disadvantage," said Rep. Fedor. "And when charter schools siphon funds from public schools, our students have even fewer resources. It's clear that our students are lacking equal access to educational opportunities. Ohio's funding model and charter school accountability need to be addressed immediately—our students' success depends on it."

According to the data, on average, Toledo charter schools receive \$8,770 per student while TCS students receive only \$6,497. Even with the additional funding, most area charter schools continue to underperform, with more than half earning a "D" or "F" rating on the state's report card.

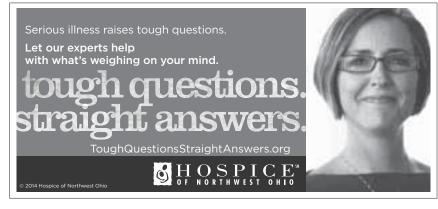
In total, over \$73 million in state aid was deducted from TCS last year and transferred to area charter schools.

"While these charter schools are underperforming, they are also spending twice the amount as TCS on administrative costs. It really calls into question where our state's educational priorities lie," added Rep. Fe-

KnowYourCharter.com was created by the Ohio Education Association and progressive think tank Innovation Ohio in an effort to increase financial transparency and accountability. Data used on the website is taken directly from the Ohio Department of

Education and compares academic performance among traditional public schools and





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## Kids Who are Changing the World by Anne Jankeliowitch, photographs by Yann **Arthus-Bertrand**

By Terri Schlichenmeyer The Truth Contributor

This year, your teachers say you've changed a lot.

You've grown a couple of inches, which is the first thing they noticed. They say you're not a little kid anymore, that you're more ma-

Your hair is different, or you got new glasses, you smile more. You've changed, and that's good. So find Kids Who Are Changing the World by Anne Jankeliowitch, photographs by Yann Arthus-Bertrand to read about kids who have different changes in mind.

Someday, the planet on which you're standing will be yours. That means you probably want to take good care of it, and of the other people who'll own it, too. No doubt, you've got some awesome (and very unique) ideas on how to do that. And if not - well, why not learn from kids who've done something for the Earth?

Twenty years after the first Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro, people are still talking about the





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12-year-old Canadian girl who "silenced the world." Severn Cullis-Suzuki gave a speech in front of United Nations delegates who sat, quietly, and listened to the powerful words she had

to say. You can still, in fact, see clips of her speech online.

Alex Lin was upset at the lack of recycling of electronic equipment - so he changed the whole state of Rhode Island by helping to pass laws on electronic waste. Best of all, he and his friends refurbish computers and donate them to schools in Sri Lanka, Mexico, the Philippines and Kenva.

Qier Qiu from China urges people to eat with reusable chopsticks, thereby saving trees. Thirteen-year-old Anya Suslova collected water samples for scientists in Russia. Laurie Wolff in Nevada persuaded her school to use virtual dissection in biology class. A girl in India asked her school to compost with worms. Tenyear-old Jahmali Bridgewater from Bermuda attended a conference to exchange ideas with kids around the world.

Your project can be easy (many children

planted trees or create educational websites) or it can be very complicated (Annie Collins of British Columbia helped set up a fair trade program for her city.) It can be big (a California boy filed a lawsuit) or small (just picking up litter helps!).

So what's your next project?

That's a hard question when you're a kid. Where do you start?

Kids Who are Changing The World answers that by giving your child plenty of ideas that will provoke thoughts for you, too. For instance, it's impressive to see the variety of kids that author Anne Jankeliowitch features: children - some still in grade school, some in nontraditional learning environments - who saw a need and acted upon it, proving there is no age or ability limit to make a difference. I was also glad to see such passion for the planet - and when you add in photography by Yann Arthus-Bertrand, you've got a hopeful, optimistic winner to read.

Not all kids will clamor for this book, but ecology-minded 10-to-15-year-olds will surely be inspired by it. Hand them Kids Who are Changing the World and see how they change,

## SunBridge Schools and SAIL Form Partnership

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SunBridge Schools (the former Kids munity by providing one-on-one academic Unlimited Academy) have formed a partnership with the School for Autistically Impaired Learners (SAIL). SunBridge, a third-year charter school in Springfield Township, is providing the opportunity for SAIL's autistic students to be included in the traditional classroom. This unique partnership removes the autistic student from the self-contained special needs environment and allows them full access to regular education.

Marion Boss, PhD, founded the SAIL program and has long served the autistic com-



and behavioral interactions between student and teacher. By partnering with SunBridge Schools, autistic students enrolled at SAIL ready for traditional teaching and learning will be included in the regular classroom. SunBridge has also on occasion identified their students who might be best served by the SAIL program.

"This cross-referenced partnership works in the best interest of all children to ensure their needs are properly met," remarked Erica Pharis, the executive director of Sun-Bridge Schools. "Both programs are provided at no charge to the families while program costs are shared between each facility."

Pharis and Boss share a deep passion for serving special needs students and have collaborated very closely to develop this partnership.

Neither is aware of a similar partnership transitioning students with autism into the traditional classroom after a period of intense one-on-one preparation.

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levy. It's a renewal. It will cost a homeowner with a home that's valued at \$100,000, only \$15.87 a year. A majority of the homes in Toledo aren't valued at \$100,000, so the cost will be quite a bit less

Perryman: It's 10 years though, right?

We the Peeps: All of the Mental Health tax levies have been 10 years. This is a straight renewal. A request for fewer years would require a new levy and we would lose the 12 ½ percent rollback. As a renewal, however, the first 12½ percent is subsidized by the state of Ohio and is therefore cheaper for the taxpayer. We would lose that subsidy if we didn't do a 10 year renewal and thus be required to fund the entire levy with 100 percent local support.

**Perryman:** What are your thoughts on the Children Services levy?

We the Peeps: I don't know where I'm at with CSB. We need some new leadership there. The double dipping, for me, is a problem. Let them go, get some new blood there.

**Perryman:** What has Anita Lopez done for the community?

We the Peeps: A consummate politician, very task oriented and demanding of staff. One thing that I know definitely is, she's serious about customer service. She cares about our seniors. She's out front on veterans issues, trying to make sure that disabled veterans are aware of their rights. She pushed legislation, and the City Council approved, that those folks who would have been eligible for the homestead exemption would still receive discounts for their water, sewer, and trash. She also, very effectively, handled a racist and derogatory email targeted at Michelle Obama, which had been circulated in the Auditor's office a while

back

**Perryman:** Who else do we need to think about?

We the Peeps: Jay Feldstein needs support. He's got the toughest race in town.

**Perryman:** We are focusing on results, so why should we help Mr. Feldstein?

We the Peeps: I think that he will be the right judge for that court. He's an attorney who has done a lot of labor work for working folks. He also does a lot of divorce work. He's rich and made a lot of money. So, becoming a judge isn't going to increase his paycheck; it's going to lower his paycheck.

Perryman: How about Marcy Kaptur?

We the Peeps: How can you not endorse Marcy?

**Perryman:** Please give me a succinct picture of Marcy's service to the community.

We the Peeps: She's a minority. I think she fights. The thing about Marcy is she hasn't taken the big bucks. She's always just fought for the little guy. She fights the banks. She, right now, seems to really be out there working hard to get folks back into the workforce. Workforce training and getting people trained. I think she just needs to work on bringing more money back to the community.

**Perryman:** She has recently brought back Head Start and Early Head Start funds to the community. She was heavily involved with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to make that happen. How about TPS?

We the Peeps: Yes! I support the TPS levy because I think that there's good change there. I think there's leadership. I like the leadership. The teachers we know all believe that it's no longer business as usual there and that they can see change. But it's going to take time. Some people are scrutinizing

TPS' engagement with the community and others are watching union/administration relations and how [Toledo Federation of Teachers President] Kevin Dalton and [TPS Superintendent] Romulus Durant interact.

**Perryman:** Connie Pillich is a veteran Air Force officer who grew up in humble surroundings. She has worked as a public defender and later opened her own small law practice where she fought for middle class families and communities. She is running for State Treasurer of Ohio. Nina Turner, running for Ohio Secretary of State, is an extremely important race.

We the Peeps: Absolutely! The Republican party has changed the voting rules and made it so hard now for people to vote that it has become ridiculous. We need someone that will eliminate these oppressive voting restrictions and make sure that our ballots are all counted and that the poor, seniors, students and people of color have every opportunity to cast their vote in a process that is fair and nondiscriminatory.

**Perryman:** As a final word, what proactive strategies are being implemented in Toledo to deal with voter suppression and in getting out the vote?

We the Peeps: It's all about the ground game. Organizations like the African American Leadership Caucus have been involved in GOTV activities and encouraging citizens to utilize the Early Vote Center at 1946 13th Street. It's a matter of knocking on doors and finding registered voters, pulling them out and getting them to the polls. The Ohio Democratic Party has an operation that's looking for the people that are truly registered and getting them to show up.

We need your help also, Pastor. There's still a unique connection between the pulpit, and the community. We have to target the black community and will need the assistance of the faith community on the ground. We need to get all pastors on board. We need a few vans and clergy leaders out front in getting the community to the polls.

We can't afford anything less than our best effort. Too much is at stake.

Contact Rev. Donald Perryman, D.Min, at drdlperryman@centerofhopebaptist.orgxx

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Linnie Willis, executive director of the Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority since 2007, graduated from the University of Mississippi and arrived in Toledo to work at a small non-profit organization. She joined LMHA in 1982 as



a property manager and became the first female director of the housing authority.

Willis leads, supports and volunteers for a number of organizations and causes.

This year's posthumous honorees were Brother Vincent Webb (1908-2005) and James C. Caldwell (1929-2014).

Webb, the first African American to profess vows in the Society of the Divine Word St. Augustine's Seminary in Bay St. Louis, MS. He served the Church as a brother for 68 years.

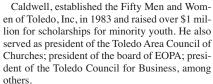


Webb arrived in Toledo in 1925 at the age or 17 to work

in a creosote plant. Invited to a Catholic mass, he soon converted to Roman Catholicism and, in 1928, applied for and was accepted at St. Augustine's Seminary – the only Catholic seminary in the United States accepting African-American men as candidates for priesthood.

Webb served the Church in Bay St. Louis; Montreal, Canada; Ganby, Quebec; Bordentown, NJ; and Pittsburgh, PA.

Caldwell came to Toledo after high school in Brownsville, PA. After military service, he returned to the area and eventually earned an undergraduate degree from UT. In 1971, he became executive director of the North Toledo Community House which was later named for him. He served in that position until 2004.



Stephen Kemp received this year's Distinguished Leadership Award.

A U.S. Army veteran, Kemp began working at the Ford Maumee Stamping Facility in 1975 and climbed the local labor leadership ladder.

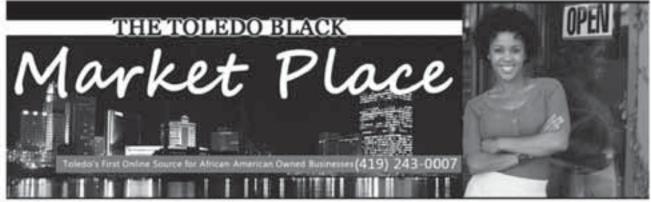


He was eventually named at-large committeeman and plant chairman of Local 1892. As a Region 2-B International Representative, Kemp has been involved with contract negotiations and arbitrations during his years of service.

Kemp is a member of the Board of Community Relations and the Board of Labor Management Committee; he is a member of the NAACP, the A. Phillip Randolph Institute and the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists.















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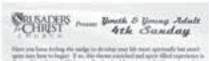
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# African American Legacy Project's 10th Annual Legends Luncheon

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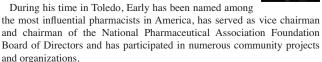
Following the annual Friday evening Emerging Leaders reception, the African American Legacy Project held its 10th annual Legends Luncheon on Saturday, October 4 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Perrysburg. This year, the AALP celebrated the lives and careers of six living Legends and two others who have passed away. In addition, one other honoree was presented a Distinguished Leadership Award.

Lenora Gayle Barry, a graduate of Birmingham, AL's Miles College who later earned a masters from the University of Michigan became a probation officer for the U.S. District Court in the 1970's, eventually becoming Deputy Chief Probation Officer. After retiring in 2005, she has served as a faculty advisor for the Federal Judicial Center in Washington, D.C. and a re-entry coordinator for the Reentry Coalition of Northwest Ohio



Barry is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc and the Toledo Chapter of Charms.

Johnnie Early, Ph.D, earned his bachelors degree in pharmacy from Mercer University, his doctorate from Purdue University and joined the faculties of Florida A & M and the University of South Carolina. Fourteen years ago, Early arrived in northwest Ohio, appointed dean of The University of Toledo's College of Pharmacy.



Judge C. Allen McConnell earned his bachelors degree from Bluefield State College in West Virginia and then accepted a teaching position in Toledo at Woodward High School. He earned his law degree from The University of Toledo in the 1970's, after which he became an assistant Lucas County prosecutor. He ran for Toledo City Council in 1995 and served until 1999. In 2002, McConnell won a seat on the Toledo Municipal Court bench and has served in that position ever since.



McConnell has a long list of service activities, memberships, awards and accolades in the Toledo community.

Bishop Duane Tisdale, senior pastor of Friendship Baptist Church since 1986, earned his bachelors degree from the Calvary Bible Institute and a masters and doctor's of ministry from Ashland Theological Seminary. Tisdale has possessed the vision to create an outreach ministry for: drug and alcohol treatment, a transitional house for women, a residential housing program, tutoring programs, teen programs and welfare to work programs. His vision was the impetus for the founding of the Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union.



Charlesena Smith is a graduate of the Stauzenberg Business College and retired from ProMedica Health System after 44 years as a support coordinator for the Nursing Services Office and Staff Development Department.

Smith is a member of Mecca Court No. 73 and has been a member of the Daughters of Isis for more than 30 years. In 2009 she became the 42nd Imperial Commandress of the Imperial Court, Daughters of Isis, Auxiliary to the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles Mystic Shrine of North and South America and Its Jurisdictions

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