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## Big Brothers Big Sisters' Recognition Banquet



*Big Brothers Big Sisters Board Chair Marie Bush, PhD, and Executive Director Johnny Mickler*

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# The Divided Soul of The Movement

By Rev. Donald L. Perryman, D.Min.

The Truth Contributor

*If you don't know Black history, then you don't know American history. If you don't know American history, then you don't know America. If you don't know America, then you don't know yourself.*

- Ibram X. Kendi



In honor of Black History Month, I spoke with Stewart Burns, the noted Martin Luther King, Jr. biographer in order to obtain a sense of the historical experiences felt by leaders on the frontlines of the Civil Rights Movement. My aim was to glean lessons for today's generation of activists who also are attempting to "save America from America" and who operate on the ground in communities that have been most marginalized.

According to renowned scholar Lewis V. Baldwin, Burns' new 2018 edition of *To the Mountaintop: Martin Luther King Jr.'s Mission and Meaning For America* focuses on King as a "divided soul" and, according to critics, is one of the best ever treatments of King's faith.

This is the conclusion of our two-part discussion on King's Civil Rights activism.

**Perryman:** We talked previously about the sense of community and camaraderie among those involved in the movement of the 1960s and 70s that you have also described as a healing experience.

**Burns:** Yes, for those activists involved it was camaraderie and close friendships like I had never had before. Sharing our inner lives, really making ourselves very open and vulnerable and simply having real friends with whom we shared political values, but also sharing other values, including the value of being good to each other despite our having plenty of personal flaws. One of the most important lessons from King and the movement, as a whole, is how vital it is to treat each other with respect, understanding and compassion.

**Perryman:** There seems to be a noticeable lack of civility today.

**Burns:** When I see the kind of divisions that are happening among progressives now, the divisiveness over the women's marches for instance, where some black leaders being accused of being anti-Semitic when people aren't making a clear distinction between being anti-Semitic and being anti-Israeli government. I'm anti-Israeli government myself, but I'm sure as hell not anti-Semitic, but those distinctions are getting lost. But all this inciting that's going on, we can't afford this kind of divisiveness.

**Perryman:** Realistically though, wouldn't you have to also say that there were personal and "ideological conflicts," if I can use that phrase, in King's time too?

**Burns:** Yes. However, King himself was a real role model because he wanted a united movement of people of color and poor whites, which was the idea for the poor people's campaign, but above all he wanted black people to be united.

An example is when King was helping to lead the Mississippi March Against Fear in June 1966, about the time when Stokely Carmichael and Willie Ricks first articulated "black power," a slogan King did not agree with. King and Carmichael had a so-called Summit Meeting in Yazoo City to try to come to some kind of understanding. Even though the tempers were hot and there was a lot at stake, they did come to an understanding that they would restrain themselves somewhat when it came to using the slogan on the march and not try to drown out the protesters who were still saying freedom now. But mainly the two were able to talk, they were able to communicate and they were able to sit around in a room and really hash things out and communicate, even if no resolution was found. Even that kind of communication is rare. But King and Carmichael remained friends through it all and maybe even got closer during the times, especially, when Stokely was openly publicly lambasting King, but King never returned it. King did criticize the black power slogan, but not the essence of it and he was never going to disavow SNCC or break his ties with SNCC activists and he continued to have a close friendship with Stokely. And Stokely in his own memoir talks about how he revered King, even though he strongly disagreed with King's nonviolent philosophy but he did not reject King and they continued to be close.

So it may be that King was the only one who was determined to preserve black unity and not break relationships, no matter how much you might disagree about very important things. Those relationships were crucial to him and the essence of his nonviolent philosophy. You fight but talk things over and talk things out.

**Perryman:** You mentioned earlier that King wanted to see this as a black movement, yet it was multiracial, multicultural, and multi-faith, wasn't it?

**Burns:** Well, it depends how you define "movement." I like to define it with a capital M. I like to think of it as a peace and justice movement.

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## The Sojourner's Truth

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## Community Calendar

### February 17

Indiana Avenue MBC 73rd Church Anniversary Celebration: 4 pm; "Don't Worry about Anything, Instead Pray About Everything;" Guest speaker Pastor Jerry Boose of Second Baptist

### February 23

Warren AME Gospel Extravaganza: "Changing Minds, Changing Lives; 4 to 7 pm; Welcoming dancers, singers, poets, gospel rap artists: 419-324-4189

### February 24

Indiana Avenue MBC 73rd Church Anniversary Celebration: 4 pm; "Don't Worry about Anything, Instead Pray About Everything;" Guest speaker Pastor WL Perryman of Jerusalem MBC  
Calvary MBC 30th Pastoral Anniversary for Rev. Floyd Smith, Jr: 4 pm; Guests Bishop Duane Tisdale and Friendship Baptist Church

### March 10

Calvary MBC 30th Pastoral Anniversary for Rev. Floyd Smith, Jr: 4 pm; Guests Pastor Melvin Barnes and the Greater Faith Fellowship Church

### March 17

Calvary MBC 30th Pastoral Anniversary for Rev. Floyd Smith Jr.: 4 pm; Guests Pastor Roger Carson and Southern MBC

### March 24

Calvary MBC 30th Pastoral Anniversary for Rev. Floyd Smith, Jr: 4 pm; Guests Pastor James Willis and St. Paul MBC

### March 31

Calvary MBC 30th Pastoral Anniversary for Rev. Floyd Smith Jr: 4 pm; Guests Pastor Nathan Madison and Fourth Street Baptist Church of Lima, OH

# Mammy...BoJangles...Buckwheat...Stepin Fetchit...

By Lafe Tolliver, Esq

Guest Column

I do not know about you but I am ready to bust into a chorus of "Mammy!" at any moment. Don't push me! I am already at the edge!

I mean...what is it with this current political drama of white politicians expressing their inner personality urges and they wanna be black or brown caricatures of people of color?

I mean...really! I would bet you two fried catfish to a Po'Boy sammich that if you were to take the lid off of white politicians and good ol' boy white fraternities you would find a hidden cache of black face cream and boot polish in their attics and basements.

I mean...what is the fascination of white folks, young or old, wanting to sing a tear-producing song of, "Mammy!" or do a Moonwalk or dance a jig like Bojangles used to do with the late Shirley Temple?

I mean...first of all, white society denigrates and demeans black men and women with racist caricatures and images of African-Americans eating watermelons with overblown red lips, black people adorning the boxes of food (remember Aunt Jemima and Uncle Ben?), and of course pictures of black men with huge bucking eyeballs and grinning with bloated lips.

I mean...wasn't it enough to relegate black people to slavery (we came to America as people with dignity and a history and then were beaten and subjugated into slavery...a big difference!) and to whip and kill slaves on the plantations and to deny them any wages for their sweat equity.

I mean...why the day and night-time terrors of hundreds of years of slavery via mental and physical abuse and belittlement, the condoning of the terrorist group, the KKK and the White Citizens Council?

I mean...why the daily abuse and punishment and denial of basic human rights including the right to form a cohesive family and to earn a paycheck by honest labor when both the North and the South benefited from the fruits of peonage slavery. It was slavery that allowed capitalism to get a foothold in America and to flourish and to dominate the world.

I mean...why the past blessings of the highest courts in the land regarding black people having no rights that a white person had to

respect (Dred Scott decision from the US Supreme Court) and the government turning a blind eye when slavery ended so that the emergent Jim Crow laws could practically re-enslaved black people...and get away with it!

And yet. The country goes through all of the above and yet they still want to call black people the N\*\*\*\*r word and find every which way to put stumbling blocks in their ability to vote, obtain housing, get a fair education and find employment but then have the temerity or audacity to say that black folks are lazy!

I mean...why are we still giving comfort to people and to places which hold dear allegiance to Confederate flags, the lionization of General Robert E. Lee and the continual enshrinement of white womanhood as being virtuous?

The answer is simple: White folks still want to have the white privilege option of using old racial mnemonics as a way for them to remind themselves of a good ol' time in the past when they ruled with an iron fist and the lynching of black people was a public spectator sport.

White folks who still trot out despicable images of black people and who bring out their KKK robes are reminding black people that it could all start up again...they are ones with a subconscious mindset that finds no offense in dressing up as Mammies, or using black shoe polish on their faces to mock and profane people of color.

It is of strong significance that the current occupant of the White House has uttered enough racist statements that one could believe or infer that it is now OK to attempt to do a moonwalk at a critical press conference called by the now-embattled Virginia governor.

Herr Trump has given implicit permission and approval to his base, and to others, to act the fool and show out; and then they wonder why there is a blow back to their racist antics?

Are they that clueless or tone deaf? Some are...some aren't. Some do it for the anticipated laughs and guffaws that will come their way. Others do it because it reminds them of a prior happy time in which they were unchal-

lenged in their abhorrent treatment of black people and Native Americans (Chief Wahoo of the Cleveland Indians baseball team anyone?).

So, when we see the current governor of Virginia try to wiggle out of the horrible pictures which purportedly represent him either as in full black face costume or wearing a pointy KKK robe, you gotta wonder and think, do those depictions influence or control their professional life and their interactions with people of color as it regards: fair housing, equal employment, competent medical care, fair social policies, police powers or even a white clerk demeaning a black customer?

America has never come clean as to its sordid racial history and much less the issue of reparations or the accountability for thousands of lynched black men, women and children (yes children!) who lost their lives on a whim or a lie.

Now, the Attorney General for the State of Virginia has recently confessed that he too wore a wig and browned his face back in 1980 to imitate a black rapper. The Attorney General! Can you imagine what decisions, if any, that may have been "colored" by his biased perception of black men and women.

Too many white folks have no historical understanding of slavery in America and its continuing aftermath...and they do not want to learn because of the intense pain and angst that it would uncover and their fear of "retribution" for what they did to black people.

I mean.....

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Dear Mr. Johnson,

I appreciate you proactively reaching out to schedule time to meet with my Chief of Staff, Katy Crosby, and me to discuss the situation at the Toledo General Motors Powertrain plant. As discussed in our meeting, I share your concern of the damage this does to the reputation of a well-respected company. As the Mayor of Toledo, I am concerned that the attention creates the wrong perception of our community as well.

We want all who live, work, and visit Toledo to feel welcomed, as I am sure you want the same for your organization. It is refreshing to know that the new plant leadership that arrived within the last year "pounds the pavement" and makes an intentional effort to engage employees. I am also pleased to learn of the immediate actions taken to address the situation, which include:

- an immediate investigation into the situation.
- retraining human resources professionals and employees on how to respond to allegations of discrimination and hate incidents.
- ensuring employees are aware of the available resources and mechanisms to report concerns to include anonymous reporting.
- a bi-annual AGI workplace culture survey with a follow up action plan to

respond to results.

- engaging Crime Stoppers to provide a \$25,000 reward.

As I shared during our meeting, the city of Toledo is no stranger to incidents of hate and discrimination. In fact, shortly after I became Mayor, I had to respond to an incident with our employees. As a result, we administered a citywide employee engagement survey to understand the concerns of all 2,700 employees. With a 40% response rate that well represented the diversity of our workforce, we were able to capture the concerns of our employees, and we are working diligently to address those concerns. This includes hiring a well-respected chief diversity officer and ensuring we are committing the necessary resources to ensure a healthy workplace culture. We recognize employees who feel valued and respected at work will provide better services to our citizens.

GM has been one of our top employers and an economic driver in our city for many years. We appreciate the contribution you have made to our community. I believe we have a mutual interest to use this as an opportunity to let your employees, as well as, our residents and visitors, know that we are committed to a diverse, inclusive and welcoming work environment. It is my hope that we can support one another in this endeavor by sharing ongoing and intentional efforts that support a "no tolerance" approach toward discriminatory behavior. I look forward to hearing from you and working with you to ensure Toledo is a great place for GM, your employees, and our residents.

Sincerely,  
Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz

## Diminished Supply Levels at Cherry Street Mission Ministries

With the recent extreme weather, Cherry Street experienced high turnout for meals and safe overnight stays. The extreme need through the past week has put a strain on the limited resources Cherry Street maintains to provide nutritious meals and safety.

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# The Goose that Lays Golden Eggs

By Vince Davis, State Farm Insurance

Guest Column

I have talked to thousands of people in my 32 years owning and operating my insurance agency. I ask all of my clients after they purchase automobile, home or business insurance this big question: If you had a goose and the goose laid golden eggs; what would you insure? Would you insure the goose? Or would you insure the golden eggs.

To a person, I cannot think of anyone, with good sense, if given the option would insure the golden eggs and leave the goose uninsured. Yet everyday people insure their things. The golden eggs are what people insure. The producer of the golden eggs – the unlucky goose – they often times do not insure.

It would be as if you had a machine that produced money. Let's say your money machine could produce as many legal dollars as you wanted it to. Then let's say you could insure one item. You could insure the money that the machine produced or you could insure the machine that produces the money. Ninety nine percent of the people that you'd talk to would insure the money making machine. That is because as long as you had the money making machine you could get all of the money that you want.

In life people insure all of the golden eggs. People insure their vehicle. Even though in 15 years or less that forty, fifty, hundred-thousand dollar vehicle will be worthless and probably not even run. People will insure their home when the statistical probability of their home catching fire, blowing down or burning down is almost irrelevant.

You have a 100 percent probability of dying yet a vast number of people do not have any life insurance on themselves. Most people do not have insurance on their children, grandchildren, mother or grandmother. Yet all of them will pass away, some day.

Chances are if you have life insurance it is not enough. Often people unknowingly buy life insurance that will expire before they die. Most people do not have a will, durable power of attorney or health power of attorney. People have an almost 75 percent chance of being sick or hurt before they turn 65. Yet most people do not have a policy in place to pay their bills when they get sick or hurt. Most people do not have enough saved up to stay financially alive if they were to lose their job. Most people think that their work insurance is enough.

In fact, most people today are not going to keep the same job until they retire. Self-employed people think that their business will stay alive, even though they are hurt and cannot run it. In fact a single proprietorship, run by the principal owner, stops running when the owner stops. Most preachers without plans to the contrary think the church will continue to pay them even if they cannot preach anymore. Some people that tithe and go to church think the church will pay all of their bills if they get laid off, sick, or hurt. In most cases it cannot.

Let's talk some time. Vince Davis MBA, BA Vince Davis Insurance Inc., [Vincedavisinsurance.com](http://Vincedavisinsurance.com), [vince.davis.bun1@statefarm.com](mailto:vince.davis.bun1@statefarm.com) 3344 Secor Rd Suite A102 Toledo, Ohio 43610


## Rep. Kaptur Statement on State of the Union

Last week, Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur (OH-09), the longest serving woman in Congress and senior member of the House Appropriations Subcommittee, released the following statement in response to the State of the Union address:

"Time and again, President Trump has told working families in my part of the country that he'll stand up for them and put their interests first, yet whether it's on trade, infrastructure, tackling the opioid crisis, prescription drug costs, or effective border security, President Trump has not only failed to deliver on their behalf, he has pushed

policies that have actively hurt them," said Rep. Kaptur. "Tonight we heard more of the same. Ohioans deserve better."

"Furthermore, President Trump's infatuation with an expensive and ineffective border wall is a disservice to hardworking Americans across the country. As a nation, our focus should be on improving the lives of low-income and middle class Americans, bringing good jobs back to our communities, and implementing trade practices that effectively raise wages, improve working standards, and create opportunity. The border wall is an unfortunate distraction from that mission."



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## Appold Learning Center Opens in Downtown Toledo, Ohio

The Toledo Lucas County Public Library (TLCPL) partnered with Cherry Street Mission Ministries and several community groups to make the Appold Learning Center in downtown Toledo, Ohio a reality. The center was made possible in part due to a generous donation from Jim and Pat Appold. TLCPL loaned books, furniture and computers to the center and provided a training session on successful strategies for volunteering in a library. Buckeye Broadband provided servers and access to the Internet as well.

Meg Delaney, Main Library manager, indicated that Dan Rogers, president and CEO of Cherry Street Mission Ministries, brought up the idea of opening a library in the center more than two years ago. The planning process really took off in early 2018 when, in response to the Library's decision to temporarily close for construction, leaders from TLCPL and several community groups began meeting regularly at the Main Library. Leaders from local government and area community organizations talked through programs and services that would be the most beneficial and implementation plans.

The center is located on the second floor of Cherry Street Mission Ministries Life Revitalization Center at 1501 Monroe Street in downtown Toledo. The building was once home to Macomber/Whitney high school students and is being renovated as the Mission adds programs and services. The Cherry Street Mission Ministries staff are thrilled with the vibe the Appold Learning Center provides and the respect people have

shown toward it. The center is run entirely by volunteers. For more information about volunteer opportunities, please contact [volunteer@cherrystreetmission.org](mailto:volunteer@cherrystreetmission.org) or 419.214.6657.

## Toledo Zoo to Host Climate Change Symposium

Explorer, Robert Swan, once said: "The greatest threat to our planet is the belief that someone else will save it." Join the Toledo Zoo to learn what together we can do to limit our carbon footprint and the effects of global warming at the Climate Change Symposium on Thursday, February 21, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. in the Malawi Event Center.

The Symposium will include live presentations by experts from the Toledo Zoo and area universities on the many facets of climate change, including Ryan Walsh, PhD, of the Toledo Zoo, Kevin Czajkowski, PhD, and

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# Toledo Library Focuses on Teaching the Next Generation Coding

Computer programming has often been a topic for computer engineers, but coding has transformed into a key component for many curriculum's and deemed an essential ability for 21<sup>st</sup> century learners.

The Toledo Lucas County Public Library is dedicated to helping local kids develop technology and problem-solving skills needed to succeed. The Library has developed a system to help kids begin the process of coding through fun, interactive and educational programs.

## Meet Dot and Dash

Kids (ages 2 – 5) will learn about coding and programming using beloved robots Dot and Dash at this fun Library event.

(Th) Feb. 21 | 4 p.m. | Toledo Heights (<http://events.toledolibrary.org/event/1189050>)

(Tu) Feb. 26 | 4 p.m. | West Toledo (<http://events.toledolibrary.org/event/1177980>)

(Sa) March 9 | 3 p.m. | Heatherdowns (<http://events.toledolibrary.org/event/1191084>)

(W) March 13 | 7 p.m. | Point Place (<http://events.toledolibrary.org/event/1169998>)

(Th) March 28 | 3:30 p.m. | Sylvania (<http://events.toledolibrary.org/event/1193504>)

(M) April 8 | 6:30 p.m. | Waterville (<http://events.toledolibrary.org/event/1186510>)

## Code-A-Pillar

Around the box and across the finish line! Kids (ages 4 – 6) will determine where the Code-a-pillar goes as they're introduced to coding by sequencing a Code-a-pillar to move around the room.

(Sa) Feb. 23 | 10 a.m. | Holland (<http://events.toledolibrary.org/event/1197285>)

(Tu) March 26 | 4 p.m. | West Toledo (<http://events.toledolibrary.org/event/1178001>)

(Th) April 4 | 3:30 p.m. | Sylvania (<http://events.toledolibrary.org/event/1193653>)

(Sa) April 13 | 10 a.m. | Heatherdowns (<http://events.toledolibrary.org/event/1191116>)

(Tu) April 16 | 11 a.m. | Sanger (<http://events.toledolibrary.org/event/1156282>)

## Osmo Programs

Tweens (ages 10 – 13) will learn basic coding using the Osmo system on iPads. Osmo fosters social intelligence and creative thinking through endless possibilities of digital and physical play.

(Th) Feb. 28 | 4 p.m. | South (<http://events.toledolibrary.org/event/1167160>)

(Tu) March 12 | 3:30 p.m. | Sylvania (<http://events.toledolibrary.org/event/1197049>)

(Th) March 21 | 4 p.m. | Lagrange (<http://events.toledolibrary.org/event/1178988>)

## Coding Clubs

The Library also offers a series on ongoing Code IT Clubs that kids (ages 5 – 10), tweens (ages 10 – 13) and teens (ages 13 – 18) can join at the following locations. Find upcoming meetings at [www.toledolibrary.org/librarygroups](http://www.toledolibrary.org/librarygroups).

\* Code IT Club for tweens and teens at Kent

\* Code IT Club for tweens at King Road

\* Code IT, Jr. for kids at King Road

\* Code IT Club for tweens at Oregon

\* Code IT Club for tweens at Sylvania

\* Code IT Club for tweens at Waterville

\* Young Coders for kids at Oregon

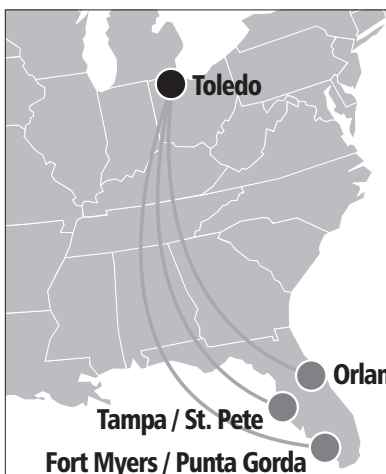
For more educational programs offered by TLCPL visit <http://www.toledolibrary.org/education>

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Andy Jorgensen, PhD, of the University of Toledo and Shannon Pelini, PhD, of Bowling Green State University.

Additionally, there will be virtual presentations by scientists from Polar Bears International in Churchill, Manitoba, Canada and the Alaska Sea Life Center in Seward, Alaska. The program also includes opportunities for the audience to ask questions of the presenters. The Symposium is geared toward middle and high school students and teachers but all are welcome.

Attendance and parking are free but pre-registration is required. To register, please visit [toledozoo.org/programs](http://toledozoo.org/programs) and scroll to the bottom of the page. Complimentary parking is available in the Zoo's main lot off the Anthony Wayne Trail. Questions about the Symposium can be addressed at 419-385-5721 x2048 or



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# Honoring African Americans Who Helped Shape the Nation

Black History Month, also known as African Americans-History is a month in which we honor many who have helped shaped the United States. In honor of this celebration, we wanted to recognize several historical figures who showed courage, resilience, and, at times, risked their lives for the benefit of others.

## Harriet Tubman

Born into slavery, Harriet Tubman escaped and made 13 missions to rescue approximately 70 enslaved people using the Underground Railroad. How much do you know about this revolutionary woman? Here are a few facts: Harriet was born in an area in Maryland where the lines between slavery and freedom were often blurred. Her first husband John was a free man. Harriet earned the nickname "Moses" after the prophet Moses in the Bible who led his people to freedom. In all of her journeys she "never lost a single passenger." Harriet wore many hats: She was an active proponent of women's suffrage and worked alongside women such as Susan B. Anthony. During the civil war, Harriet also worked for the Union Army as a cook, a nurse and even a spy.



## Sojourner Truth

In 1851, Truth began a lecture tour that included a women's rights conference in Akron, Ohio, where she delivered her famous "Ain't I a Woman?" speech. In it, she challenged prevailing notions of racial and gender inferiority and inequality by reminding listeners of her combined strength (Truth was nearly six feet tall) and female status. Truth ul-



timately split with Douglass, who believed suffrage for formerly enslaved men should come before women's suffrage; she thought both should occur simultaneously.

When the Civil War started, Truth urged young men to join the Union cause and organized supplies for black troops. After the war, she was honored with an invitation to the White House and became involved with the Freedmen's Bureau, helping freed slaves find jobs and build new lives. While in Washington, DC, she lobbied against segregation, and in the mid 1860s, when a streetcar conductor tried to violently block her from riding, she ensured his arrest and won her subsequent case.

## Senator Hiram Revels

On February 25, 1870, visitors in the Senate galleries burst into applause as senator-elect Hiram Revels, a Republican from Mississippi, entered the chamber to take his oath of office. Those present knew that they were witnessing an event of great historical significance. Revels was about to become the first African American to serve in the Senate.

Born 42 years earlier to free black parents in Fayetteville, North Carolina, Revels became an educator and minister of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. During the Civil War, he helped form regiments of African American soldiers and established schools for freed slaves. After the war, Revels moved to Mississippi, where he won election to the state senate. In recognition of his hard work and leadership skills, his legislative colleagues elected him to one of Mississippi's vacant U.S. Senate seats as that state prepared to re-join the Union.

When Hiram Revels' brief term ended on March 3, 1871, he returned to Mississippi, where he later became president of Alcorn College.



## John Parker

Born a slave in Norfolk, Virginia, John Parker was sold at the age of eight to a doctor in Mobile, Alabama. The doctor's family taught Parker to read and write and allowed him to apprentice in an iron foundry where he was compensated and permitted to keep some of his earnings. Persuading an elderly female patient of the doctor's to purchase him, Parker, at the age of 18, bought his freedom from the woman with money earned from his apprenticeship. Parker moved to southern Ohio and around 1853 established a successful foundry behind his home in Ripley. Patenting a number of inventions from his foundry, Parker was one of only a few African Americans to obtain a U.S. patent in the 19th century. Though busy with his business, Parker was also active in the Underground Railroad and is believed to have assisted many slaves to escape from the Kentucky side of the Ohio River. Parker, who was well-known by regional slave-catchers, risked his own life when he secreted himself back into slave territory to lead fugitive slaves to safety in Ripley.



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## Mae Jemison

Mae C. Jemison (born October 17, 1956) is an American astronaut and physician who, on June 4, 1987, became the first African-American wom-

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an to be admitted into NASA's astronaut training program. On September 12, 1992, Jemison finally flew into space with six other astronauts aboard the Endeavour on mission STS47, becoming the first African-American woman in space. In recognition of her accomplishments, Jemison has received several awards and honorary doctorates.

**Garrett Morgan**

Garrett Augustus Morgan was an African American inventor and business-

man as well as an influential political leader. Morgan's most notable invention was the gas mask originally named "smoke hood". Morgan also discovered and developed a chemical hair-processing and straightening solution. He created a successful company based on the discovery along with a complete line of hair-care products.



The first black man in Cleveland to own a car, Morgan worked on his mechanical skills and developed a friction drive clutch. Then, in 1923, he created a new kind of traffic signal, one with a warning light to alert drivers that they would need to stop, after witnessing a carriage accident at a particularly problematic intersection in the city.

## Toledo Library Helps Local Kids Prepare for Kindergarten

Countdown to Kindergarten at the Toledo Lucas County Public Library is both a kindergarten readiness story time for kids and a program to inform parents and caregivers of the skills that their children will need when beginning kindergarten.

"Kindergarten is a big transition and this program will help parents and children know what to expect as they begin school," said Nancy Eames, TLCPL Youth Services Coordinator.

Activities include:

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This program has been made possible through generous support from the Library Legacy Foundation.

Class size is limited, registration is available at any branch or visit <http://www.toledolibrary.org/Kindergartenfor> more information.

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I like to think of it as the way King was starting to talk about it in the spring of 1967, that we've got to join the peace movement with the freedom movement, that it has to be both. So I like to think of it as one big movement like that. And King certainly saw it as, at least potentially, a broad multiracial, multiclass, movement but it was pretty far from that. I remember being part of it then and the leaders in the Civil Rights Movement as well as those in the draft resistance, we were all trying to figure out what do we prioritize? Is it going to be peace in Vietnam or is it going to be racial justice? And we prioritized peace in Vietnam, but there were others, Students for Democratic Society (SDS), in particular, white students who prioritized racial justice even though they were in a position to lead a national anti-war movement they decided they didn't want to do that, that they wanted to support the black movement. But that caused a lot of division within SDS. So there was a lot of division over what comes first or whether we could do both? King's belief was that they could do both Civil Rights and peace, but also do economic justice as well.

**Perryman:** Today, with racial justice, Black Lives Matter, the LGBTQ movement, the Me Too and others, there seems to be a similar historical context.

**Burns:** It's certainly gotten more complex, more complicated, but also I think more hopeful because with this multiplication of issues, concerns, demands and goals, it at least potentially can broaden the movement and I think it has. So now, if studies were done, I think you'd see as many or more participants at the grassroots than

ever before or at least more than in the 1960's. So King was also struggling to figure out how to link and support these different movements. It can get very, very difficult.

At the very least, it seems to me that what King would call a true alliance would have to include...from taking it from his concept of triple evils and sort of bringing it up to date - racism, poverty, militarism and climate change. So those might be the big four issues that a coalition would have to build itself around, but its extremely im-

portant to incorporate how we treat each other and extremely important to incorporate not just women's rights, but commitment to eliminate gun violence, violence against women and LG-BTQ people as well. Today I think there would be five or six major goals or areas of agreement whereas 50 years ago there were only two overriding issues. There was the Vietnam War and there was racial justice.

**Perryman:** Scholar Walter Fluker has a model  
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## John Scott to Appear at Valentine Theater

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Toledo History Museum presents John Scott in "Collecting a Community's Black History, Readings and Discussion from John Scott's Chapbook: Afternoons at the A.O. Café." The program will give an overview of Scott's youth and activities in Toledo's public housing, night clubs, and local schools.

The audience is invited to participate in a discussion about iconic African American men and women of Toledo. The program will be Friday, February 15 at 7:00 P. M. in Studio A of the Valentine Theatre. The entrance to Studio A is on Adams Street. Limited seating requires tickets which are free. T

The parking lot on Superior Street will charge \$5.00 per car at a 50% discount to cars showing a ticket. Tickets are available at ToledoHistoryMuseumInfo@gmail.com; provide the name for each ticket requested.

John Scott is a native of Toledo, a prolific playwright, poet, fiction writer and director, and teaches creative writing, theatre and ethnic studies. He received a B.A. from South Carolina State College and an M.A. and Ph.D. from Bowling Green State University (Ohio). His plays and other works have been produced in universities, regional theatres, off-Broadway (New York) and on Public Television (PBS).

He has held appointments as Professor, Chair of Theatre/Ethnic Cultural Arts and Director of programs and plays at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Benedict (SC), Florida Memorial (Miami), Dillard (New Orleans), and Jackson State (MS). He is a Distinguished Professor Emeritus at Bowling Green State University.

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Indeed, there are 30 million jobs nationwide that don't require a Bachelor's Degree that pay an average of \$55,000 annually, according to the Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce.

Whether it's a student that doesn't fit the traditional high school-to-college path or someone who is interested in mechanics, a vocational education can prepare that individual for a well-paying, real-world career right out of high school. Indeed, many students learn from industry professionals and participate in internships and other unique programs that serve as a springboard to careers after they graduate.

For example, over the last two decades, derelict farm equipment has provided high school-aged students with the tools they need for life through the Chevron's Delo Tractor Restoration Competition, an annual event that is open to high school-aged tractor restorers. The program provides a national platform for students interested in careers in agriculture or diesel mechanics on which to shine, mixing the hands-on vocational experience of restoring an antique tractor with the business skills needed to detail, manage and communicate the process. On top of valuable experience and national exposure at industry events, the Delo Grand Champion receives a \$10,000 prize.

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"I can't count the number of kids that have been exposed to excellent career opportunities through this program," says Rick Elmore, career and technology education coordinator at Dubiski Career High School. "I have been an advisor and mentor to participants in the competition for over a decade and have seen the impact it can have on their lives."

Indeed, many participants have gone on to careers in mechanics, or have used the experience to launch them into careers outside of agriculture or mechanics.

"The vocational aspects of the Delo event provided critical context that led to my study of automotive restoration at McPherson College," says Tabettha Salsbury Hammer, two-time competition winner ('03 and '04) and the first female to win the event. "The business skills helped prepare me for a career in the classic car industry. To say this event changed my life would be an understatement."

For those interested in a vocational education, such programs abound, representing a number of industries and careers. It's only a matter of learning more about these opportunities.

So, whether you have an aptitude for mechanics or you are not sure if a traditional four-year college degree is the right path for you, visiting the career center at your school as well as looking into vocational internships, programs and competitions, can expand your horizons about what's possible for your future.

*Courtesy StatePoint*

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The Toledo History Museum is a nonprofit membership organization that cares for, showcases, and interprets pieces of Toledo history. Its rich offerings of programs and exhibitions are accessible to all. The museum strives to build a sense of excitement for Toledo's history and stewardship of the area's legacy for generations to come. The Museum moved to 425 N. St. Clair Street in a storefront in the historic Valentine Building November 2018. The museum is open on Saturday, noon to 5 P. M. and Sunday, 1 to 5 P. M. Admission is free, and donations are appreciated. If you have any questions please contact the Toledo History Museum at (419)-215-2437 or at toledohistorymuseuminfo@gmail.com



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SPAN is a non-partisan, non-profit 501(c)4 organization. A Single Payer System of Health Care is working to create a system that meets human rights standards: Universality, Equity, Accountability, Transparency and Participation. It offers one way of changing our system of health care that will bring down costs, preserve the doctor/patient relationship and make health care available to all. All are welcome to attend this informative and hope-filled presentation.

"Of all the forms of inequity, injustice in health care is the most shocking and inhumane" Martin Luther King, Jr

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of ethical leadership from the black perspective that includes three elements – community, civility and character. Conceptually, you have talked about community and civility within the Movement. What about the importance of character?

**Burns:** I think that there's so much narcissism, selfishness and narrow mindedness and that's something else that King struggled with and has a lot to teach us about. He gave sermons - and was always speaking to himself more than to anybody else - asking 'How do I overcome my self-centeredness, my selfishness?' Because he knew that no one could be a movement leader

or a serious movement participant who would let his or her ego run the show and he would even talk about how even self-sacrifice could be an egotistical thing if you don't kind of keep it under control. I'm sure he was speaking about himself, and King was not a positive role model in every way, as we know. His hierarchical philosophy of leadership, his authoritarian leadership, his attitude toward women, his extramarital relationships, yes, there's a whole lot, but he would be the first to admit, and would publicly say 'I'm a sinner like all God's children.'

**Perryman:** Young people were at the core of the Movement's leadership. King, himself, was only 26 years old when he took the reins. Does

the prominence of young people in the Civil Rights Movement indicate that maybe it's time for older activists to perhaps pass the baton?

**Burns:** There are lots of new leaders emerging and I think that there just needs to be a process of mutual give and take and learning and education. So I would hope just the younger folks would be more willing to learn and the older folks would be more willing to share what lessons they have to offer, but not in a way that's overbearing or arrogant, but to realize that the younger folks are the ones who really are going to have to carry the torch.

**Perryman:** And finally, women like Ella Baker, Fannie Lou Hamer and others were leaders of the Movement who were seldom acknowledged. However, that seems to be changing, as women leaders today are much more highly visible.

**Burns:** Yes, I hope that a majority of the new leaders are women and there are an awful lot of incredible role models out there and there are qualities of leadership that women tend to have,

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# The Book of Ingeniously Daring Chemistry by Sean Connolly

By Terri Schlichenmeyer  
The Truth Contributor

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Let the mixing commence. You've got pennies, salt, magnets, vinegar, and all kinds of things from your kitchen pantry. You've got tubes and bowls and wire and towels. You're ready to experiment with *The Book of Ingeniously Daring Chemistry* by Sean Connolly. As for what you'll make – does it matter?

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window in your bedroom was once a pile of sand. Nitrogen is essential to plants and explosives, while fluorine goes into rocket fuel and toothpaste. There's less than a five-degree F temperature range between boiling neon and freezing it. Your bones and your sidewalk chalk share a common element, “aluminum can't rust because it has already rusted,” and there are twelve elements that you absorb, positively do not want to mess with.

Find out why...

Years out of high school, the periodic table may seem like either best-forgotten foe or old friend. Whichever way you remember chemistry class, *The Book of Ingeniously Daring Chemistry* is a lot of fun to share with your child.

In the beginning, beware that author Sean Connolly throws a lot at kids who are new to this subject: the language isn't easy, nor are the initial concepts of elements, atoms, and nuclei. You may need to help, at first, but don't let that deter your young scientist; it'll all make more sense, once you get to the info-laden chapters on the elements themselves and the experiments your child can do, with or without you – activities that are, incidentally, much cooler than the ones you did back in Freshman Science class. Along with helpful explanations, they'll also fuel your child's understanding and curiosity.

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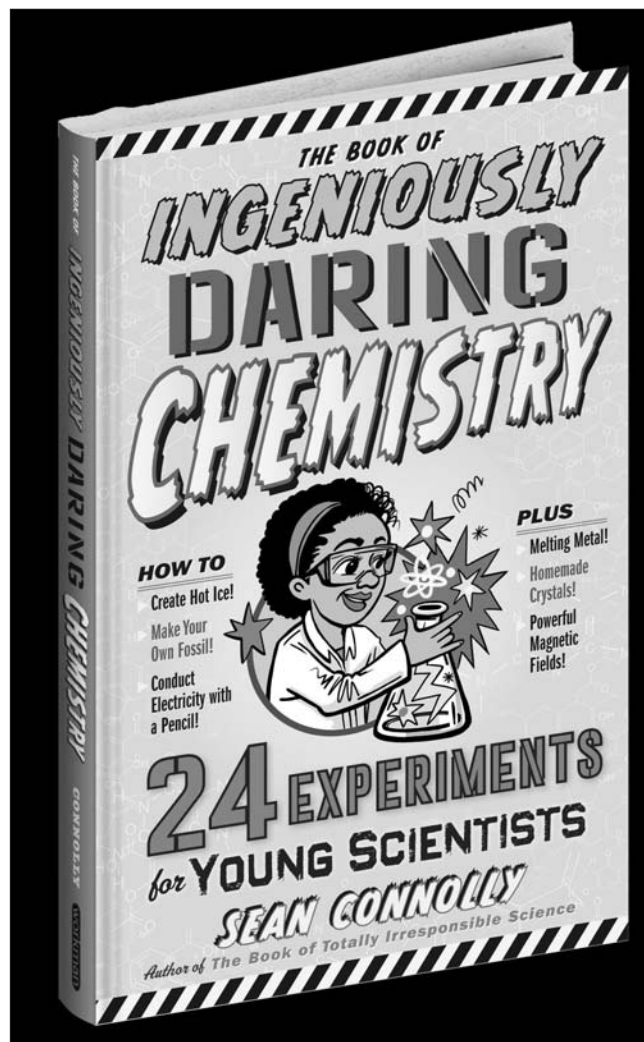
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being more collaborative, less ego and all that kind of thing. However, on the other end there are lots of problems that female leaders are having with those issues as well, and some feminists might say that to the extent that women are replicating some of the bad aspects of male leadership. I think that we all have struggles with our egos and with our ambitions, and I think women might have less of a problem with that, in general. But I do think that women's leadership is going to be very important and at the forefront of multiracial, multiclass collaborative leadership.

**Perryman:** Thank you.

*Ed. Note:* Highly regarded historian of the Civil Rights Movement, author or editor of eight books, Stewart Burns served as an editor of the *King Papers* at Stanford University, where he also taught U.S. History. His first book *Social Movements of the 1960s* (1990), still in print, has been the most widely used college text on the subject. His documentary history of the Montgomery bus boycott, *Daybreak of Freedom* (1997), was made into the HBO feature film *Boycott* (on which he consulted), winner of the NAACP Image Award in 2002.

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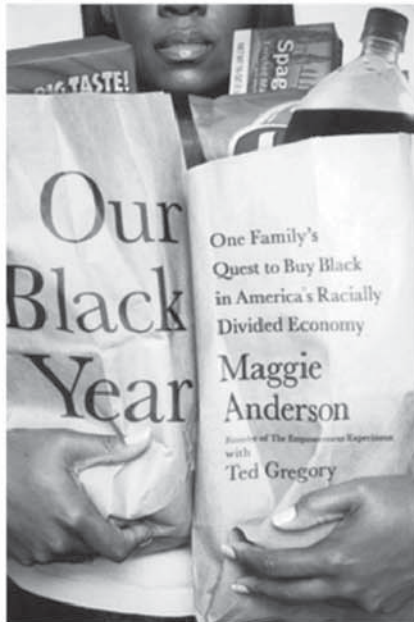
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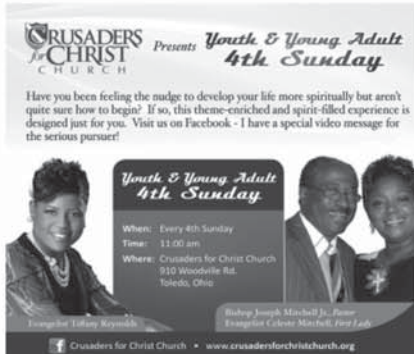
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## LUCAS COUNTY ENGINEER PERMIT MANAGER

Lucas County Engineer, is accepting applications to fill the **Permit Manager** position. Application deadline is February 18, 2019 at 4:30 pm. Additional information regarding the duties is available on the Lucas County web site ([www.co.lucas.oh.us](http://www.co.lucas.oh.us)). Click on "Apply for a Job" and then select "Permit Manager" from the list to read more or apply.

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## "BUSINESS IN THE BLACK"

Toledo African American Chamber of Commerce presents "Business in the Black" 3-7-19, 5:30 PM

The Toledo African American Chamber of Commerce invites you to attend "Business in the Black" on Thursday, March 7th, 2019, 5:30 - 8:00 PM at the Radisson Hotel, University of Toledo, 3100 Glendale Ave., Toledo, OH 43614.

The Rise of Black Business in America 1800's - 1960's

This event will offer business networking, and a film documentary including names of black millionaires from the 1800's, and interviews with people whose family owned a business in the early 1900's.

5:30 PM - Networking

6:00 PM - Film Documentary by Anthony Brogdon

7:00 PM - Discussion

7:30 PM - Networking

Confirm your RSVP by purchasing \$10 tickets at the Eventbrite link online, and receive a \$10 credit towards your membership in the organization for year 2019.



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# Big Brothers Big Sisters' Third Annual Recognition Banquet

*Sojourner's Truth Staff*

The Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwestern Ohio agency has served the youth of this area for over 30 years – youth who live predominantly in low wealth communities (92 percent received public assistance).

On Sunday, January 27, BBBS of Northwestern Ohio held its third annual Award/Recognition Banquet at the Radisson Hotel in order to honor achievement in the area of academics, attendance, volunteerism and behavior.

As the name implies, Big Brothers Big Sisters matches youngsters with adults who provide mentoring services in a variety of programs – long-term and short term. The agency's mission is to provide quality mentoring relationships between children and qualified adults. The youngsters the program serves are those whose families are on public assistance (92 percent), are in poverty (90 percent), are headed by single parents (71 percent) and are minority (62.6 percent).

The banquet was opened by Willie McKether, PhD, Recognition Banquet chairman and vice provost at the University of Toledo. Marie Bush, board chairman of BBBSNWO, presented the introductions and acknowledgements and, after dinner, Sammy J. Spann, associate vice president and dean of students at UT, offered the keynote address.

Then came the big moment – the awards presented by Bush and Victor Coleman, Jr., board member.

Thirty-one youngsters received honors for their academic achievements, six for attendance, two for volunteerism and nine for good behavior.

BBBSNWO's executive director is Johnny Mickler, who has a wide range of experience in directing non-profit groups and has been in charge of the agency for the past three-plus years. He first arrived in Toledo in 1997 to start the area's Urban League chapter after running the Madison, WI Urban League chapter for the previous five years. He left the Toledo area in 2007 for his native South Carolina and returned seven years later.

Over the past several years one of the agency's key programs has been

implemented. The "I Am Somebody, I Count" program works with youth of high-school age and provides leadership development training – preparing them for college and careers. The program helps them find summer jobs, brings in speakers on a regular basis and provides assistance in finding college scholarships. The program has recruited and enrolled 80 students, brought in 30 guest speakers to counsel the kids on various careers and topics such as bullying, teen pregnancy and school violence and taken them to job fairs around the area.

To date 30 of the kids have already graduated from high school, 40 received summer employment, 15 have already been awarded college scholarships.

The greatest outcome, says Mickler, "is changing behavior in a positive direction."

The key component of the program, says Mickler, is the leadership development training which includes pre-employment readiness training focusing on setting goals, a code of conduct, etiquette, work readiness, correct behavior, anger management, credit counseling and community issues.

The leadership development component has a year-round aspect including academic enrichment, college tours, community service projects and career readiness.

The Big Brothers Big Sisters program started in Toledo in 1937 and eventually became part of the national program.

Funding provided by grants, company and private donations, agencies such as United Way and special events such as this year's banquet are critical to the continued success of BBBSNWO.

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