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Local Media Milestone Anniversaries!

The Truth Celebrates 20; The Juice Celebrates 25!

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From Here to Where?

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

The Truth Contributor



In life, you are either in a storm, coming out of a storm, or about to enter a storm.

– William Augustus Jones

Hopefully, the relentless torrent of toxic political commercials we have experienced this election cycle has ended.

Marketing professionals have projected a record \$9 billion in midterm ad spending, including \$17.2 million locally. But, sadly, most of the ads make outlandish claims, are misleading and even contain outright lies.

Yet, the ads are only a part of a toxic political communication process, which now seems to be out of control, ultimately leading to violence and a dangerously divided society. For too long, the public has been inundated with abusive language that attacks us over our differences.

The midterm election results will determine whether we continue in a po-

litical storm of hate and division or move forward to restore unity and healing.

On the surface, the Republican message is about inflation, crime, and taxes. Yet, the GOP has unleashed an overwhelming flood of negative ads nationally that feed on racial stereotypes.

Georgia gubernatorial candidate Stacey Abrams and Val Demings, of Florida, who is running for U.S. Senate, have both been depicted with the angry Black woman trope.

This toxic stereotype demonizes Black women as more hostile, aggressive, overbearing, illogical, ill-tempered, and bitter.

A U.S. Senate candidate from Wisconsin, Mandela Barnes, is also a victim of false, divisive, and racist attack ads. Opponents' strategic tactics have darkened his skin tone and labeled him as soft on crime to gin up fear associated with the "black brute" stereotype, a threat to insult or assault white women and families.

Will Political Rhetoric Impact local candidate races?

Strategic political communication that demonizes our differences will undoubtedly affect several local candidates.

Yet, Elgin Rogers will probably survive in his campaign for Ohio House District 44. In State Senate District 11, Paula Hicks-Hudson should also overcome a tough race in a gerrymandered district.

However, I am watching the 42nd State House District race most closely. Can Erika White's charisma, labor experience, and constant community presence break through the GOP's political narrative to upset Monclova Township's, Derek Merrin? We will see. White certainly has a reasonable opportunity for success.

What is certain is that we must abandon the demonization of racial, religious, cultural, and other differences. Therefore, regardless of the 2022 midterm election results, let us celebrate our uniqueness and incorporate justice into our policy goals and priorities to restore unity and desperately needed healing. Achieving social, economic, environmental, racial, and gender justice are vital.

Healthy communication goes a long way in moving forward.

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Community Calendar

November 10

Toledo NAACP Vote: Noon to 8 PM; Vote for Executive Committee: The election of officers and at-large members of the Executive Committee will take place in person following social distancing guidelines, wearing a mask is required. Polls will open from 12:00 pm (Noon) – to 8:00 pm. To vote in the Toledo Branch NAACP election, one must be a member in good standing of the Toledo Branch NAACP 30 days prior to the election. A form of identification is required.

November 11

Free Concert and Ministry Launch: For Child of God Ministries featuring artists from Baltimore MD; Peacock Café; 6 to 8 pm

November 12

Ordination Service for Child of God Ministries: Pastor-elect Dorian Rayford; Corinth Baptist Church



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Black People Should Know Better!

By Lafe Tolliver, Esq

Guest Column

I do not know about you, but I am disgusted and ashamed that any Black person is openly or remotely engaged in any vituperative attacks on any person (or collectively as a nation) of the Jewish faith.

We as a historically shunned, humiliated, vilified, and degraded people ought to know better that trying to use Jewish people as objects of hatred, contempt, or abuse, should be beneath our dignity and intelligence.

Any person who makes snide remarks about "Jewish" people or their habits, or financial prowess or their personal features, is engaged in a pernicious form of hatred and bigotry.

What makes this even more alarming is the fact that lies and distortions about Jewish people, as was done to Black people, comes from sources that are not informed or civil about both Jewish people and people of color.

Hatred and vile memes about Jewish people originated in ancient history due to either envy or jealousy of what they have accomplished as a collective nation; and the distortions and lies only grew in kind and degree with each passing generation.

Just when you think that such blatant hatred has been tamped down, it arises again from petty jealousies and fabricated stories of Jews being spawns of Satan and benefactors of conspiracies of overthrowing governments or their reign and rule in certain occupations or industries.

For Black people, some of those hurtful distortions stem from stories, real or imagined, that Jewish people "invaded" hapless Black communities with high rental prices or shoddy goods at exorbitant prices; or that they were tagged with the label of being moguls that controlled certain industries or professions to wit: legal, academic, Hollywood, and financial institutions.

Now, let me introduce the powder keg that historical readings would indicate that much of the angst against Jewish people is that they were the original "Christ killers."

Disregarding the blatant facts that it was the Roman government that crucified Jesus the Christ, many people nonetheless have hung that BIG LIE on Jewish people and to this date, that moniker is still invoked in certain illiterate circles.

Without stating the obvious, Jesus was a Semite. He was a Jew of Jewish parents and he adhered to Jewish laws and customs until he introduced the concept of salvation by grace and grace (meaning unmerited favor) alone as outlined in the New Testament.

From early Roman governments and the Caesars to that of Hitler and other miscreants, the Jewish people have been the object of scorn and ridicule for their seemingly ability to occupy places of favor and influence in the above-mentioned industries and all to the envy of men and women who hate that they and not them, occupy such positions of power, influence or financial well-being.

Sorry, friend, but if your anger is directed at Jewish people because of their status, perceived or otherwise, you need to get a life and move on, because the Jew is not your enemy. You are your own enemy, and you are held captive by ignorance and envy.

And now for the second powder keg in my argument. If you profess knowing God or Jesus the Christ, you should know the Scriptures and which Scriptures talk about the Jewish people being in covenant with God and that covenant is not subject to our whims of what is right or what is wrong.

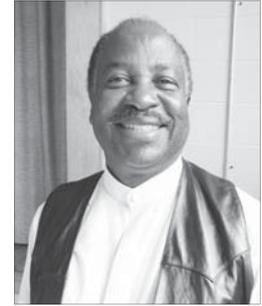
It is a God-initiated covenant that God did not consult with either you or me about and its creation from the time of Abraham (continues through to his spiritual descendants), is still intact to those who follow the Christ.

I know...I know. You feel God plays favorites with the nation of Israel being his chosen nation and that one day Jesus will even return to Jerusalem... but that is for another column.

Suffice to say that if you speak antisemitic "stuff," you are speaking against Jesus and for the untold millions of Black people who following the Christian faith (a semitic faith and not a European/Nordic faith), you are not permitted or allowed to act or speak in a manner that demeans Jewish people.

Matter of fact, the Bible says pray for the peace of Jerusalem and also that those who bless the Jew will in turn be blessed. (You can uncover your ears now).

Hard to hear, you say? Those are not my words. Read them for yourself. You were made in the image of God, just as the Jew is, so what gives



Lafe Tolliver

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Young Toledoans Receive "20 Under 40" Leadership Recognition Awards

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The 20 Under 40 program focuses on individuals in northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan under the age of 40 who have distinguished themselves in their career and/or in the community. An independent panel selects the 20 candidates for recognition. It is intended that the program will further motivate young leaders in our area. Since 1996, 540 young, community leaders have been recognized through the 20 Under 40 program.

This year's awards ceremony was the 27th annual 20 Under 40 event and was held on October 25. The following individuals were among the honorees. They were among 20 selected from a field of 168 candidates.

Raina Dawson, attorney at Advocates for Basic Legal Equality, received a 2022 20 Under 40 Leadership Recognition Award.



Raina Dawson

Dawson serves in the Housing practice group at ABLE and advocates for residents in the Junction Neighborhood. She has successfully garnered increased police surveillance at the Dorr/Collingwood Plaza and assists residents with legal issues.

Active in the community, Dawson was a member of the inaugural class of Engage Toledo and was the first chairman of the Humas Relations Commission. She currently serves as the Mediation chair and works as a neutral third-party in dispute resolution. She drafted the Cities for CEDAW legislation. CEDAW contributes to making Toledo a Welcoming City. Dawson is vice President of the Thurgood Marshall Law Association and is devoted to ensuring the well being of local attorneys and students. She is also the Unity Coalition liaison for the Ohio Legislative Black Caucus. Dawson serves on the board of Wholeistics and Self-E.S.T.E.A.M.

Following her graduation from of the University of Toledo, she earned a JD/MBA from the UT College of Law. She was awarded a full-ride undergraduate scholarship, Toledo Women's Bar Association Scholarship and the Thurgood Marshall Law Association Scholarship and was the inaugural recipient of the Myron Duhart Scholarship. During law school, she taught the Law and Leadership program designed to introduce youth to law. She also interned in the Toledo public defender's office representing indigent clients.

Rashadd Humes, Diversity Recruiting Manager at The J.M. Smucker Company, was also honored.



Rashadd Humes

At J. M. Smucker Co., Humes is responsible for leading the company's diversity recruiting strategy where he manages \$150,000 budget and three direct reports. He also co-chairs the Black Leadership & Allyship Council. Previously at Marathon Petroleum Company, he increased intern diversity by 27.5% in IT services. He was the inaugural chair of Black Employee Network and managed a \$1.25 million budget for diversity recruiting.

Humes was recognize by Yello as a Top 66 Early Talent Acquisition Leader in 2020, received a Hero Award from the Safety Council of Northwest Ohio in 2022, received a Core Award in 2017 from Marathon IT Services. He was the recipient of the Leadership Excellence award by the National Diversity Council at the Ohio Diversity & Leadership Conference.

His leadership includes Director of Finance for Wiley College Nation Alumni Foundation, Advisory Board Member for the University of Michigan Athletics Career Center, and a volunteer assistant basketball coach at Whitmer High School.

Hume is a graduate of Wiley College and is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Marjory Marshall, operations director at TutorSmart, received a 2022 20 Under 40 Leadership Recognition Award.

In her role, Marshall, with a doctorate in education, hired and trained a team of tutors, team leaders, site coordinators and volunteers with

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the impact resulting in six months of academic growth in their student's math and reading ability. There are currently 21 tutoring sites and TutorSmart is on tract to have 49 sites by October 2022. Her previous roles include Project Coordinator for Lucas County Juvenile Court where she spearheaded an initiative to improve educational outcomes of youth in foster care, the Assistant Principal at The Academy of Educational Excellence where she created a culture that encouraged academic rigor and equitable education for all students.



Marjory Marshall

Marshall's community leadership is centered on diversity and inclusion work. At the University of Toledo, she served as a Graduate Assistant in the Office of Multicultural Student Success and was appointed to the University's Retention Research Committee. She has served as a Congressional intern, youth advocate, adoption recruiter and motivational speaker. She initiated and financially supported "Rebuilding Community Day," a free event offering food, clothing, and information on community resources in the parking lot of Seaway Marketplace. Due to its success, Seaway has made this an annual event. She is currently focusing her time to advocate for foster care reform both locally and nationally.

Marshall earned a Bachelor of Arts in Women and Gender Studies, a Master's in Public Administration, and a Doctorate in Education at the University of Toledo.

Kandice Saulsberry, managing funeral director at Dale-Riggs Fu-

neral Home, Inc., received a 2022 20 Under 40 Leadership Recognition Award.

Saulsberry serves as Managing Funeral Director at Dale-Riggs Funeral Home, the oldest African American funeral home in Toledo which has been operating for over 100 years. She is licensed as a funeral director, preneed insurance agent and certified funeral celebrant. She is responsible for governmental compliance and licensure, overseeing inventory, budget, and payroll. Saulsberry is passionate about serving grieving families and educating the community about the benefits of preplanning.



Kandice Saulsberry

At 28, Saulsberry became the youngest managing funeral director in Toledo and continues to hold that status. She is Treasurer of the Buckeye State Funeral Directors and Embalmers Association and a convention committee member facilitating approval by state officials for continuing education hours, securing reputable speakers for relevant topics and providing training. She also serves as the 40 Under Committee Chair acting as a liaison for students, recent graduates, and new licensees.

The COVID-19 pandemic caused Saulsberry to focus on social injustice and lack of resources. She serves as Assistant Secretary and Executive Board member for the Toledo Branch of the N.A.A.C.P., chair of the Women's Healthcare and Wellness target for the Zeta Alpha Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and on the Faith Division of the YWCA Capital Campaign Project.

A native of Akron and first-generation college graduate, she graduated from the University of Akron and Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science.

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CDC Urges People to Get the Flu Vaccine Early

Positive Cases Skyrocket Since Last Flu Season With COVID-19 Precautions

By Tcherika Petit-Frere

Howard University News Service

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is urging people to get the flu vaccine by the end of October given a steady increase in cases early in the season.

The number of positive flu cases has reached 4,782 since Oct. 2, the CDC reports. This includes 4,610 positive cases of Influenza A and 172 positive cases of Influenza B. By comparison, the positivity rate for the 2020-2021 flu season was 0.2%, meaning 1,675 people tested positive.

The CDC believes that flu rates were low last season because of the precautions people have taken to curb the spread of COVID-19, such as wearing face masks, social distancing by staying home and online schooling.

“Over the past two years, we’ve seen some worrisome drops in flu vaccination coverage, especially in some groups of people who are at the highest risk of developing serious flu illness,” said Dr. Rochelle Walensky, the director of the CDC, in a recent press conference with the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases.

The CDC predicts that this year’s flu season will be worse due to many things, but mainly because of low flu vaccination rates these past two years and the slow increase in COVID-19 case. Officials hope to avoid the chance of people suffering from possible respiratory issues from COVID-19 and the flu.

“U.S. flu cases typically mirror Argentina and Australia’s cases in terms of volume and severity, and they’re often used as leading indicators for the U.S. flu season,” said Yoandree Pierre-Jacques, CVS Pharmacy district leader in the Washington area. “Both countries experienced a strong start to flu season this year, with higher numbers of cases than in 2019, which was a strong flu season across all three countries.”

“With Argentina and Australia peaking earlier and at higher volumes, as well as the continued relaxation of COVID-19 mitigation measures, some experts think the U.S. could experience that as well, especially as colder weather pushes more people indoors,” Pierre-Jacques said.

For the 2022-2023 flu season, the CDC has confirmed that 91.2 million doses of flu vaccines have been distributed around the United States. Flu vaccine manufacturers hope to supply around 173.5 million to 183.5 mil-



lion doses in the U.S., according to the CDC. This season’s flu vaccine distribution is significantly lower than the 2020-2021 season, where 193.8 million flu vaccines were distributed; the CDC reports that it is the highest they have received in a single flu season.

“We have seen a decline in positivity rates during the past two years following the widespread adoption of community measures to reduce COVID-19 transmission,” Pierre-Jacques said. “We’ve seen a decline in flu cases in general, which can be attributed, at least in part, to an increased focus on personal hygiene, mask wearing and less time spent in public places.”

With the possibility that the upcoming flu season could be a rocky one, people are undecided if they will get the flu vaccine this year.

“Probably not. I have not really thought about getting it this year,” said Ramie Washington, a sophomore fashion design major at Howard University. “Ever since COVID-19, I have been more concerned about making sure I am up to date with those vaccinations.”

Sadiya Quetti-Goodson, a sophomore film major at Howard, had a flu vaccination before coming to the university. “However, I don’t usually get it because I have not had a history of getting sick from the flu or catching it at all.”

With the low flu vaccination rates these past two years and positive COVID-19 cases, the CDC hopes that people get vaccinated preferably by the end of the month.

“The CDC suggests it’s best to get vaccinated early in the fall, before flu begins spreading in your community ... keeping in mind that it takes about two weeks to develop optimal protection after getting vaccinated,” Pierre-Jacques said.

Tcherika Petit-Frere is a reporter for HUNewsService.com.

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you the right to defame or speak evil of a Jewish person?”

I am hoping that these words would be a basic 101 lesson in history that you either should know or maybe you just forgot due to the recent episodes of Kyrie Irving and Kanye West and others spouting gibberish about what they do not know of. Jews are not our enemy. Never have been. Never should be. The history of the Jew in America is “fat” with admirable and laudable Jewish support for civil rights, black colleges, the arts, and legislation for equal treatment.

Black people who have ears attuned to voices that hyperventilate against Jewish people and wish them ill or degrade them for their accomplishments, they are not your friends.

Gently correct them and do not support their endeavors or give them any credence.

Any and all ethnic groupings in America have engaged in conduct that we could or would find harsh and oppressive but let us not blindly categorize anyone, Jews included, as being perpetually hostile to our collective goal in pursuing the common good of all.

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The Truth and Friends Celebrate the Paper's 20th Anniversary

The Truth Staff

"It's like a Black family reunion," gushed one happy guest at this publication's 20th anniversary celebration on Thursday, October 27, at The Pinnacle in Maumee.

The event brought together about 200 people in the community to help The Truth celebrate its 20th birthday and, more importantly, to honor some individuals within the community who have helped the paper reach such a milestone.

Montrice Terry, of the City Park League, served as emcee for the evening and opened up the ceremony by paying tribute to the honorees, the community and the newspaper.

Dinner was offered in the form of grazing stations and guests dined on salad, carved beef and turkey, a build your own mashed potato station and an ice cream station with choice of toppings.

Tables were decorated with centerpieces from Da'Vee Designs, located in Franklin Park Mall, and from The Truth Art Gallery. The printed programs featured articles and photos from each of The Truth's 20 years. The room was decorated by blown-up posters of the honorees and cover stories they were featured in along with a variety of other posters from over the years.

During dinner, guests were entertained by Lady K and Intuition who played a range of 60s and 70s r & b hits.

After dinner, the celebration began as honors were bestowed on a number of individuals.

Publisher Fletcher Word opened the celebration by acknowledging that virtually everyone in attendance had been critical to the success of the paper. Many had been part of the news items or features over the years, and a

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Suzette Cowell



Larry Sykes



Jessica Ford Perkins



Deborah Barnett



George Hillard



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number of contributors or reporters were on hand.

Before the honorees were presented, Word was surprised by several in the audience who honored the paper's contributions to the community. County Commissioner Tina Skeldon Wozniak and Lucas County Administrator Jessica Ford Perkins recognized The Truth for "excellence in journalism." Then Dawn Scotland, The Truth's staffer, organized a recognition for the paper's publisher, for acknowledging 20 years of service to the community. State Rep. Paula Hicks-Hudson presented a proclamation from the Ohio House of Representatives commending The Truth "on twenty years of service."

The evening's honorees were five individuals who have been of enormous service to the community and one individual who has been an integral part of The Truth's news presentations for many years.

George Hillard, a Democratic Party behind-the-scenes activist who has been active in getting, having heard of the impending publication, reached out to The Truth staff before the newspaper hit the stands to offer his help in setting up distribution. He not only brought ideas for distribution to the staff but also volunteered his time to actually take the publication around town to introduce it to distribution sites.

Over the year's Hillard has continued to offer his advice and counsel about such matters.

Deborah Barnett has been a source of advice and counsel on numerous issues to the paper. Barnett, a former banker and elected official, operates her consulting firm now. Over the years, Barnett has been instrumental in working on special events for The Truth – such as a forum on racism – and connecting the paper to a variety of business interests.

Larry Sykes was the very first person the staff of The Truth approached 20 years ago with the plans to start the new publication. Sykes, who has played such a critical role in the Toledo community for decades, was from the start was so very important in offering financial advice, providing connections to the community and finding important business opportunities for the paper over the course of the 20 years.

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Rev. Tim Pettaway offers blessing before dinner



Fletcher Word and Dawn Scotland

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A former banker, a member of so many critical organizations and boards and an elected official for years, Sykes remains a source of information and assistance.

Suzette Cowell, CEO of the Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union, has been so important to The Truth over the years both as an adviser about community events and individuals but also as banker and financial advisor. She has been of enormous importance during difficult financial times and has helped put the paper on secure financial standing.

And then there was Jack Ford.

Ford, former mayor and holder of a variety of elected positions, was the second person the staff approached 20 years ago, ironically, during an event in the very room in which the 20th anniversary celebration was held. Ford spread the word, to such people as Hillard, and ensured that the paper was recognized with a Unity Award at the MLK, JR University of Toledo event during the first year of publication.

Perhaps most importantly, Ford joined the staff of the paper in between elected positions, during the paper's fifth year of operation, greatly heightening the publication's recognition within the community.

Hillard, Barnett, Sykes and Cowell accepted their plaques with moving speeches about the community and why it has been so important for them to assist in providing accurate, comprehensive information to the Toledo community.

Jessica Ford Perkins accepted on behalf of her late father, noting that the presentation had brought her to tears and admitting how much she still missed her father who passed seven years ago. She noted that her father's work with the paper and the care he took with that work was of great importance to him.

The Rev. Donald Perryman, PhD, pastor of Center of Hope Church, was also honored for his contributions over the years as a commentator and interviewer. Word noted that when the paper was first established, a central component was to be interviews and cover stories of individuals and their impact on the community. Perryman has spent his column enhancing that effort.

Perryman was under the weather for the event but his daughter, Tracee Perryman, PhD, CEO of Center of Hope Family Services, accepted in his stead.

The 20th anniversary celebration was the first time the paper and its staff had held such an event but, perhaps, more to come in the future?



State Rep. Paula Hicks-Hudson presents proclamation



Jessica Ford Perkins, Larry Sykes, George Hillard, Deborah Barnett, Suzette Cowell, Tracee Perryman



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FUELING TOMORROWS



NAACP Vision Appeals to Teens

By Kathryn Mobley, Scribblers 29

Special to The Truth

In November, U.S. citizens will cast their ballot in the 2022 mid-term elections. Democrats, Independents and Republicans are scrambling to capture support in their favor—hoping this translates into votes and political success on November 8.

At the same time, the NAACP is also pecking to catch the attention of a different target group. One they hope will support the organization's mission and visions for decades to come—high schoolers.

“Most of our young people are not involved with organizations around social justice and equality,” explains Carter D. Womack, PhD. He’s a life-long member of the NAACP as well as the president/CEO of Leadership At It’s Best, based in Columbus, Ohio.

The 71-year-old entrepreneur fears many young people live in ‘social media



Carter Womack

silos’, not connected with ‘real life’ political and economic issues. “They strictly live on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, TicTok and on other social media platforms. They worry about who’ll attend the next party, the next big song to drop, or who’s setting the latest fashion trend,” says Dr. Womack. He joined NAACP when he was 20-years-old.

According to NAACP.org, there are 550 junior youth councils, youth councils, high school chapters and college chapters under its national umbrella. Units across the country develop new civil rights and community leaders through social action programs.

In September, Womack attended the 92nd State Conference of the NAACP.



Alexis Cunningham

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The Toledo Library's Resources!

Parents, help your kids finish the first half of the school year strong! The Toledo Library's resources span all ages and subject matter. From their first books to high school homework help, we can help your family every step of the way.

- **Tutor.com** - Get free on demand tutoring with Tutor.com. There's no appointment needed and tutors are available noon to midnight, seven days a week. Also, receive feedback on reports and essays within 12 hours of submission.

- **TutorSmart**: Does your child need more intensive daily tutoring? The Toledo Library's partnership with TutorSmart allows 1st through 8th grade students to get free tutoring in math and reading. Students have seen months of growth after just a couple sessions.

- **Book Bundles**: Not sure what books fit your child's reading level? Let us

help! Book Bundles are curated by our librarians for specific topics, age, and reading levels. Fill out a Book Bundle request and a personalized collection of books will be put together for you to pick up.

- **Ready-to-Read**: We help families prepare their infant, toddler, preschooler, or kindergarten through third grader improve literacy skills. Our Ready to Read program is a parent education initiative provides information and tools needed to build a strong foundation of early literacy skills.

- **Imagination Library**: Your child can get a free book every month from the moment they are born until they turn five. That's up to 60 books to build your child's at-home library. You can register for the Imagination Library at any Toledo Library location or online.

The Library's resources can help make homework time less stressful. Visit toledolibrary.org/prek12 for more information or scan the QR code.

How to Supplement Classroom Learning at Home With Tech for Kids

Special to The Truth

When the school bell rings at the end of the day, the learning doesn't need to stop. Some of the latest and greatest tech can get kids excited to expand their knowledge at home in ways that are fun, all while supporting and augmenting what happens in the classroom.

Here are some of the coolest tech-infused options to consider introducing to children this school year:

Screen Free Fun

LeapPods Max from LeapFrog are comfortable over-the-ear headphones designed to be safe for little ones' ears while offering an immersive audio experience and a break from screen time. Beyond listening to music, hours of included activities spark a different kind of learning, taking kids on audio adventures, getting their mind and body moving with active challenges, introducing mindfulness activities and more. The included 14-page Adventure Passport guidebook that accompanies the audio adventures pairs engaging soundscapes and animal sounds with detailed illustrations. Play right away with no web connection, downloads or account setup required.

Jump-Start to Coding

Kids can explore the fundamentals of coding while having fun using apps like Cargo-Bot. Puzzles challenge them to teach a robot to move crates. Another great subscription-based option is Kodable. Offering an array of activities that familiarize kids with coding skills, along with opportunities to create original programs, this self-guided approach allows kids to master 21st century tech skills at their own pace.

Interactive Books

Explore exciting new ways to learn with the touch-and-talk pages of the LeapStart Learning Success Bundle. This interactive system includes ac-

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Representatives from sixteen cities and counties across Ohio gathered at the Crowne Plaza in Columbus North-Worthington for the two-day conference. He met a group of high school students from Columbus Academy.

"They didn't know about the NAACP, it's history and what units are doing today," says Womack. "They also had no clue young people could join." He explained the organization and connected the dots of how its work benefit their lives today. "Then I told them, 'I'm going to pay your membership for the next year.' They all raised their hands and almost in unison they said, 'We'll take it'. So I wrote a check for 13 memberships and they joined the Columbus' youth unit."

Alexis Cunningham is one of the beneficiaries. At 5'5, the 16-year-old senior loves chemistry, mathematics and music. She plays both the viola and the upright bass, contributing her talents to the school's jazz band, the Urban Strings and to the Columbus Symphony Youth Orchestra. She proudly sports large, gold hoop earrings and wavy, natural hair pulled up in a top bun. "For nine years, I've attended a predominantly white institution, so it's been hard for me to make my way as a young African American woman," says Cunningham. "I think being apart of NAACP will give me a sense of pride and of community. I'll have others around me to uplift me as I figure out who I am."

Womack tells the students he'll follow up with them to confirm they are participating with the Columbus Youth Unit. Their echos of thanks encircle him as each student reaches out to either shake his hand or hug him. Later, the businessman confides he bought their memberships because he's observed another lack in the Columbus school curriculum.

"Many of our schools don't have student councils where you learn about running for office, you learn how to be an officer, how to conduct a meeting according to Roberts Rules of Order and how to lead people to actually get something done." This is where Womack believes the NAACP can bridge some of these social foundation gaps by teaching teamwork, educating about the importance of voting, walking youth through the election process and promoting motivated youth capable of stepping into leadership roles.

Meanwhile, Cunningham sees the NAACP as a vehicle that will help her make a difference in her city and in this country. "There are many African American children who are not as fortunate as I am. They don't have a lot of family support," A warm, broad smile consumes her caramel face. "As a member of NAACP, I will be a role model for young African Americans, especially females. I can encourage them, show them my passion. My generation is going to make a great impact and be a wonderful benefit to this country."



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UToledo Ranked One of World's Best Universities

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The University of Toledo is ranked among the top universities in the world by U.S. News & World Report in its Best Global Universities rankings

In its newly released list that focuses on institutions that prioritize academic research, UToledo is one of only 280 U.S. schools ranked and achieved an international ranking of No. 1,002 out of more than 2,000 universities from more than 90 countries.

"At The University of Toledo our faculty are engaged in cutting-edge research and innovation and I'm proud that this prestigious ranking reflects their strong reputation for excellence and innovation on a global scale," said UToledo President Gregory Postel.

The ninth annual U.S. News & World Report Best Global Universities rankings provide insight into how universities compare around the world. The 2022-23 edition evaluated 2,000 schools — up from more than 1,700 last year — on academic research and reputation. The rankings are based on 13 indicators, such as global and regional research reputation, international collaboration and total citations.

UToledo also received special recognition as among the best in the world in the subject areas of chemistry, clinical medicine, materials science and psychiatry/psychology.

The Best Global Universities ranking follows UToledo being recognized for the first time among the top universities in the country in the 2022-23 U.S. News and World Report Best Colleges rankings released in September.

UToledo is ranked in the third tier at 285 out of a total of 440 national universities included in the most recent survey. The University is ranked among the Top Public Schools listed at 146 out of 227 institutions.

"In the same year that UToledo is celebrating our sesquicentennial we are recognized among the best universities in both the country and the world. It's a great way to honor our history and celebrate our strong momentum heading into the future," Postel said.

Located along the Great Lakes, UToledo is a public, research university with an academic medical center powering opportunity for students and

caring for patients across northwest Ohio. Known for ground-breaking research in astronomy and astrophysics, water quality and sustainable technologies; and cell architecture and dynamics, UToledo is committed to its mission of improving the human condition around the world.

Visit the U.S. News & World Report website for more information about the Best Global Universities rankings.

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activities such as games, puzzles and creative challenges to enhance learning and help kids build math, reading, problem-solving skills and more. It comes preloaded with the Go! Go! Cory Carson Superhero School book based on the popular animated series and an additional activity book, and can be expanded with the compatible LeapStart library of books (sold separately). Covering a variety of preschool through first grade subjects for 2-7-year-olds, each title features more than 30 re-playable activities, so kids can start at the right level and move up when they're ready. For example, the LeapStart Level 1 Preschool 4 Pack features four popular books that focus on the alphabet, shapes and colors, math and baby animals.

Supplemental learning at home can provide kids with the tools they need to thrive in the classroom. Thankfully, new tech is making it fun, interactive and engaging.

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The Museum of Odd Body Leftovers: A Tour of Your Useless Parts, Flaws, and Other Weird Bits by Rachel Poliquin, illustrated by Clayton Hanmer

By Terri Schlichenmeyer
The Truth Contributor

You don't need that.

Ugh, it's so frustrating when you ask someone for something and they just say "no" right away. Why didn't they think about it first, or ask your intentions? What if you spend your own money or find that thing yourself? As a kid, you probably hear "you don't need that" a lot but in the new book *The Museum of Odd Body Leftovers* by Rachel Poliquin, illustrations by Clayton Hanmer, some things really are so extra.

Let's face it: your body is a wonderful piece of machinery. It lets you run and play and write and read and do all kinds of fun things. But there are things inside you that are "useless... leftovers" and "bad patch jobs." They're called vestigial structures, and there was once a time when the human body did need those parts. Not anymore.

Take, for instance, your teeth.

Now, you need your teeth to chew and chomp and bite. You need them to smile. But you don't need your wisdom teeth as much as your ancestors did and you don't have room in your mouth for them anyhow. Besides, they can cause "big trouble," which is why so many adults have a dentist remove them.

You are a mammal, just like your cat or dog is a mammal, but because your body isn't covered in fur, you don't need the muscles that make your hairs stand up to act as insulation and keep you warm. You need clothing instead, and not goosebumps.

Scientists say that we are closely related to monkeys and while we have some body parts in common, again, we humans have extra things. Monkeys and humans both have muscles that help to climb trees, swing from branches, walk on all fours – muscles that kept our ancestors alive. Monkeys still need these things. Humans – not so much.

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Your feet and legs have evolved to walk upright. You have hair where it's most beneficial for a human like you. Your gut has become a lean, mean digesting machine. And at one time in your life, you actually had a tail!

You might've noticed that kids are inherently collectors of this and that and the other. In *The Museum of Odd Body Leftovers*, they'll see a collection they never even knew they had, and that nobody has to clean around.

Reading like a guided tour through a museum of curiosities, this book is fictional but based in actual science and its tone is serious but fun – which means that author Rachel Poliquin's story and illustrations by Clayton Hanmer will teach a kid something effortlessly and on the sly. For easier reference, it's segmented into different subjects; parents and kids will also be happy to know that this "museum" includes terms and words that are used in real laboratories.

Curious seven-to-11-year-olds will devour this book, and you might expect some excited "did you know?" conversations while your youngster is enjoying it. *The Museum of Odd Body Leftovers* is good and yeah, they need that.

Rep. Sobecki announces \$173,400 for Toledo Police Department

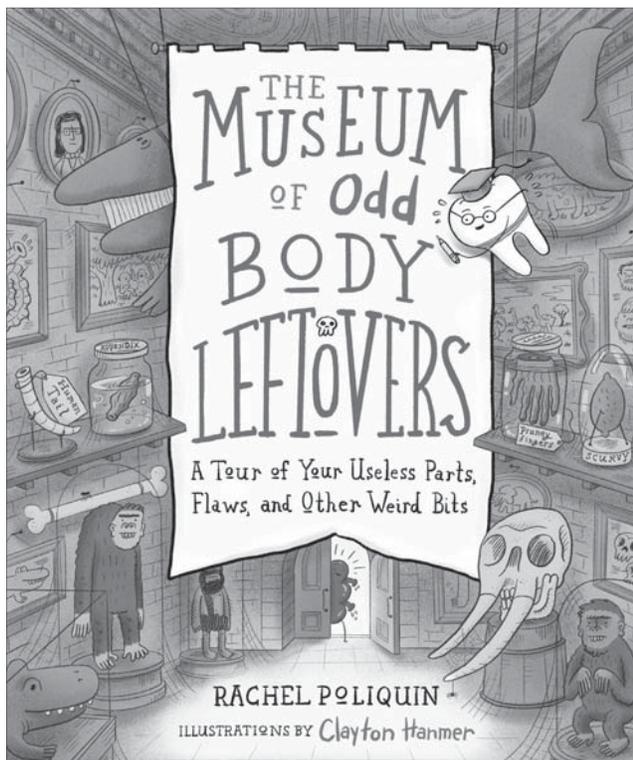
Funds from Democrats' American Rescue Plan will support the health and wellness of law enforcement, first responders

Last week, State Rep. Lisa Sobecki (D-Toledo) announced that the Toledo Police Department will receive \$173,400 from Democrats' American Rescue Plan to support the wellness and staffing needs of Ohio's first responders.

"Enhancing the mental health and wellness of the Toledo Police Department officers will help protect our city," said Rep. Sobecki. "Democrats with the American Rescue Plan have made investments to support police, and help them rebuild trust in our community. That starts with healthy officers."



Rep. Lisa Sobecki



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PROPOSALS INVITED

The Mental Health & Recovery Services Board (MHR SB) of Lucas County invites proposals from qualified organizations with expertise in performing Latinx bilingual/bicultural Behavioral Health Navigator and Community/School-Based Prevention services. Eligible organizations are encouraged to submit proposals for navigation, community/school-based prevention services, or both. A maximum amount of \$750,000 is available from February 6, 2023, through June 30, 2024. At its discretion, the MHR SB may fund multiple organizations through this proposal process. Proposals are to be delivered no later than 4:00 p.m. ET on December, 9th, 2022. All questions should be submitted to apriest@lcmhrsb.oh.gov <apriest@lcmhrsb.oh.gov> by November 14, 2022, at 4 p.m. ET. Responses will be posted to the MHR SB's website. Details regarding the project deliverables and submission criteria are located on the MHR SB's website: <http://www.lcmhrsb.oh.gov/publicnotice/>.

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PUBLIC NOTICE SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE 2022 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

To address the need for homelessness assistance and supportive services, Congress appropriated \$5 billion in American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds to be administered through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) HOME Investment Partnerships Program to perform activities that must primarily benefit qualifying individuals and families who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, or in other vulnerable populations.

The City of Toledo is eligible to receive \$7.9 million in federal funding from HUD in HOME-ARP funds. These funds can be used for developing affordable housing, tenant based rental assistance (TBRA), the provision of supportive services, acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter units, and nonprofit operating and capacity building assistance in Toledo.

The City of Toledo HOME-ARP Allocation Plan provides details on the consultation and public participation process used to develop the draft plan, the needs and gaps analysis that informed the proposed allocation of funds, and how HOME-ARP funds are proposed to be allocated in the city.

The HOME-ARP Allocation Plan is submitted to HUD as a Substantial Amendment to the 2022 Annual Action Plan and will be available for review beginning **Friday, November 18, 2022**, on the website of the following entities:

Department of Housing and Community Development
One Government Center, 18th Floor
Downtown Toledo, Jackson & Erie Streets
website: <https://toledo.oh.gov/departments/housing-community-development>

Office of the Mayor
One Government Center, 22nd Floor
Downtown Toledo, Jackson & Erie Streets
website: <https://toledo.oh.gov/government/mayor>

Clerk of Council
One Government Center, 21st Floor
Downtown Toledo, Jackson & Erie Streets
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A public hearing on the Substantial Amendment to the 2022 Annual Action Plan and City of Toledo HOME-ARP Allocation Plan is scheduled as follows:

Wednesday, November 30, 2022, 5:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers
One Government Center, 1st Floor
Downtown Toledo, Jackson & Erie Streets

The City of Toledo will also receive comments from the public in writing beginning **Friday, November 18, 2022**, through **Monday, December 19, 2022**, at the following address:

CITY OF TOLEDO
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT – HOME-ARP
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Interpreters will be made available for non-English speaking citizens at the public hearing if requested at least 72 hours in advance. Inquiries for translated summary copies of the Substantial Amendment to the 2022 Annual Action Plan and HOME-ARP Allocation Plan can be obtained by contacting the Department of Housing and Community Development at least three weeks in advance.

TARTA SEEKS FEEDBACK ON UPCOMING SERVICE CHANGES

The Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority (TARTA) has scheduled a series of public events to collect community feedback on upcoming proposed service additions and changes. Proposed adjustments, if approved by TARTA's Board of Trustees, would go into effect in March of 2023, and would include:

- The addition of Route 33, from TARTA's Transit Hub to University of Toledo College of Medical and Life Sciences and Walmart on Glendale Ave. This new route would replace portions of routes 28, 32, and 34
- The extension of Route 32 to Spring Meadows Place shopping center and other route modifications along Airport Highway
- Modifications to Route 34
- Removal of Route 28 A/B

These events will include two in-person forums and one virtual feedback session. These forums will focus on the Title VI equity analyses surrounding the service changes. Public meetings are scheduled for:

- In-person meeting, **Monday, Dec. 5, 2022**, 5-6 p.m., conference room at TARPS, 130 Knapp St., Toledo
 - Virtual meeting, **Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2022**, 10-11 a.m.
 - In-person meeting, **Friday, Dec. 16, 2022**, 2-3 p.m., conference room at TARPS, 130 Knapp St., Toledo
- If you are unable to attend, a recording of the virtual meeting will be posted on tarta.com.

All language assistance services for TARTA programs are provided to the public at no charge. In-person translation services for events can be provided and should be requested at least 5 business days prior to the event.

Registration and additional details will be available in the coming weeks at tarta.com or by calling 419-243-7433. Customers and others from the public interested in submitting questions may do so by sending them to customer-relations@tarta.com.

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determination and their willingness to pursue their personal and professional goals, in spite of the odds.

“It was those personal conversations and experiences with dozens and dozens of legendary performers which helped Chuck under the importance of dedicating himself to one day owning his own business.

“Few people know the story of his humble Alabama beginnings, caddying at all-white golf clubs, experiencing all the indignities of a black man working a position of servitude in the South. His family didn’t have much, but they had pride. Not even Chuck could have imagined, during those days of overt southern segregation, he would one day own and manage and his own radio station but he will tell you, he always dreamed of a better life!

“His journey – not one so different from others wanting and achieving a better life – was filled with numerous roadblocks all along the way. After his long career with WKLR, where he served as music director, program director and ultimately station manager, Chuck went on to work in different markets including stint in Houston, Texas. Somewhere during that period, the idea of owning a radio station was born.

“Unfortunately, he still lacked the resources and, he still had to support a growing family. Not one to give up, Chuck – once again – commuted daily between Toledo and Detroit joining Barden Cable Company as their local sales manager.

“He is the first to tell you his journey was made a lot easier, because his wife Margie was there, doing what a wife and mother needed to do. She protected the children and, at the same time, held down a job at night. Together, they decided to make it!

“Perhaps, Welch’s desire to see Toledo’s African-American community flourish again has something to do with those humble beginnings. Maybe, it has something to do with the people he met along the way. Perhaps, he wants to show young people there is a way out. Perhaps, he sees his community in distress. Perhaps, it is all true! Welch sees a better Toledo, he sees hope for the African-American community. He could easily make the decision to set his life on cruise but as he says, ‘...there’s work to be done.’”



Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur presents Charles Welch with House Proclamation



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The Juice Celebrates Its 25th Anniversary

Special to The Truth

Family, friends and the staff of WJUC 107.3 FM celebrated the station's 25th anniversary on Sunday, November 6 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Perrysburg and honored the man, the legend, Charles Welch, a/k/a Charlie Chuck, who founded the first Black-owned radio station in western Ohio a quarter century ago.

About 200 guests enjoyed dinner, entertainment by Lady K and Intuition, commemorative offerings to honor Welch by Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur and a video presentation of the work the man has done in this area.

The following are excerpts from a 2008 article in this paper written by Robert Smith of the African American Legacy Project and a broadcaster for The Juice.

"Charlie Chuck is more than a household name within the African-American community. He is truly one of this community's favorite sons. Charlie Chuck's true success can be measured in very basic terms. Simply, he has created a legacy for his children and grandchildren. To understand Chuck's commitment to community you would have to know a little bit about his journey.

"During the late 1960's Toledo's African-American community was alive and black businesses were thriving! Just up the road, Motown was jumping and a young man named W. Charles Welch was working weekends at WJLB radio, at the same time he was performing occasionally in nightclubs.

"His big baritone voice could excite a crowd. Yet, he had a family to support, so he took on a factory job at Chrysler Corporation to pay the bills. Then ... his opportunity came! There was an opening in Toledo, Ohio. At WKLR 99.9 FM and Charlie Chuck became the morning voice of Kooler Radio! Along the way, he developed important relationships in the music industry.

"B.B. King, Etta James, Bobby Blue Bland, The Temptations, The O'Jays, James Brown, are among the many musical legends who performed in Toledo on a regular basis and ... as soon as they hit town, they would call Charlie Chuck. These relationships would prove important, not just because the people he met were music icons, but because they were friends. He recognized their

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Larry Sykes, Rev. James Willis and Linnie Willis



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Rochelle Hall Rollins, Congresswoman Kaptur, Candice Harrison



Karen Harris and Rev. Le Roy Williams



Charles Welch and Larry Sykes

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Sanger Branch Library
3030 Central Ave., Toledo, OH 43606

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