



# Joseph Sommerville Honored at UT



Joseph Sommerville, PhD, and Hellen Cooks, PhD

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# Mad As Hell

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

The Truth Contributor

*Anger provides energy so we may engage in analysis, protest, survival and justice.*

- Valerie Bridgeman



The fact that 91 percent of black women with a college degree and 95 percent of black women without a degree voted for Secretary Clinton, puts a proud smile on my face and in my heart.

Everything else about last week's presidential election makes me angry. Very angry!

While many in the black community are wont to blame black millennials or the black underclass for allegedly not showing up at the polls, certainly, if any stones are to be cast, the first should be aimed at the many "Ain't I a Misogynist Too" black preachers who refused to prophetically address the very real consequences of president-elect Trump's ideas and actions of racism, sexism, ableism, toxic masculinity, Islamophobia, xenophobia and sexual violence.

Instead, as hundreds of physical and verbal attacks and threats reportedly take place upon people of color and other minorities throughout the U.S., many of my colleagues are responding with weak, syrupy "pie in the sky, sweet by and by" posts on Facebook. Seriously?!

I am also angry that many of my white "Christian" brothers and sisters would seem to prefer to allow the country to go up in flames rather than share it with others. Eighty one percent of white born-again evangelical Christians and 60 percent of white Catholics voted for Trump. In contrast, folks who do not even go to church supported Hillary Clinton over Trump by a 68 to 26 percent margin.

Forgive me, but perhaps I mistakenly forgot that violence, body shaming (lap scarves) or bragging about sexually assaulting women was a relic of the church from centuries ago.

The consequence of last week's election is that there are dark days ahead where many expect an ultra-conservative move to limit people's access to basic needs.

The church, whose message is prioritized not to power and privilege but to the "least of these," is therefore complicit in the coming darkness.

Yet, there are things that we can still do to defend against injustice.

1. Increase Financial Literacy and Performance:

Incorporate financial literacy into our preaching and teaching. From a practical and cultural standpoint, it is a time to stop wasting money and to begin saving money and accumulating assets, whenever possible. Postpone unneeded major purchases and repair our credit.

2. Buy Black:

The black economy, collectively, would position the black community as approximately, the 9th largest nation in terms of buying power. So, a large portion of our gifts should be for the use of the community instead of proving that we are better than everyone else. As in the past, buy only where your interests are supported and discontinue keeping racist and other oppressive organizations in business. Buy black and buy local. Support restaurants like Miss Ruby's kitchen, J'Mae's or Josephine's. Call ahead and stop complaining about the wait. Soul Food ain't fast food, so you already know its going to take a minute if you want it hot.

3. Know "where you is":

We live in a society that, first of all, is flooded in weapons. So, both respect the police AND support Black Lives Matter because it might be you or your own kids at the wrong end of police brutality the next time. Secondly, this nation, as Gerald Horne, PhD, says, "still has unresolved issues of racism and inadequate discussions about the legacy of slavery, Jim Crow and the KKK that helps to portray black people as criminals which inevitably leads to their slaughter." In addition, racism is a part of a global system of white supremacy and patriarchy, so connect and learn from a worldwide as well as a local perspective.

Finally,

4. Remember that "Authentic Power" comes from God alone and is

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## Community Calendar

### November 18-20

Indiana Avenue Men's Day Weekend: "Men of Integrity Using Their Voices to Serve the Lord;" Friday Noon to 6 pm – men's clothing giveaway and BBQ ribs and chicken dinners; Saturday – Men's Fellowship Breakfast 9 to 10:45 am; Sunday – Men's Day Service 10:45 am to 1 pm – speaker Sam Hancock; Men's Day Musical – 4 to 6 pm: 419-290-2501

### November 19

Sisters Only Seminar: Noon to 3 pm; Crusaders for Christ Church; "Theme "Daughters of Naomi-Baez;" Communicating with the opposite sex, recognizing a serious relationship, initiating without flirting

### November 20

Mt Nebo Baptist Church: Turkey giveaway following morning service; Must be in church by noon for coupon: 419-246-8561

### November 24

Thanksgiving Day!!!

### November 25

Crusaders for Christ Church Black Friday: 7 to 8:30 pm; Come visit the church family

### November 29

First Unitarian Church "Black Lives/Blue Lives: A Community Discussion:" 7 pm; Diverse voices from the community including activists in the Black Lives Matter movement, local enforcement officials and civic leaders: 419-262-7859

Black Lives Matter Community Panel Discussion: 7 pm; First Unitarian Church: 419-973-0248

### December 10

Bethlehem Baptist Church "Seasons of Symphonic Sounds" Christmas Concert: Presenting the Toledo Symphony Orchestra; 3pm; Soloist Deborah Gardner, ballerina Carrington Kynard and the Bethlehem Mass Choir: 419-241-9360

Mt. Nebo Baptist Church Holiday Bazaar: 9 am to 4 pm: 419-246-8561

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# THIS LOVE AFFAIR IS OVER...!

By Lafe Tolliver, Esq  
Guest Column

Well, it had to happen. It was good while it lasted. The warm encounters. The smug acknowledgements that all was well. The hand holding. The comforting words.

The messages that were supportive and which made me feel secure that you had my best interest at heart.

Year in and year out. Month in and month out. Daily, I relied upon you and you always delivered. You were always there with the right words and the right explanations.

No matter what happened, I could count on you to do the right thing and say the proper thing. You made my world. We were in constant contact. We were inseparable.

If you said anything, I believed it and reckoned on it as being true and honest and something I could bank on.

If that wasn't love, then I don't know what love is. I told my friends about you. I constantly mentioned your name. Daily I sought you out and you delivered and I was smug and happy and content.

And now. And now, it is over. We have to part. We have to say goodbye. I need to clean you out of my mind. The large mental and emotional space that you occupied in me. I need to clear that voice that once was so reassuring that all was well in my world and I could rely upon you.

Rely upon you even when you said things that were not always cherries and whipped cream, but I needed to hear it and grow from it.

But. That too is over. It is gone. Like a ocean wave wiping out a footprint in the sand, I gotta do the same with you.

The thrill is gone as B.B. King would sing. I now look at you with questions in my troubled eyes. I have to ask stinging questions. When did you know and why didn't you tell me?

Why was I the last to know? Where did the respect go? I thought that you really,

really cared for me and about me. But yet, here I am, sitting and sulking and wondering, when did this first happen?

Was it me? Was it something I say or did that made you so complacent about our relationship? When did you first stop caring? What made you so lazy that you did not do the right thing at the right times?

Am I the only one who has been treated this way? Tell me. Tell me something! I desperately need to know so I can move on and start again.

The hurt is real. The pain is real. Call me! Call me! Tell me that you are sorry and it won't happen again.

Anxiously awaiting,  
Mr/Mrs. John Q. Public

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# A Few Folks Reflecting on Recent Events

By Larry Sykes, City Councilman  
Guest Column

On Wednesday November 9, 2016 while sitting in the waiting room of my doctor's office, I overheard some women talking about the election of Donald Trump. Because I came in on the tail end of the conversation this is what I heard.....

#1 Disappointing is not the word I feel ... it's sickness, embarrassment and utter betrayal by our black people, other minorities and the media, for whose lack of full and honest participation in the process, helped us elect the most vile, misogynistic, racist, narcissistic, pathological liar that he is, rich old white man as the president of the United States. A nation that elects the first black president allows the follow-up to that to be someone who is openly endorsed by the KKK, who proudly stands on the world stage and says the most childish and disgusting things he wants about Hispanics, blacks, Muslims and women in general and the first black president in particular. A man who did everything except ask Obama to show us his teeth like they used to do with slaves. They had a fit about Michelle showing her bare arms, yet they don't mind a foreign-born first lady who has nude photos plastered out on the internet.

#2: They wanted their country back...from the black people, brown people, Muslims, etc...And now they have it back. But they're in for a rude awakening because Trump is not going to build a wall on the Mexican border, he is not going to deport 11million immigrants, he is not going to bring back coal and manufacturing jobs or do the majority of all the things he did promise in the article...which I didn't bother



Larry Sykes

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Dear Editor:

On November 8, Lucas County residents stood up for the safety and well being of the children of this county and voted in favor of Issue 20. Their decisive action will ensure that Lucas County Children Services will continue to have sufficient resources to fulfill its mission of leading the community in the protection of children.

This vote could not have come at a more critical time for Lucas County. The epidemic of heroin and opiate abuse is affecting children and families in every city, village and township. We have 100 more children in care today than we did at this point in 2015, largely due to the destructive power of these drugs. Now, with the community's support for Issue 20, LCCS will have the resources to continue working with the courts, law enforcement and treatment providers to guide families through recovery and, hopefully, reunification.

At the same time, LCCS is committed to continuing to address child abuse in all of its forms. We will help children overcome their traumatic experiences through counseling and mentoring. We will help parents safely care for their children by providing parenting instruction and connecting them with community resources. We will continue to recruit, license and oversee foster caregivers who can help children overcome the trauma in their lives. We will provide training to educators, community leaders and individuals to help them recognize and report suspected abuse.

We appreciate the confidence that Lucas County voters have placed in this agency. We pledge to maintain your trust by being transparent and accountable as we protect the children of our community.

Sincerely,  
Robin C. Reese Executive Director  
Laura Wilson Chairman, Lucas County Children Services Board

# Toledo Zoo Issue 23 Approved

The Toledo Zoo is extremely grateful to the voters of Lucas County for the passage of Issue 23, our Operating Levy renewal and reduction.

The Zoo would like to thank Lucas County voters for their long-term support of our historic facility, mission and goals. It is with your help that we continue to thrive and assist in driving the local economy. Community support is also one of the main reasons the Toledo Zoo was voted number one zoo in the nation. Your Zoo thanks you!

The Zoo would also like to thank our co-chairs, Ray Wood and Betsy Brady, for their leadership, and our large team of volunteers for all of their efforts, hard work and dedication. We could not have successfully completed our grassroots levy campaign without all of you. You helped to paint the county golden and black with Zoo levy signs and ensured "I Love My Zoo" stickers completed many outfits at festivals and get togethers throughout our area.

Toledo Zoo Executive Director Jeff Sailer, adds: "Lucas County voters affirmed our belief that the Zoo is a beloved part of this community that we can all unite around. We thank you for support and look forward to making many more memories together in the future."

The Zoo is open daily at 10 a.m. and is located on the Anthony Wayne Trail (US 25), four miles south of downtown Toledo. For more information, please visit toledozoo.org or call 419-385-4040. Lucas County residents are admitted free of charge on non-holiday Mondays from 10 a.m. - noon. Valid ID showing proof of residency is required.

The Toledo Zoo is committed to inspiring others to join us in caring for animals and conserving the natural world. As part of that mission, the Toledo Zoo is accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA), a leader in global wildlife conservation. AZA member institutions are dedicated to providing excellent care for animals, a great experience for visitors and a better future for all living things.

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given for service.

The church needs to reclaim its multi-lingual efficacy, speaking about God and to God in the language of culture as Jesus did. When this divine discourse is put into practice, God will be truly glorified.

Though darkness looms on the horizon, I see the power of God being manifested in a collective Church serving as a sanctuary in these times. I see a place where women are safe and no one can assault them. I see a place where those with disabilities are able to bless us with all of their talents, where LGBTQ members' rights are honored and respected, where Black, Brown, White, Yellow and Red lives ALL matter, and where dignity and respect fills the space.

Yes, I am angry. However, if this anger helps to reveal what God can do through humans and galvanize our work for justice, I shall indeed be glad.

Contact Rev. Donald Perryman, D.Min, at drdpperryman@centerofhopebaptist.org



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The Area Office on Aging's ninth annual Caregiver Expo on Saturday, November 12 at Parkway Place connected family caregivers with resources to support them in their care-giving role on. The event went from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

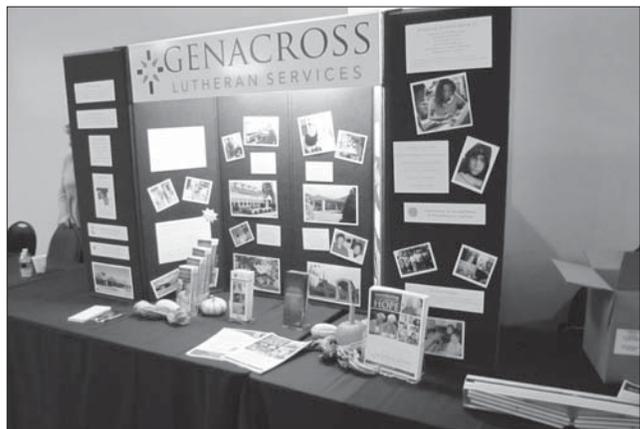
Events like the Caregiver Expo are important to support those sons, daughters and spouses who provide 80 percent of the long-term care in this country by helping their aging loved ones by taking them to doctor appointments, picking up their prescriptions, picking up groceries and paying their bills.

This selfless work caring for a loved one can be extremely stressful and can eventually take a toll on the health of the family caregivers, if they don't make a conscious effort to take care of themselves. The Caregiver Expo connected caregivers with information, services and products that can provide them with a temporary break from their care-giving roles and can help alleviate some of caregiving stress and help them remain in their care-giving roles longer.

The strains a caregiver experiences can be financial, emotional and/or physical and the event had resources on-hand to help address all those different types of strains. Sometimes all caregivers need is a temporary break from their caregiving duties so they do not prematurely have to stop giving the care they provide.

Area Office on Aging President/CEO, Billie Johnson, said, "We realize that many caregivers take on the duties of a caregiver because they view it as a privilege and an honor to care for their parents, spouse or other loved one. We respect and honor the dignity they make it possible for their aging loved ones to live with on a daily basis. We consider ourselves to be very fortunate to be able to support caregivers as they care for your aging loved one.

If you are caring for a loved one and would like additional information on the Area Office on Aging Caregiver Support Program, please contact us at [www.areaofficeonaging.com](http://www.areaofficeonaging.com), 419.382.0624 or 1.800.482.7277



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# Sheila Gibson Honored at 34th City League Hall of Fame Dinner and Induction Ceremony

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Sheila Gibson, a standout track and field athlete at Rogers (1980) who was part of state champion relay teams with the Rams in 1977 and 1980, was the only female inducted into the City League Hall of Fame during an induction ceremony on November 7 at The Pinnacle in Maumee.

During Gibson's high school years as a competing athlete she was the most versatile and accomplished athlete for Rodgers High School as a member of the girls' track team. She competed in 10 different events and was a member of the 1977 State Championship Team.

Her teams won four city championships, sectional championships, district championships, Ram Relays championships and went undefeated in dual meets. She was a state champion her freshman and senior years, she was a city champion in seven different events over a four-year career. She received MVP Honors for her high school accomplishments.

She went on to compete for Bowling Green State University and later on the European circuit.

In all six former City League athletes, three coaches, and a team were inducted.

David McClellan (DeVilbiss, Class of 1965) entered along with sons Jeffrey, Matt and Zachary, who graduated from St. Francis de Sales in

1993, 1994, and 1997, respectively.

All four of the McClellans played basketball and baseball, and later continued their athletic careers in college — David at Michigan, Jeff at Ohio Northern, Matt at Oakland, and Zachary at Indiana. Matt and Zachary McClellan each played professional baseball.

Joining the McClellans was another basketball-baseball player, Luke Murphy of Waite (1982), who played basketball at Hofstra University and professionally for the Washington Generals against the Harlem Globetrotters. Murphy also started on Waite's 1982 City League championship baseball team.

St. John's Jesuit (1968) grad Tom Cole, a former Titans football player who continued his career at Ohio Wesleyan, later coached at Waite, DeVilbiss, and St. John's. Cole is also a longtime local sports media personality on BCSN, and was inducted as a distinguished citizen.

Randy Bartz, who coached at DeVilbiss, Rogers, and Bowsher (1976-2014) and also served as an athletic director, was the honored coach/administrator.

The posthumous award went to the late Thomas Santoro, 1968 Cardinal Stritch graduate, Cardinals athlete, and longtime coach at Stritch, Tiffin Columbian, and Central Catholic (1974-2011).

Gibson is the owner, artistic director and choreographer of the Positive Force Christian School of Dance. Always a dancer, as well as an athlete, Gibson began dancing at the age of two and has been a dancer and choreographer for her virtually all her adult life. She opened Positive Force in 2002 and took a brief leave of absence in 2015. She returned to Toledo this past summer and the studio is back in full action.

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First published in 2009, Military Friendly® Schools is the most comprehensive, powerful resource for veterans today. Each year, the list of Military Friendly® Schools is provided to service members and their families, helping them select the best college, university, or trade school to receive the education and training needed to pursue a civilian career.

Institutions earning the Military Friendly® School designation were evaluated using both public data sources and responses from Victory Media's proprietary survey. A total of 1,160 higher education institutions received the 2017 designation. The U.S. has 4,726 2-year and 4-year colleges, according to the National Center for Education Statistics.

Owens Community College's veteran student population of about 400 includes veterans, military spouses or dependents of veterans.

Owens Community College's Office of Veterans Services is extremely honored to once again be among the best colleges and universities in the United States," said Amy Giordano, Owens vice president of Student Services. "Our commitment to meeting the needs of veterans is unwavering and will remain so through our dedicated staff in the Office of Veterans Services as well as across the entire college."

Ratings methodology, criteria, and weightings were determined by Victory Media with input from the Military Friendly® Advisory Council of independent leaders in the higher education and military recruitment community.

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Education Section • Education Section

# UT Association Names Scholarship for Joseph Sommerville, PhD

*Sojourner's Truth Staff*

On Monday, November 7 the University of Toledo's Association of Black Faculty and Staff held a gathering to honor one of its founders, Joseph Sommerville, PhD, and renamed its scholarship fund after the longtime professor and community leader.

The dedication, according to UT's Anthony Quinn, Ph.D. "summarized the fact of Dr. Sommerville's leadership on campus and off campus." Quinn was the organizer of the renaming ceremony which was attended by about 100 members of the faculty and staff, the Alpha Phi Boule (Sommerville's fraternity) and St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church (Sommerville's church).

Sommerville, a Birmingham, AL native, earned his undergraduate degree from Morehouse College and, later, three degrees from the University of Michigan – a master of science in biology, an educational specialist degree and a master of arts in elementary school administration. He then earned a doctorate in educational administration and supervision.

Sommerville joined UT in 1970 and spent 27 of his 48 year career in education there. He served as associate professor until 1975, then as professor of education from 1975 to 1992, as chairman of the Department of Educational Leadership, and, after his retirement in 1992, as professor emeritus of Administration and Supervision.

Five years ago, Quinn and Willie McKether, PhD, started a program on campus called "Brothers on the Rise," which is a mentoring program for male UT students. They recruited the assistance of Alpha Phi Boule and, of course, Sommerville stepped up as usual to lend a hand.

"It's an honor that's well deserved," said Quinn of the scholarship renaming.

Said McKether of the reason for bestowing the honor on Sommerville:

"Just the fact that over his years at UT he educated a good number of teachers and educators – leaders in various school districts – his influence was profound."



Pat Hogue, PhD and Kaye Patten Wallace, PhD



Norman Bell, Helen Cooks, Ph.D., Crystal Ellis



Olivia and Joseph Sommerville, Vince Davis



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Willie McKether, Thomas and Kelli Winston

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# Fun Ways to Help Kids Succeed in the Classroom

Special to The Truth

Keeping up in the classroom can be a challenge for students of all ages and family backgrounds. But parents can help, say experts.

“You may feel there isn’t enough time to add more activities to an already packed schedule. But, there are many easy ways you can foster literacy skills at home,” says Jon Reigelman, creative director of the National Center for Families Learning (NCFL).

Reigelman suggests seeking out free resources, such as Camp Wonderopolis, a virtual camp and online learning tool available to all families, libraries, schools, and community organizations. It can be a great weekend or after-school activity for busy families that can be completed at any pace. The site features “Maker” projects that can be created with items found around the house, and virtual, collectible Wonder Cards that can be earned by interacting with the site.

Getting kids into an out-of-classroom learning habit now will set them up for future success. (Looking ahead to next summer, the program is also a great tool for combatting the learning loss common during vacations!) To register, visit [camp.wonderopolis.org](http://camp.wonderopolis.org).

For younger kids, NCFL offers these great tips for families.

- Choose a letter of the day. Look for the chosen letter in any printed materials you see -- the newspaper, street signs, billboards, or advertisements. Make up a silly sentence using only words beginning with the letter of the day. (For example: Cats can cuddle. Dogs don’t drive. Amy always acts awake.)
- Singing songs can be a literacy activity. Try this twist: Sing

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Anthony Quinn, PhD



Cecelia Adams, PhD



Joseph Sommerville and Helen Cooks



Rev. James Willis

Positively Pizza Contest... continued from page 7

The high school students who won pizza for themselves and 10 of their friends are:

- **Cleveland MacKenzie** - Jones Leadership Academy
- **Corey Sumner** - Westfield Achievement Center

The elementary school students who won pizza for their whole class are:

- **Paul Davis** – 1st grader at Glendale-Feilbach Elementary
- **LaMarion Brooks** – 4th grader at Martin L. King Jr. Academy for Boys

The elementary school pizza parties will be held this Friday, November 18 at:

- Martin Luther King Jr. Academy for Boys, 1300 Forest Ave. - 11:45 a.m.
- Glendale-Feilbach Elementary, 2317 Cass Rd. - 12:20 p.m.



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# How Classrooms are Changing to Better Teach 'STEAM' Subjects

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The U.S. may be short as many as three million high-skilled workers by 2018, according to National Math + Science Initiative predictions. In response, more educators and schools are embracing the idea that today's curriculum must include Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM), in order to adequately prepare children for the future.

With this shift comes the need for new educational tools. Here are three big ways that classrooms are changing to keep up with this year's curriculum.

## Cohesive Lesson Plans

You may remember shuffling from one class to another during your school days, learning subjects in a siloed style. After you graduated, you probably realized that's not how the real world works. Luckily, schools that are focused on STEAM-related subjects appreciate this fact and, as a result, many teachers today are synthesizing the principles of multiple subjects at once for greater cohesion.

From art projects that incorporate math concepts to science projects that require an artistic hand, students today can expect their teachers to use games, hands-on learning stations and interactive digital technology to go beyond recitation in order to invent, create and discover.

## Projecting the Future

Today's teachers are saying goodbye to the old school projectors

you may remember from your own childhood, and with good reason. New projectors are designed to bring lesson plans to life within seconds.

For example, Casio's line of Ultra Short Throw projectors offers teachers the ability to present interactive multimedia content directly from a mobile device, USB stick, laptop or even the internal memory of the machine itself. Plus, no time is lost in getting the lesson set up once the bell rings, as an image can be displayed at full brightness in a matter of seconds.

The icing on the cake is that these new projectors are environmentally-friendly and can be easy on a school's budget, reducing power consumption by up to 40 percent and offering an operating life of 20,000 hours. Savvy schools can use the saved money on other STEAM-related programming needs.

## Add It Up

Math class is more important than ever, and students and teachers are gearing up accordingly with up-to-date graphing calculators that can enhance understanding of mathematic principles. New calculators, such as the PRIZM fx-CG10 from Casio, are allowing students to create their own graphs over pictures of real-life scenes to better understand the functions from the graphs. Additionally, today's calculators feature color LCD with a full textbook-style display to make classroom learning, as well as homework, easier to digest. To learn more, visit [Casio.com](http://Casio.com).

As the world changes, so does the classroom. New tools are helping educators prepare students for tomorrow and for challenges solvable by better STEAM knowledge.

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short songs like "Row, Row, Row Your Boat" several times, leaving off the last word each time until there are no words left. This activity always produces giggles from children and parents alike.

- Play "Guess Who." Describe a cartoon character, celebrity or historical figure. Allow a guess after each detail is disclosed. Expand your child's vocabulary by using unusual words, and then explain their meanings. Take turns. Listen carefully to your child's descriptions, especially his or her choice of vocabulary. Encourage your child to paint a picture of the character with his or her words. At the end of the game, compliment your child on any unusual or new words used.

- Talk to your child about his or her day. Pretend to be a television reporter. Try questions like "what was the most surprising (curious, funny, eventful) thing that happened today?" You are giving your child opportunities to increase vocabulary, recall and reflect, and you are receiving a more detailed version of the time you spent apart. Be prepared to answer the same questions. You and your child will begin looking for events to report to each other.

Help kids keep their heads above water on their lessons by boosting literacy skills at home.

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# The Truth's Annual Holiday Book Gift Guide – Part 1

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

The Truth Contributor

The gift list was easy this year.

For once, you knew what to get everybody. Every. Single. Giftee. Easy-peasy... except, oops, that one person who vexes you each year.

What to get? Well, books are always good gifts, and they're super-easy to wrap, too. How about one of these great selections for that One Person...

## FICTION

For the independent traveler on your list, *Paris for One & Other Stories* by Jojo Moyes might be a great bon voyage gift. It's a collection of short stories about change, opportunity, independence, and life in general. Pair it with *The Jungle Around Us: Stories* by Anne Raeff. It's a collection of tales with the jungle, its mystery, darkness, and richness, as both metaphor and connecting force here.

The reader on your gift list who prefers books set in other time periods will love *Cruel Beautiful World* by Caroline Leavitt. It's a 1960s-era story of a woman who chooses a man over the sister who basically raised her, and the dynamics of family. Put it together with *Jazz Moon* by Joe Okonkwo, a book set in Harlem, 1925, where Paris is where it's at, baby.

The person who loves a little mid-century drama will enjoy *The Jealous Kind* by James Lee Burke. It's a bit of a Romeo-and-Juliet novel set in the 1950s in Texas, at a time when the line between the haves and the have-nots was drawn in the sand with danger, and money talked a lot. Definitely wrap it up with another great drama-mystery, *Manitou Canyon* by William Kent Krueger. Cork O'Connor is back and sleuthing. Fans, rejoice.

I'm guessing there's a mystery fan on your list. Imagine his face when he unwraps *Seduced: A Hannah Smith Novel* by Randy Wayne White. In this novel, fishing guide and part time PI Hannah Smith goes in search of heirloom orange tree seeds – or maybe even rootstock – to save an industry. But what she wants...? So do others, whose intentions aren't as pure.

Historical novel lovers will devour *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles, a book set in Texas in the years following the Civil War. When a down-and-out former Captain of the military is hired to deliver an orphan girl to her distant relatives, he partakes an adventure – not just through rough terrain, but through rocky childrearing, too. Wrap it up with *The German Girl* by Armando Lucas Correa, a multigenerational novel about home, based on a true story.

Dog lovers will howl over *Jonathan Unleashed* by Meg Rosoff. It's the story of a man who's at the end of his leash, and his brother's dogs, who begin to show him that dogs are smarter than they seem. Wrap it up

with another perfect book for your dog lover: *Lily and the Octopus* by Steven Rowley, the story of a man, his aging, best friend, and love.

And won't the pet lover on your list love getting *A Guinea Pig Oliver Twist* in that package, too? Yes, it's Dickens as you've never seen him before...

If there's someone on your list who's looking for meaning in her life, *Fill the Sky* by Katherine A. Sherbrooke might make a great gift. It's the tale of two friends, one who is dying of cancer, and their spiritual journey together. Wrap it up with something nonfiction: *Sharing My Shoes* by Tammy Gaffney, a book about forgiveness, trust, and reconciling with God in the best ways possible.

For the person who loves a good romp, both in story and bedroom, look for *Love Slaves of Helen Hadley Hall* by James Magruder. It's a tale of a ghost, a group of undergraduates, and the drama that ensues.

## GENERAL NONFICTION

For the true crime buff, *Trials of the Century* by Mark J. Phillips & Aryn Z. Phillips is a great go-to gift. What made Sam Sheppard's case, the Lindbergh baby, and Charles Manson leap onto the headlines? This book looks at those famous cases, and more... *Wrap it up with I Will Find You* by Joanna Connors, a story of a reporter who finally reveals a crime she

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reading...no point. This is corporate America, run by people just like him. So, they are not going to get rid of the Hispanics because they use them for cheap labor to increase their profits. They are not going to bring back manufacturing because it's cheaper to pay foreign workers \$5 a week than to provide benefits and pay union workers here for doing the same job. Again, it's about profits and tax breaks for the wealthy and he is not going to change that...particularly because he benefits from it.

#1: We teach our children not to be bullies, racists, homophobes, xenophobic, etc., yet we reward a grown man for proudly doing all that and worse. A man who is on his third wife, an immigrant who can barely speak English, a man who has a history of valuing a woman based on her bra size and height, a man who has had multiple affairs...yet, the Christian right is just fine with him, but continues to dog Bill Clinton for affairs he had 20 years ago. They believed all four or five women who made claims about Bill, but didn't believe any one of the 15 women who claimed Trump assaulted them.

#2: This is a man who has a known and documented history of shady business deals, has bankruptcies to keep from paying his debts, just decides not to pay people when he doesn't want to, multiple Trump product scams, refusing to show his taxes like every other presidential candidate has since the practice of doing so started...yet, the media spent the last year focusing and hounding us on how the Clinton Foundation got its money and on how Hillary used her emails! If the media had honestly reported on the so-called security breach that might have happened but didn't actually happen and compared her use of email to all of the corporate, insurance company, World Bank and government computer breaches there actually was, the email stories wouldn't have had such an impact.

#1: Because the media allowed him to come on TV and say whatever he wanted, blatantly lie about things he's done and said without calling him out and putting a stop to it, we allowed the most racist element of this country to rise up and have center stage and control. And now that the Republicans have won in a landslide with this type of electorate, it will only get worse with each election as the country becomes browner.

#2: Except for sound bites, he doesn't know ANYTHING about politics or governing so imagine him representing us in front of world leaders. Even worse than him winning is his selection of the people he will have in his cabinet. People like Rudy Giuliani, Newt Gingrich, Chris Christie and any other right wing liar who tells him what he wants to hear. And because he doesn't really know anything, he isn't the one who will actually be running the country but these folks will. Rudy will probably replace Loretta Lynch at the Justice Department and continue more bogus investigations into Bill and Hillary just because he can. Newt will probably be Secretary of State.

#1: We only had about 30 percent turnout in Detroit! MI has the largest populated area of Muslims in the US. There is no way he should have won Michigan let alone Pennsylvania. I wonder how many people that showed up for that Beyoncé/JayZ concert for Hillary in Ohio, also showed up yesterday to actually vote?

#2: This is day two and it's still hard to believe it happened and we have at least for years of him. A lot of people prayed he would lose but a lot of people prayed he would win. We now know which prayers God answered.

#1: I feel so bad for Hillary because never has there been a politician that has been so vilified and hated than her for most of her adult life. And I don't think anyone has ever worked as hard as she did to try to win. But I actually feel worse for Obama because he has to now meet and welcome to the White House, the one person in his entire presidency

that he most despises.

#2: This is a sad day in American for people of color, children and for women. But if this doesn't prove to minorities and young people how important voting really is, nothing ever will. If you can stand in line for hours to buy iPhones, Air Jordan gym shoes or concert tickets, you should be willing to do the same when it comes to voting.

#1: Girl! You hit all the things I was certainly thinking of. I'm just in a trance. Most of you know my folks are from Arkansas and from age 0-18 I spent about two months of every one of those years in Arkansas. I saw up close and personal the changes that HC made there. I'm so afraid of what comes next. By the time the new super-conservative Supreme Court justices are appointed, we'll be lucky if we can even vote next election they want to turn the clock back just that much! I woke up this morning questioning my faith in God and my prayers....

#2: Every man and every woman know that because Hillary was a woman she had to face things that a male candidate would not have had to! Every woman knows that anything with tires and testicles is going to give us a problem!

Larry Sykes: God save America!

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Note: The above love letter was sent to the media, pollsters, pundits and newspaper editors across the country when the voting public woke up Wednesday and read that Donald Trump, against all odds, was the president elect.

The letter was sent because the voting public soon learned that they were sold a bill of goods as to how the media giants and many of the newspapers covering this political campaign egregiously failed in their journalistic ethical endeavor to seek out and report facts and not their opinions.

It was written to scold and admonish the editors of the big city dailies that, seemingly in lockstep, crowed the imminent coronation of Hillary Clinton over Donald Trump and they were wrong. Oh, so very, very wrong!

The media sat in their ensconced bubbles in newspaper rooms and editorial boardrooms and pontificated about Hillary winning and the data that they used, we are now finding out, was seriously flawed.

The pollsters were complacent and did not fact check or do sufficiently enough eyeball interviews to determine the rough mood of this country as they made a decision to vote Trump and not Clinton.

The opinion makers told us their narrative of what we should believe and we accepted it, hook line and sinker. Save for a woeful few polling organizations, everyone else missed the elephant in the china shop story: middle class and poor working people in rural America were fed up with their precarious financial situation, the fat cats and the East Coast and West Coast news barons calling the shots.

This decisive voting bloc said no more to the status quo and voted in Trump, warts and all, and said what he did or said in his vitriolic campaign was not at the top of their list to be president.

On their list, which the fat cats and media moguls glaringly missed was: JOBS...JOBS...JOBS... and a voice in how they are governed.

Hillary Clinton missed it big time. Donald Trump caught the smell of it and ran with it and it struck a receptive tone with that voting bloc that took him to the White House. His roughhouse baggage of denigrating women, Mexicans, black communities, sexual misconduct, hate speech and racism was not a primary problem with his voters.

And now, the editors, pollsters, media elites and highly paid talking heads are ducking for cover and saying their data was skewed for a variety of reasons.

But, the biggest skewed reason was that the people who live in the media bubble and who tell us what they want to tell us, told an incomplete story of how the "other" America exists and lives.

Her narrative was, Clinton...Clinton and more Clinton! Even Clinton herself believed it and thought it was a done deal... her coronation just a matter of time and patience.

The Trump voters charged the bubbled castle where the Clinton Giant lived and with their pitchforks and torches, they hounded the Clinton Giant with their previously unseen voting powers; and she had to vacate her yet to be ascended throne and let Trump rule and reign in her stead.

So, yes, the love affair is over and now Mr. Mrs. John Q. Public have to find someone worthy of their affections who will tell them the truth and not send them half empty boxes of chocolates and faded roses.

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# Little Shaq: Star of the Week by Shaquille O'Neal, illustrated by Theodore Taylor III

By Terri Schlichenmeyer  
The Truth Contributor

Being a responsible kid has its rewards.

First, there's the feel-good; you did well, and you can be proud of yourself. That leads to the second benefit: adults see your responsibility, and you'll have earned their trust. And in the new book *Little Shaq: Star of the Week* by Shaquille O'Neal, illustrated by Theodore Taylor III, there are other bonuses, too.

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74 pages

It was Friday, and Little Shaq was excited but not because it was almost the weekend. He was excited because it was Walter's last day as their class's Star of the Week, and Little Shaq was sure he'd be chosen next. Part of the job was taking care of Flopsy, the class rabbit, but that wasn't what Little Shaq looked most forward to. He thought Show and Tell was the best part of being Star of the Week.

For months, Little Shaq had been saving things to "show."

When Mrs. Terpenney announced his name, Little Shaq was happy but nervous, too; his first important task was to take Flopsy home, and that was a big responsibility. But when Little Shaq noticed a poster about a Pet Fair in the neighborhood, he had an idea. Maybe, if he did a good job with Flopsy, his parents would finally let him get a pet.

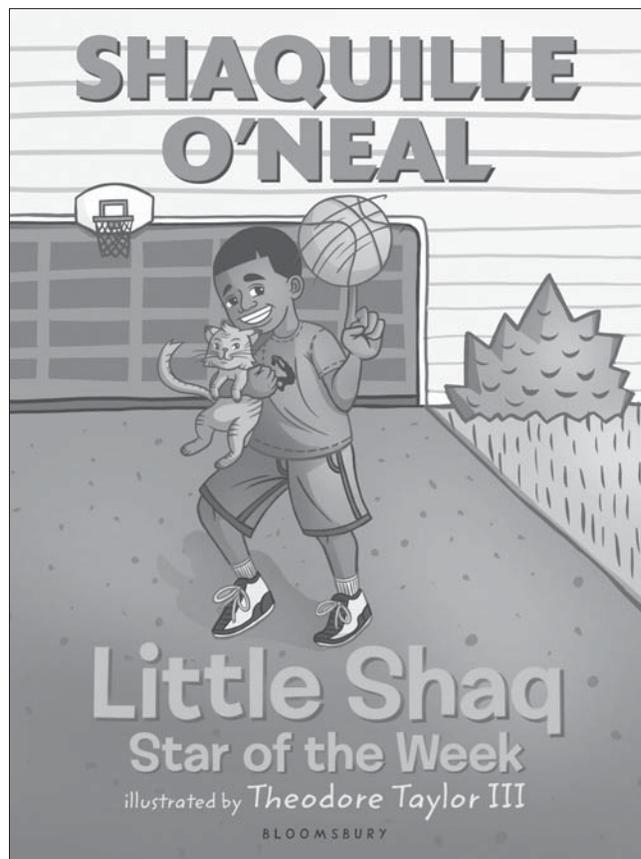
For awhile, Little Shaq had been asking for a kitten of his own; all his friends had dogs or cats, and he loved animals. But then his mother pointed out that he needed to be reminded to do his chores and make his bed. How could he be responsible for a pet when he was so irresponsible with everything else?

It was a long week for Little Shaq, and it started when his brother, Tater, lost Flopsy. Then Little Shaq lost his voice, taking attendance. He was in charge of afternoon snacks and that got messed up, too. How could he ever show the adults in his life that he was a responsible kid after all?

Take out the garbage. Put away your toys. Clean up the table. Make your bed. The list of chores is already a long one for your child so, go ahead, add another: read *Little Shaq: Star of the Week*. That's a task he probably won't mind.

In this latest series book, author Shaquille O'Neal turns his attention to another lesson for children to gently learn: work hard, and you may get what you want. Fortunately, kids won't find this story to be too preachy or unreachy; O'Neal's main character admits how hard it is to be responsible and how, sometimes, it's no fun. Even so, there's a happy ending to this story and its illustrations by Theodore Taylor III, and kids are set up nicely for the next installment.

Though there are some big words inside this book, I think early elementary schoolers should be able to tackle it and slightly older kids will enjoy it, too. At the end of a long, hard day, *Little Shaq: Star of the Week* will make a great reward.

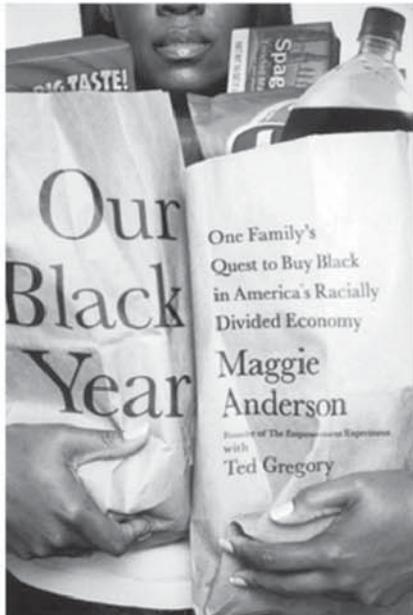


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had to hide, and the man who committed it.

The new homeowner will love opening *Detroit Hustle: A Memoir of Love, Life & Home* by Amy Haimerl. It's the story of a couple who bought a fixer-upper in one of the country's most economically-hard-hit areas, and how four walls can become a place to call home. Wrap it up with *Detroit Resurrected* by Nathan Bomey, a book about that city, its bankruptcy, and its path toward getting back on track.

Is there someone on your gift list who loves nothing more than to be scared? The one who longs for a different holiday? If so, *The Monster Book* by Nick Redfern is what you want to wrap up. Using quick chapters and scattered photos, this book informs, entertains and (good for your giftee) scares! Definitely wrap it up with *Real Visitors, Voices from Beyond, and Parallel Dimensions* by Brad Steiger and Sherry Hansen Steiger. Ooooooh, then shiver!

The person on your gift list with the most wanderlust will love having *The Handy California Answer Book* by Kevin S. Hile. It's a book filled with fun-to-know facts about California, in a Q-and-A format and it contains everything you need to know. If the other side of the country is where your giftee is headed, look for *The Handy Boston Answer Book* by Samuel Willard Crompton.

The new mother on your gift list – or, for that matter, the experienced Mom – will love opening *Navigating Live: Things I Wish My Mother Had Told Me* by Margaux Bergen. It's a meditation on things to know, and things to share. Wrap it up with *Corsets & Codpieces* by Karen Bowman, a book about the things we wore (and wish Mom had warned us about!) throughout history.

For the woman who's just about had enough this year – of everything – you'll want to wrap up *The Bitch is Back*, a collection of

essays edited by Cathi Hanauer. This no-nonsense sequel to *The Bitch in the House* is just as empowering and strong as its predecessor, and it's perfect for the strong woman on your list. Also look for *Face Value* by Autumn Whitefield-Madrano, an insightful, intriguing look at how our looks shape the way we live, work, play, and mate.

Is there someone on your list who's about to retire? Then, for sure, they'll need *Get What's Yours for Medicare* by Philip Moeller. It's a handy reference guide to help get the best coverage for the best price.

The science fan on your gift list will love *Death on Earth* by Jules Howard. It's a straightforward book on life, life expectancy, and the deaths of creatures of all kinds, including parasites and more. Bonus: it's not just about dead things. Add to it *The Point Is* by Lee Eisenberg, a book on who we are, why we're here, and how we can make the most of life until we die.

For the know-it-all on your list, *Head in the Cloud* by William Poundstone might make a great gift. Why, Poundstone asks, do we know celebrities but not mathematics? When we can look things up online, why should we know things in our heads? You can't go wrong with this gift if you also wrap up *A Field Guide to Lies* by Daniel J. Levitin, a book about critical thinking and believing (or not) everything you see online.

Your outdoorsman is going to leap when he unwraps *The American Fisherman* by Willie Robertson and William Doyle. This is a look at America's fishermen – anglers, in particular – through history, competition, and the dinner table.

*Ed. Note: Part Two of The Truth's Holiday Book Gift Guide will appear in our November 23 issue featuring biographies, politics and entertainment*



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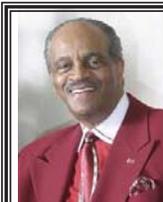
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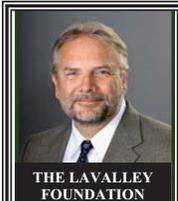
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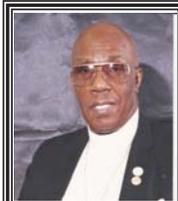
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