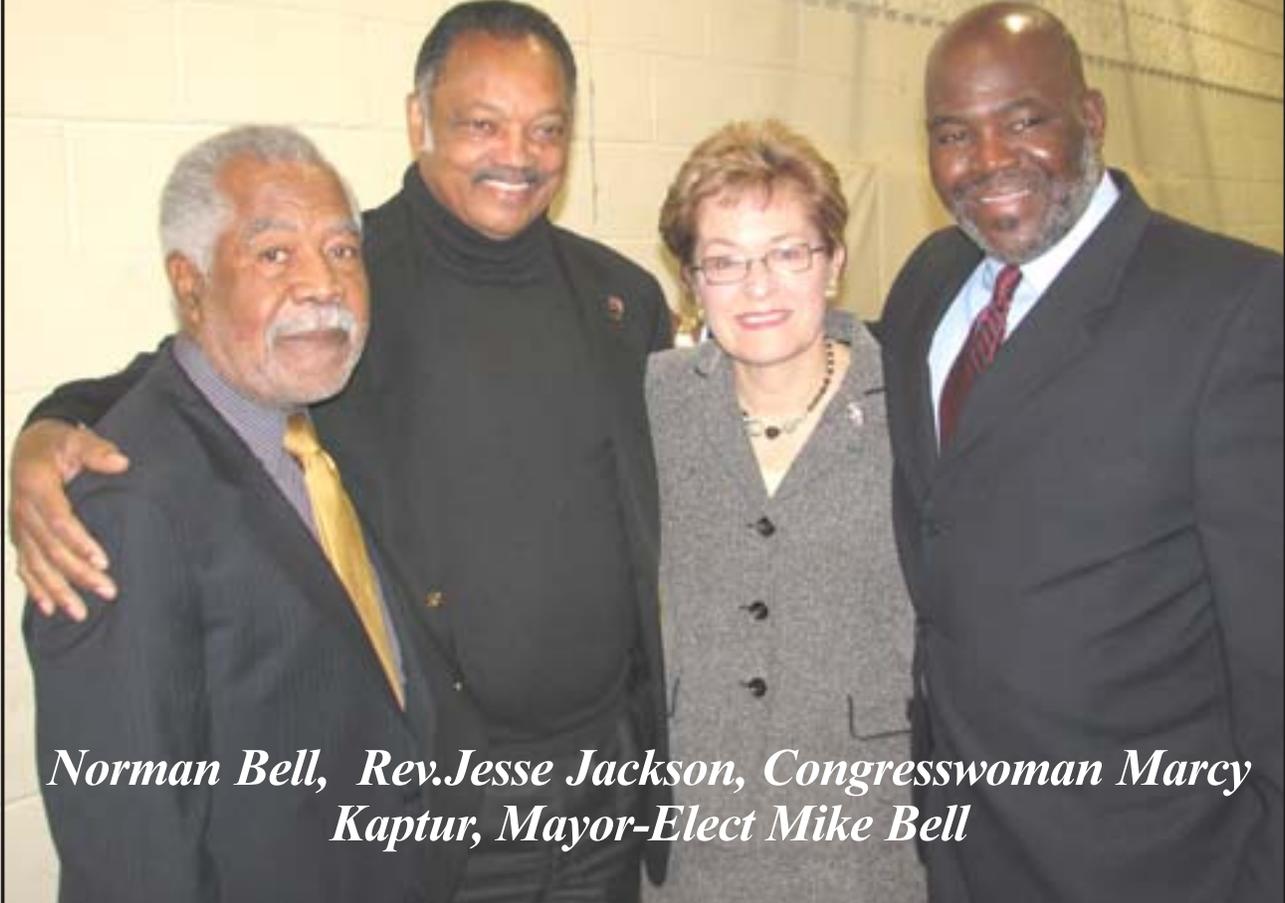




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This Strikes Us ...

A Sojourner's Truth Editorial

Health care legislation is making its way through the U.S. Congress and getting closer than it ever has since the day, almost 100 years ago, when former President Theodore Roosevelt suggested that national health care should become an American priority.

Since the first Roosevelt's time, a number of presidents have brought up the issue – Franklin Roosevelt, Harry Truman, Jimmy Carter and Bill Clinton. We always find it ironic that the president who came the closest to getting universal health care enacted was Republican Richard Nixon. Had that little matter of Watergate not reared its ugly head, we might well have had reform of health care insurance back in 1974 – 35 years ago.

Now, in 2009, we are at it again and closer than ever. Both congressional chambers appear to have settled on a version of universal health care with the Senate voting 60 to 39 this past weekend to move the debate forward. The vote was strictly along party lines although several senators, most notably Democrats Ben Nelson (Neb), Mary Landrieu (La.) and Blanche Lincoln (Ark.) and independent Joseph Lieberman (Conn.) have misgivings about the plan to structure a public option.

For liberal Democrats, the public option is the only viable option in a health care measure. The public option, say liberals, is exactly what is needed to keep insurance companies honest in the marketplace. A marketplace, we might add, that is not driven by normal supply-demand laws.

As we have noted previously in our commentary on health care, demand for health care is not subject to being driven down by the movement of supply. People get sick and if they don't get care, they die faster. That happens all too frequently in the United States, so much so, in fact, that we rank in the mid-forties among nations in our life expectancy.

If those who become sick cannot be treated, they flood to emergency rooms when their illnesses become incapacitating, thereby driving up the costs of health coverage for all Americans.

It is far too easy for conservatives to say that government ought to stay out of the healthcare business especially when they offer no alternative to fixing the high cost of that healthcare.

Says the estimable Sen. Tom Coburn (Reb. OK), an obstetrician who will be playing a prominent role in the floor debate – "this bill doesn't fix what's wrong with health care, we're treating symptoms not the disease."

Regrettably, Coburn, who arrived in Congress during the 1994 Republican revolution that turned control of Congress over to Republicans for many years to come, failed during those times to introduce any sort of bill, or put forward any ideas, that would fix what he now says is wrong with health care.

By now, just about everyone who watches any kind of newscast or opens up a newspaper with the slightest frequency has uttered the words "public option" during a discussion of universal health care.

We think including such an option is a no-brainer. It should be part of the package.

However, if there are not enough votes to pass that part of the measure, Maine Republican Senator Olympia Snowe's idea about a "trigger" that would kick in a public option if insurance costs reach a certain threshold is an admirable compromise for liberals to consider.

One aspect of the political process that elected officials on Capitol Hill are pondering is the speed with which the legislation must proceed. The Senate version of health care is a job that needs to get done before the Christmas break. That timetable will permit the two Houses to merge their bills before the end of January. After that the chances of success decrease drastically as legislators turn their attention to the fact of the looming November re-election campaigns.

It is highly unlikely that such controversial legislation can pass during an election year, a calculation the Obama Administration undoubtedly contemplated when they made health care a priority during such stressful times.

The good news is that Democrats are not complacent as they approach this massive piece of legislation, one of the most comprehensive bills that has ever been debated.

Let's hope that the few who are fainthearted do not suck all of the air out of the balloon.

Community Calendar

November 25

Ebenezer Outreach Ministry's Annual Need to Feed Thanksgiving Dinner; Free; 11 am to 2 pm: 419-729-1466
United Community Church Thanksgiving Dinner: 4 to 7 pm: 419-242-3983

November 26

Thanksgiving!!
Thomas Temple Church of God in Christ Annual Free Thanksgiving Dinner: 1 to 3 pm
St. Mark MBC Thanksgiving Dinners: Served to all in need; 11 am to 2 pm: 419-241-1726
4th Annual Family Thanksgiving: World Healing Center CLGI: Noon: 419-322-1199
Pilgrim Church's 6th Annual Thanksgiving Day Community Meal: 11 am to 2 pm: 419-478-6012

November 28

Maumee Bay's NANBPWC, Inc: Holiday Bazaar and Rummage Sale; 10 am to 4 pm; Westside Community Church; Vendor opportunities available: 419-841-3318
Project 360 Records 1st Annual Benefit Holiday Concert: "A Holiday to Remember;" 7 pm; Friendship Baptist Church; Benefit for N.A.O.M.I. Transitional House; Recording artists Louis Self, Jason Carter and Amy Hancock: 419-810-6945 or 419-810-2818
Crystal Dixon Book Signing: Border's; 2 to 4 pm
Women of Faith Chicken Wings and Waffles Brunch: 10 am to noon; St. Phillip Lutheran Church: 419-475-2835

November 29

Toledo District Full Gospel Fellowship 5th Sunday Worship Explosion: City of Zion, Mt Zion Church; 6 pm
Brian Thomas Chorale's 25th Anniversary Reunion Concert: Bibleway Church; 6 pm

December 4

"Tis the Secor Holiday Celebration and Art Sale:" Exhibition of artwork and open studios of Secor artists; The Secor Building; 6 pm to midnight: 419-297-3822

December 5

"Vocal Carol:" In the spirit of Christmas, musical selections from "A Second Chance at Christmas" and "The House I Live In;" St. Mark's MBC; 6:30 pm
Wayman Palmer YMCA Annual Christmas Party: Lunch from 10 to 10:30 am; Christmas program from 10:30 am to noon: 419-241-7218

December 5-6

Grace Temple's Annual One Stop Shopping Christmas Bazaar: Saturday from 11 am to 5 pm; Sunday from 1 to 4 pm: 419-841-4614

December 6

Clarence Smith Community Chorus Annual Christmas Concert: St. Martin de Porres Church; 6 pm: 419-535-1602 or 419-534-2299
Third Baptist Church of Holland Mass Choir Winter Musical: 4 pm

December 12

Joy of Giving Dance: Hosted by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc Toledo Alumnae Chapter; Hot Peppers; 9:30 pm to 1 am; Food, cash bar and prizes: 419-530-3850 or ambershaun@yahoo.com

December 13

Sixth Annual Messiah Sing-A-Long: Christ the Word Presbyterian Church; 7 pm; Soloists include Curtis Cook, Celesta Kirk, Sarah Dionne, Robert Fredrick and Don White; Toledo First Seventh Day Adventist First Church (419-329-1100)

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Rev. Jesse Jackson Takes on the Foreclosure Crisis During Toledo Visit

By Fletcher Word
Sojourner's Truth Editor

Rev. Jesse Jackson brought his crusade on the foreclosure issue to Toledo on Monday, making stops at the Indiana Avenue Missionary Baptist Church, a home in foreclosure on Latonia Blvd. and Woodward High School. "The foreclosure crisis triggered the economic crisis," said Jackson bringing a message of unity and collaboration to his Indiana Avenue

audience of about 100 local dignitaries. "We've learned to survive apart," said Jackson. "But now we have a bigger challenge - learning to live together and to co-exist." Jackson urged his audience, many of whom were local pastors and ministers, to speak out against what he called a foreclosure "storm." "We need each other be-

cause whatever happens to one affects all of us," the founder of Operation Rainbow Push said. "We are treating a storm like an April shower." Jackson had come to Toledo, he said, because he wanted to specifically reach out to Rust Belt areas with his message. He sought out Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur
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Say Pastor...My Tithe Is on Red 22!!

By Lafe Tolliver, Esq.
Guest Column

You know what is disheartening and bizarre is when any professing Bible-believing church pastor endorses casino gambling with the argument that it will provide jobs and as such that is OK with scripture.

Everybody knows that everybody needs a job but when men of the cloth state to the public (and that includes their congregants) that they should back the roulette and crap tables...something does not pass the Galatians 5:24 smell test.

But, in order to go along with the secular crowd that is just itching to start jamming the dice tables now that Issue 3 has passed, I have decided to play ball with any pastor who believes that pulling a one-arm bandit will produce spiritual fruit and will promulgate spiritual maturity.

Matter of fact, they can use the below ads to inspire their church members to drop their discernment and enter those gaudy worldly gates of gaming and they can take

their tithes and offerings and place their bets!:

Ad One for the roulette wheel: Take A Spin...it's not a sin...bet on black and get it all back!

Ad Two for the blackjack table: Twenty One and it's all fun...so come on around and try to double down!

Ad Three for the craps table: Seven come 11...it's all good and I am still on my way to Heaven!

Ad Four for the slots: Come on, Jesus, please make it three bells and no one knows and no one tells!

Ad Five for the poker tables: The cards don't lie and I still love Jesus until the day I die!

The above ads should be tastefully done and placed in the foyer and sanctuary of your church as a reminder so that the people of God should follow the pastor's example and support casino gambling.

It is a given that if any pastor is condoning casinos, that the same pastor, in order to be true to the cause must give his congregants his

blessing to go to the casinos and put a 10-spot down on the Keno cards.

After all, you cannot back gambling and then be holier than thou and tell parishioners that they cannot go there and have a jolly good time. That would be akin to telling folks that you support swimming programs but you then tell them to stay away from the water.

And especially you should not be adverse to having them take their tithes and offerings to the casino gods because as you know, God delights in the prosperity of his people and surely He will blow on those dice and you will throw sevens..."all of the de time!"

To really, really show that you back casino gambling and all of the jobs that it will bring, the pastor should be willing to go to the casino (dressed in their turn around collars) and bless the gamblers going in and coming out because the more the casinos prosper, the more jobs that be sustained includ

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Jackson

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for her input and she, of course, suggested Toledo.

He brought with him to the Buckeye State, statistics on just how poorly Ohio has fared during this economic crisis. He noted that more than 30 percent of Ohio's families live below the U.S. Census poverty threshold and that one fourth of Ohioans do not have health insurance.

"This is not a shower," said Jackson as he read the statistics.

"When you have four and a half million [homes] in foreclosure, you have these crises everywhere," he added. "This is a structural crisis. God did not tell Noah to take swimming lessons. He said build a structure. We need to change the structure to survive."

Our financial system, said Jackson, works only because of checks and balances and that was why the financial system imploded last year.

"I'm not surprised that banks made a lot of money for themselves, that's what banks do," he said. "But the overseers did not oversee."

He suggested that the blame ought to fall on the heads of those who did not bring the laws to bear. He further suggested that overseers allowed fraud to go undetected and, in a larger sense, globalization permitted jobs to be exported while we neglected to export, as well, a commitment to human rights.

"Jesse James has gotten paid twice," he told his very receptive audience. "He got

paid when he robbed people. Then they said that Jesse James was too big to fail, so he got bailed out. [The banks] are being rewarded instead of facing congressional [scrutiny.]"

The remedy, said Jackson, is action.

"We must not be silent in the face of this challenge," he said. Saying that the crisis was particularly difficult on the "emerging black and brown middle class" who were stereotyped into sub-prime loans, Jackson further noted that such flawed loans had reached the "white side of town" as well in the impact on the entire community.

Shifting to the subject of globalization, Jackson said America is surrendering manufacturing jobs to na-

tions overseas.

"I'm all for free trade, but free must be fair," he said. "If the playing field is fair, if the rules are public, if the goals are clear and if we have national oversight, we can make it."

It's time to build an ark," he said. "When you are losing millions, it's time to restructure. When the plants close and the lights go off, we all look amazingly similar in the dark."

Jackson called for a national plan to restructure loans instead of repossessing homes, of lowering the rates of long-term mortgages.

He also urged the audience to reach across local boundaries to act "simultaneously and collectively." He called for mass action and

mass marches. "When people march, that's what makes America work," he said. "We cannot meet our needs through silence."

Jackson was greeted at Monday's breakfast by WilliAnn Moore, president

of the NAACP, Kaptur, Rev. John Roberts, pastor of Indiana Avenue, Mayor Carty Finkbeiner.

Moore presented the long-time civil rights leader with a plaque that saluted the
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Rev. Jackson w/ Amber Hawkins



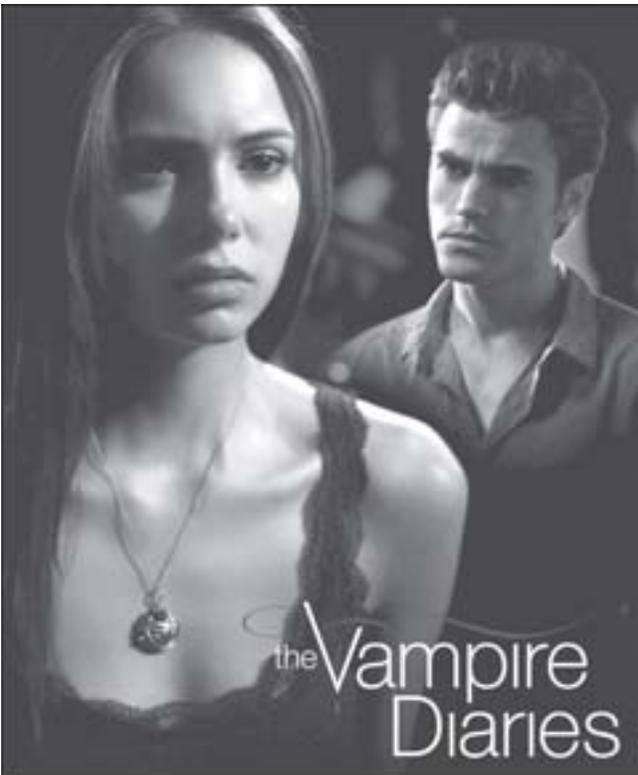
Rev. John Roberts, WilliAnn Moore and Jackson



Jackson and Councilman Michael Ashford



Jackson and Councilman Steve Steel

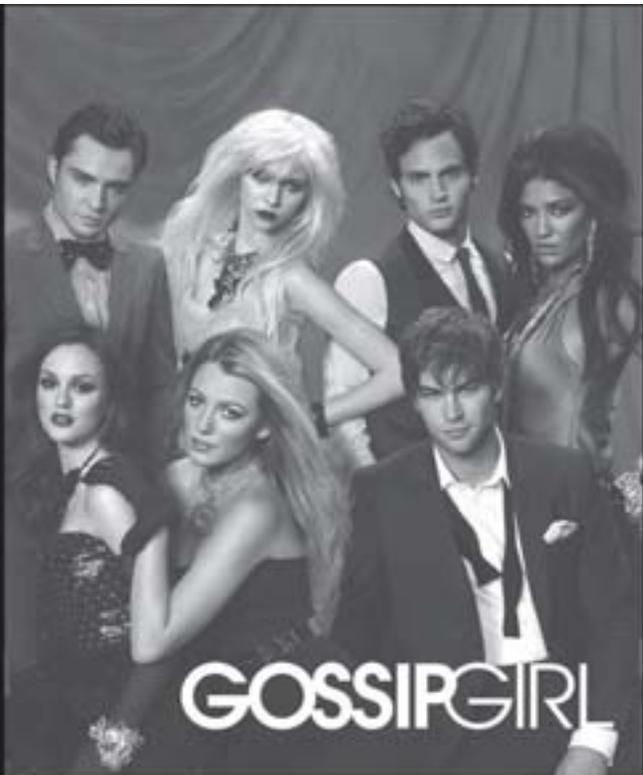


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United Way Attacking Issue of High School Dropouts

Special to The Truth

How many students is an acceptable number to let drop out of Toledo high schools? One? Twenty? Fifty? One hundred? One thousand?

No matter your opinion, kids are dropping out of high school at an alarming rate, and United Way is teaming up with America's Promise Alliance in a continuing effort to attack the problem here in Toledo.

According to Bill Kitson, United Way of Greater Toledo president & CEO, America's Promise Alliance awarded 105 grants nationwide to sponsor Dropout Prevention Summits, and United Way was chosen as Toledo's organizer.

"One of United Way's strengths is the ability to convene key players around the table, so we brought a diverse group together Thursday to deepen the discussion of graduation rates," Kitson said. "Our goal was to come away from the day with ideas and recommendations for strong long-term solutions to continue attacking this issue and I think we accomplished that."

The Summit included a wide range of representatives from sectors across the community including educators, parents, students, businesses, nonprofits, juvenile justice, government, and faith-based organizations because it affects every aspect of our community.

"Studies find when students drop out of school, it affects local median incomes, tax revenue, the availability of a qualified workforce, crime rates, healthcare, and increases the general strain on the social service system," said Bob LaClair, president & CEO of Fifth Third Bank (Northwestern Ohio). "Im-

proving graduation rates is a must if Toledo is to move forward as a community."

One of the nonprofits that participated in the Summit and is working on this issue continuously is the Greater Toledo Urban League (GTUL).

"One of our areas of focus



is closing the achievement gap in Toledo schools," said John Jones, GTUL President & CEO. "The high number of black and Latino males not graduating is disproportionate to the overall number of students not graduating. We're working to collaborate on ways to reengage and guide those students to success."

Another participant in the Summit was the Lucas County Juvenile Courts.

"Students almost always show signs of trouble far before they hit the juvenile justice system," said Dan Pompa, court administrator for the Lucas County Juvenile Courts, "and we need to find ways to catch them sooner. Once they're involved in gangs, violence, or other crimes, it's not easy to reengage them in school."

According to America's Promise Alliance, nationally, more than one million high

school students drop out of high school every year.

That's 7,000 every day. One every 26 seconds.

Only half of black and Latino young men are graduating on time.

On a more local level, the U.S. Department of Education puts Ohio's graduation rate at 79 percent and the Ohio Department of Education (which uses different reporting standards from the U.S. Department of Education) calculates Toledo's graduation rate at 86.6 percent for the same 2007/08 school year.

"One of the problems we have when looking at the issue of dropouts is simply getting accurate data," Kitson continued. "Different states use different measurements and beyond that, many of the reporting standards have serious flaws. Because of these inconsistencies, we believe Toledo's real graduation rate falls well below the reported 86 percent."

However, new uniform reporting standards are coming. All states have made a collaborative agreement to convert to the reporting standards created by the National Governors' Association. These standards will yield a more accurate statistic of kids graduating from high school on time.

"The bottom line is it's a problem if even one student slips through the cracks," Kitson concluded. "This is a community issue and we need everyone to reach out a hand. Mentor a child; tutor a teen; get involved in the conversation. Join us as we attack this problem at the root causes."

Bell Starts Building Transition Team with Familiar Face

"He has a clearly well rounded background in government."

Sojourner's Truth Staff

Mayor-elect Mike Bell has named Steve Herwat, former director of the Toledo-Lucas County Plans Commission from 1998 to 2006, to head his transition team, Bell announced last week.

"I have worked with Steve and am very comfortable with Steve," said Bell. "He has a clearly well rounded background in government."

Herwat, currently the president of Herwat and Associates, LLC, a consulting firm, was commissioned in 2008 by the City of Toledo and Lucas County to examine and evaluate the possibility of merging the two building inspection agencies. He recommended doing so. During the recent campaign, Bell spoke often his long-term plans of increasing regional cooperation.

Bell and Herwat anticipate forming a transition team comprised of 15 to 20 individuals although at the time of last week's press conference, no one



had yet been identified to be part of the effort other than Herwat.

The goal of the transition team, said Bell, will be twofold: first to select the mayor's staff and, second, to form the citizens special investigative (CSI) team that will examine the budget and establish the transparency that Bell has been demanding.

In the long-term, Bell called for "permanent fixes" in the budget process.

"We need to figure out how to make sure the people we are serving are comfortable with those services,"

said the mayor-elect. "We need to figure out what our citizens' priorities are."

When asked what type of people the mayor's transition team would be seeking, Bell emphasized that he wanted the "best and brightest talent" but also those with whom he could develop a "chemistry."

"Those people must be able to work as a team," he said.

Bell said the transition team of 15 to 20 would be "a diverse group" and representative of the community."



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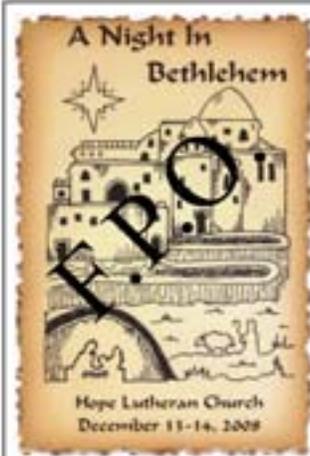
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The Toledo Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. Hosts The Michigan/Ohio Workday Cluster

Special to The Truth

The Toledo Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. hosted the Michigan/Ohio Workday Cluster this past weekend at the Park Inn Hotel in downtown Toledo. The three-day Cluster began on Friday evening and ended at 11 a.m. on Sunday morning. The Cluster welcomed more than 400 Jack and Jill members from Michigan and



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1:30 & 3:30 p.m., Saturday; and, 1:30 p.m., Sunday

"The Star of Bethlehem: An Astronomer's Perspective"

Dr. Bernard W. Bopp, University of Toledo
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Ohio and represented one of two Area Workday Clusters hosted by chapters in the national organization's Midwest Region. The Region's other Area Workday Cluster was held earlier in the month and was hosted by Jack and Jill members from Illinois in that state.

The Area Workday Clusters are designed to reacquaint Jack and Jill members with information about their national organization's history, chapter and regional operations, programming and much more. The theme for the Michigan/Ohio Cluster was "Master the World by First Mastering Your Potential: Strengthen Your Mind, Body and Spirit."

The Workday Cluster included a Town Hall meeting from 8 to 10 p.m. on Friday night; a general session and concurrent workshops from 8:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. on Saturday, an oratorical contest featuring 13 teen speakers on Saturday following lunch; a variety of teen and chapter-hosted

events from 6 p.m. to midnight on Saturday and, on the closing morning, a series of Regional Team private activities.

The weekend's Cluster featured participation by Jack and Jill national and regional officers: National President Jacqueline Moore Bowles; Regional Director Kimberley Witt; Regional Secretary-Treasurer Kimberley Goode; Regional Member-at-Large Twanya Hood-Hill; Past National President Alice Peoples and National Legislative Chairman Cynthia Tetterton-Williams (Toledo chapter member).

The Toledo Chapter president is Asha Barnes and the Cluster chairmen were Kkatrina Barry, Toledo Chapter vice president, and Jovita Robertson, Toledo Chapter editor/historian.

One of the highlights of the Cluster was Saturday's oratorical competition in which 13 teenagers participated. Those finishing first in their categories will move on to the national competition.



Arts Section • Arts Section •

Arts Commission of Greater Toledo Celebrates the Sixth Year of the Art in TARTA program

TARTA Bus with New “Restore Planet Earth: Fresh Air” Bus Wrap Designed by Erin Kosier, Incorporating Poetry Written by Young Artist At Work Apprentice Disha Brooks.

Special To The Truth

Six new bus wraps will be unveiled during the Art in TARTA gallery event on Sunday, December 6, 2009. The buses are newly wrapped with original and locally created graphic designs and poetry inspired by the theme of “Restore Planet Earth: Fresh Air,” the third

year of the “Restore Planet Earth” initiative.

The Art in TARTA gallery event will be the first chance to view all of these new moving works of art before they drive throughout the region on their daily routes. The gallery event will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Parkwood

Gallery. The event will include a gallery exhibition of the awarded poetry and designs in addition to music, refreshments, and an award recognition ceremony, commencing at 3 p.m.

Apprentices from the Young Artists at Work program and students of the



Tatum Center Celebrates 20th Anniversary

Special to The Truth

The Toledo-Lucas County Public Library is proud to announce its 20th anniversary program celebrating the opening of the **Art Tatum African-American Resource Center** at Kent Branch Library, 3101 Collingwood Blvd. The event is scheduled from 2-4 p.m. on Saturday, December 5 at Kent Branch.

For the past two decades, the Tatum Center has been a beacon of American culture and history.

In honor of this occasion, local playwright Imelda Hunt, Ph.D., is scheduled to present a theatrical dramatization, *A Jazz Revue: Tatum at Chicken Charlie's*, which highlights the life and times spent in Toledo of the late jazz pianist Art Tatum (1909-1956). You won't want to miss this exciting production.

Event participants can also review the history of the Tatum Center by browsing through photos, newspaper clippings and more. The preserved Tatum Center's collection of local



history will allow participants to see many familiar faces, articles and projects.

This 20th anniversary celebration will include refreshments and is open to the public.

Help the library celebrate this community treasure. They hope to see you there!

Bowling Green State University Graphic Design Department have participated in the competition, contributing respectively their writing and design talents. The Art in TARTA program showcases the talent of this region, thereby encouraging community pride and appreciation of the arts.

The Art in TARTA program began in the summer of 2004. Over the past five seasons the Art in TARTA competitions have encouraged an exploration of various themes: Bridges (The Veterans' Glass City Skyway), Jazz (the famous Art Tatum), Glass (The Glass Pavilion) and Restore Planet Earth.

Willie Rough (TARTA), Jim Ferris, Ph.D., (University

of Toledo), Nick Muska (Toledo Poets Center), and Ophelia J. Thompson (a/k/a Poet LaFe) served as this year's jurors selecting the best “Restore Planet Earth: Fresh Air” poetry submitted by the Young Artists At Work apprentices. Patricia Levey (ACGT), Marc Folk (ACGT), Stephen Atkinson (TARTA), Scott Carpenter (Metroparks of the Toledo Area), and Michael Paulus (Toledo Graphic Designer and Web Developer) served as jurors selecting the best “Restore Planet Earth: Fresh Air” graphic designs created by BGSU graphic design students.

The Art in TARTA gallery event is free and open to the public. The gallery exhibition will be on display in the Parkwood Gallery December 6 -23, 2009. The Parkwood Gallery is open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and is located at 1838 Parkwood Avenue, on the corner of Parkwood and Monroe.

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Special to The Truth

Will Clay was one of the featured artists in 20 North Gallery's 17th annual Holiday Show *The Art of Giving*.

The exhibition included paintings, photography, glass, ceramics and jewelry—with each work being a perfect choice for a holiday gift.

Along with Clay, painters such as Anne Abate, Steve Conine and Dean Davis were featured. Photographers Mike Basista and John Dooner, ceramists Edith Franklin and Julie Schnell-Madden, glass artist Robin Schultes, pen and ink artist Carrol Lee Rice and jewelers Kimberly Arden, Nancy



Guests admire artwork



Carroll, Regina Jankowski, Julia MacLachlan, Rhonde Oertli and Jackie Rousseau were also part of the exhibit.

Selected works by the artists of Shared Lives Studio, the art staff of Lott Industries, were also on display.

As part of the giving season, 20 North Gallery is presented 20 percent of the proceeds from the sales of the art works to the Toledo Zoo.

The exhibit opened on Friday, November 6 and will continue through the holidays.

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Author Joy "Deja" King Returns Home for a Workshop

Sojourner's Truth Staff

Joy "Deja" King, a Toledo native and author of 13 books of fiction, returned to her hometown November 6 and 7 for a book signing and a free writers and publishing workshop.

King started her writing career in 2006 with the publishing of her first book, *Dirty Little Secrets*, in the style of the new genre of young, hip and sexy novel writers who take readers backstage to the often shady entertainment industry and introduce street life in all of its complexity.

Born in Toledo and reared in California, Maryland and North Carolina, King is emerging as the urban version of best-selling author Jackie Collins.

According to the author, her books are based upon her own experiences in the entertainment industry. She specializes in sizzling relationships and a writing style that allows her readers to connect with each character and follow each one throughout the story.

In 2008, King started her own publishing company,



A King Production, with the release of *Stackin Paper*, *Superstar*, *Queen Bitch* and *Trife Life to Lavish*. Her current speaking and workshop book tour is

titled, "The Literary Game ... The Cutthroat World of Publishing."

During her Toledo visit, King held a book-signing event at Borders Bookstore

on Friday evening and, on Saturday, a workshop at the Kent Branch library.

Dozens of visitors to Kent Branch on Saturday morning listened as King imparted "a lot of usable information to the crowd," noted one member of the audience.

She was "warm and enthusiastic" said the audience member, "very infor-

mative and very straightforward."

King took her audience through the writing and publishing process, including tips such as designing a book cover to selling online. She spoke of contractual percentages and finding agents.

She urged writers to construct characters, giving them names and per-

sonalities, and then start their stories at the beginning and at the end, filling in the middle afterwards.

King's *Queen Bitch* has been on the Essence Bestseller list for seven months. She has published and sold nearly one-half million books since her debut in 2006.

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Artists Announce Third Annual 'Tis the Secor Holiday Celebration

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The Secor Artists have announced the third annual 'Tis the Secor holiday celebration and art sale for December 4.

The artists spend much of the year toiling away in their studios sketching, painting, editing, photographing and more. Now is the time of the year when they open those studios and galleries and warmly invite art lovers to celebrate this joyous season with them.

This year's festivities feature an exhibition of artwork from the Secor Artists and the Toledo Sculpture Guild in the Secor Gallery on the first floor and artwork from The University of Toledo Sculpture Department in the Gallery on Six on the sixth floor.

Additionally, the Secor Artists will be opening their studios to the public on the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh floors.

Many works of art will be available for purchase.

Live entertainment will be provided throughout the evening and refreshments will be served.

'Tis the Secor will be held on December 4 from 6 p.m. to midnight at the Secor Building at 425 Jefferson Avenue.

Monroe Street Neighborhood Center Receives \$20,000 Grant to Extend Open Gym Program

Special to The Truth

Toledo youths will have more time to shoot some hoops at the Monroe Street Neighborhood Center next year thanks to a \$20,000 grant from the Oswald Foundation.

"Now these young kids will have a safe place to come and engage in sports activities," said Clara Petty, executive director of the center last week upon receiving the good news.

The grant will be used to extend the center's open gym hours effective

February 1, 2010. Toledo youths ages 11 to 16 will be able to shoot hoops at the gym from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. The center will continue to hold an open gym from 9:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. for older members on the same days.

Sarah Harrison, of the Toledo Community Foundation, delivered the news and praised the Monroe Street Neighborhood Center for targeting a population of the youth in Toledo not currently being served.

The Monroe Street Neighborhood Center promotes self-sufficiency, strong families and a sense of community throughout the Toledo area by providing educational sessions, emergency food, clothing, transportation and other life skills free of charge to participants.

For more information, visit www.monroestreetneighborhoodcenter.org or call the center at 4190473-1167.

The Annual Christmas Concert

Special to The Truth



The Clarence Smith Community Chorus will present its **Annual Christmas Concert** on Sunday, December 6, 2009 at 6:00 p.m., St. Martin de Porres Catholic

Church, located at 1119 Bancroft St. A freewill offering will be collected.

The Community Chorus is proud to present the Central Catholic High School Glee Club, under the direction of Debra Barrow, as part of this year's musical celebration.

"It is truly exciting to have the very talented young people of the Central Catholic Glee Club joining us this year," said Director Clarence Smith. The concert will consist of spirituals, songs of the season,

and the always popular carol-along, led by Smith. The rousing finale will feature the combined choirs singing Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus."

The evening promises to be a great beginning for the Holiday Season. Won't you come and join the Chorus as they celebrate this joyous time of the year!

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Thankful For What I Do

By Michael Hayes
Minister of Culture



Toledo has a lot to be thankful for this upcoming holiday. A new arena that

makes downtown sparkle with life and light. A new mayor that many feel will bring a new direction to our future. The ending of a stressful year. This is when most of us gather with family and friends but let's not allow it to be purely out of ritual.

I'm aware of the truth behind the holiday of Thanksgiving and I know many of my readers are conscious enough not to even celebrate the massacre of our Native Ameri-

can brothers and sisters...but if you observe the day in any capacity, it's still good to have a day set aside to focus on gratitude. Not for big screen TV's, sports and more food than you can even eat.

But for the true joys in life.

For me, I am thankful I get to do this job. To be honest I was going through it recently. Was letting the thoughts/opinions of others get to me and even

contemplated resigning from doing this. But I'm thankful I have people to talk sense in my ear when I need it.

Thankful that something I never even intended to be a career could now possibly turn into one because of writing for The Truth.

Covering culture and entertainment I can say first hand this has been one of the most exciting years in Toledo I've ever seen. So many celebrities have been here.

I'm too mad I missed Charlie Murphy, but I guess it just came out of the blue. But that's my point...comedians, singers, rappers - you name it, it's here. I think one weekend this past year there was a major hip-hop artist here every nite!

So as I always say, if you are bored... you must be one of those weird people who have a Toledo address but really reside on their couch. But for the rest of us, there are plenty

of events going on. For that, we should give thanks.

Honestly, outside of entertainment just on some real life stuff we should give thanks for just making it through. The way the economy tanked as President Bush left office set us up for failure just as 2009 began. I'm not saying that crises have been totally averted, but we are still alive and kicking at the moment. As you gather with your loved ones, just remember to really embrace all the elements of life that can really be felt when you take the time to be grateful.

You got a beef, let it go. Misunderstandings - talk them out or put them on hold.

In the end, the quality of life is really about the people and experiences you have that allow you to truly enjoy your time on this earth.

But that's my word, I am thankful for all I have and I encourage you to

find gratitude for your place as well.

I'm in a place nowhere near as stable as I was this time last year, a lot of needs I hope are soon met.

But I am digging deep and finding a deep and abiding gratitude for every facet of my life. Don't let this Thanksgiving just be food and sports. Take time to look around and admire this time in your life. Love it. Be thankful, truly deep down thankful for all you have.

Here's a quote from the teachings I build off of: "A happy life is just a string of happy moments. But most people don't allow the happy moment because they're so busy trying to get a happy life"

Spread positive energy, be thankful even in the midst of adversity...if I can do it, you can too.

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Pastor

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ing jobs for your church members!

My fondest hope is that any..."roll them dices" pastor will continue to show their support for the casinos by having Sunday tours with their senior and married couples groups. Simply cut down the worship service time and take the church bus to these gaming cathedrals, get the Sunday lunch special for \$4.99 and then have an enjoyable half-day feeding the dime slots.

You have not seen happy until you see dozens of gray-haired Christian men and women blowing on red dice clutched in their hands and throwing them down onto that promised land of green felt tables. Wow! It will make you wanna get your praise on, girl!

Now, if all goes well, and it should, I do not see any reason why churches should not grubstake some of their more trustworthy elders and deacons with a little bit of the building fund monies so as to try to double it with a few harmless hands of Seven Card Stud. I mean...come on! It

is all in fun! Who is it hurting?

Hey, so what if we get a little spin off of bankrupt families or spousal abuse since the husband took the rent money and believed that the pastor's sermon that the Mark of the Beast being 666 was really code meaning to bet six hundred and sixty six dollars on Red 11... no sweat.

There is always the savings or the kid's college fund that can be used to get back any losses.

After all, if a pastor is backing casino gambling and he or she is God's man or woman, surely they would not steer you wrong...or would they?

Hey, as long as the pastor has my back and if I lose my job due to my

running down to Rossford (the site of the casino) during my lunch breaks and I cannot get back in time for the second shift, what's to worry! I will simply stand in the prayer line and be blessed and go back to the crap tables because I am supporting jobs in Toledo.

You got a problem with that? Take it up with my pastor. He is my spiritual leader and he must know what is good for me.

Well, gotta go. I will miss this week's Bible study but I will make it up next week but for now, I got that feeling; and I just know that with this car payment money, it will take me to heaven when I bet it all on seven come 11!

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You Need a Few Holiday Shopping Tips? Buy Books!

By Terri Schlichenmeyer
The Truth Contributor

For about a month now, you've been on a mission.

You've been doing a bit of spying and stealth is the name of your game. Bravely, you've ventured forward in search of your prey, always aware, eyes constantly roving. You're not sure what your target looks like, but you're confident you'll know it when you see it. Able to leap tall trees in a single bound, speedier than shoppers at a buy-one-get-one bin, more powerful than a 75-percent-off sale, you're invincible.

Whew. Holiday shopping is hard work.

So how about some relief? How about one-stop shopping at your local bookstore? Here are some great suggestions to get you going (and to shorten your gift-buying load)...

FICTION

Without a doubt, there's someone on your gift list who loves a mystery. That means you're going to want to wrap up **Heat Wave** by **Richard Castle**. When a real estate tycoon falls to his death on a New York City sidewalk, it's obvious that he didn't just fall. It's up to Detective Nikki Heat to turn up the heat on NYC bad

guys in this hard-bitten novel. Also try **The Big Wake-Up** by **Mark Coggins** (with a very noir 50's cover).

Need a unique book for someone who loves the out-of-the-ordinary? Check out **Death Wish** by **Nicole Cleaver**. Following a tragedy, a woman escapes to another life where nobody knows her background, and she tries to put her life together. When she meets a man she's sure she can love again, well, let's just say your

giftie will want to take a *bite* out of this unusual novel.

If your giftie loves historical novels, there are lots to look for this holiday season. **The Last Prince of the Mexican Empire** by **C.M. Mayo** is based on the true story of the reign of Emperor Maximilian of Mexico. **Lady Vernon and Her Daughter** by **Jane Rubino** and **Caitlen Rubino-Bradway** is based on Jane Austen's **Lady Susan** and is set in Regency England.

Does anyone ever outgrow their love of the classics? If your giftie is a fan of Robert Louis Stevenson, then your gift will be the favorite when you wrap up **Flint and Silver** by **John Drake**. A prequel to **Treasure Island**, this novel imagines what happened before John Silver and Joseph Flint met up in the classic. Hint: wrap it up along with a new copy of Stevenson's book for a great gift.

Maybe someone on your

Seidel. This novel – part fiction, part call-to-action – will make your giftie think, and it might even scare him to action. For further hair-raising reading, wrap up **The Touch** by **F. Paul Wilson**, a novel about a doctor whose new powers of healing with at a frightening price.

What better way to celebrate the holidays than to read a book about Christmas? If that's your sentiment exactly, then wrap up **Lakeshore Christmas** by **Susan Wiggs**. This seasonal romance is the story of a librarian who needs a Christmas miracle. Hint: wrap it up for one of those gifts you need to give early. Another romance to try – although not a holiday novel – is **The Inheritance** by **Tamera Alexander**. Set in the untamed West, this is a novel about a young woman who moves to Colorado to make a fresh start and finds love.

If a little international intrigue and a fast-paced, complicated story is exactly what your giftie will love, then look for **Condemned** by **Jon Nicholas Iannuzzi**. Set in New York, Russia, Columbia and Romania, this novel takes its readers on a whirlwind tour of the dangers of drug trafficking, organized crime, street dealers and corruption.

The holidays aren't exactly the time for scary stuff, but if you've got a thrill-lover on your gift list, wrap up **Afraid** by **Jack Kilborn**. This novel (written by a popular author of mystery books) is the story of horror unleashed on a small town by an accident that was no accident. I won't tell you who the author is, but sit down with a Jacqueline Daniels before you open its covers.

GENERALNONFICTION

Travelers – particularly those interested in old buildings and beautiful architecture – will love to read **Stories in Stone** by **David B. Williams**. This book discusses art, geology, old buildings and more. If you've ever spied a gargoyle atop a building and wondered why he was there, borrow this book back after you give it.

No doubt there's a Drama Queen (or King) on your gift list. For her (or him), there's no better gift than **How to Be Famous** by **Heidi Montag & Spencer Pratt**. This tongue-in-cheek book gives step-by-step tips on getting your name in the tabs and becoming The One Everybody Talks About. Hint: not just for grown-ups, your teen may get a kick out of this book.

Trivia fans with a basketball interest will really enjoy reading **The Final Four of Everything**, edited by **Mark Reiter** and **Richard Sandomir**. This fun book is filled with argument starters and trivia on a variety of topics, including Lousy Husbands, Absurd College Nicknames, and Richard vs. Dick. Another trivia-type book for fans of minutiae is **The Handy Geography Answer Book** by **Paul A. Tucci** and **Matthew T. Rosenberg**, which is also great for kids as well as grown-ups.

The holidays are a lousy time to be sick, but if you wrap up **Perseverance: True Voices of Cancer Survivors** by **Carolyn Rubenstein**, you can give the gift of encouragement. This book features the words and hopes of high school and college cancer survivors and though it sounds like a downer of a book, it's not. What it is, (Continued on Page 13)



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gift list is missing home. Show her you understand by giving her **Evenings at the Argentine Club** by **Julia Amante**. This is a book about family, generations and loving those who love you. Also look for **Tell Me Something True** by **Leila Cobo**... that's a book about family, secrets and things you never, as a child, want to know.

What will the world be like two generations in the future? If you've got to find something for your favorite science fiction fan, then find **2045: A Story of Our Future** by **Peter**

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Books

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though, is inspiring. No doubt, there's a country music fan on your gift list, and there's no better gift to give than **The Garth Factor: The Career Behind Country's Big Boom** by Patsi Bale Cox. Mostly about Garth, but containing other big names in country, this hefty book is a gift that will last awhile.

Sometimes, a book can take you to other places, and if someone on your gift list is always dreaming of a vacation, wrap up **Inventing Montana** by Ted Leeson. For the past twenty years, Leeson and a group of friends have spent their summers in an old ranch house in Montana, fly fishing and enjoying life; this book is about their vacations. Hint: wrap it up with a gas gift card and hopes of a great get-away. Also look for **Climbing Woodall Mountain** by Mississippi authors **Stuart Green and Gregg Parker**. It's a book about two friends and the very un-ordinary challenge they tackle, complete with room to journal your own great adventures.

This was the 40th anniversary of Woodstock, and if you've got someone who still longs for summers of Peace and Love, wrap up **The Time We Got to Woodstock** by Bruce Pollock. Complete with pictures and lots of memories, this book is groovy, man. Also look for **The Sixties** by Jenny Diski, which is a memoir as seen through the eyes of someone who lived through those psychedelic times; and **The Rock & Roll Book of the Dead** by David Comfort, which is a look at the lives of Hendrix, Elvis, Lennon, Joplin, and Morrison and their impact on our music.

While it may seem like an odd gift to give this holiday season, **Nontoxic Housecleaning** by Amy Kolb Noyes would surely be appreciated by anyone concerned about the environment. There are lots of good suggestions in here,

all ideas that your going-green giftee will enjoy knowing. Also look for **Earth Talk** by E-The Environment Magazine and **Now or Never** by Tim Flannery. Both of these inexpensive (and quick-to-read) books will help your green-thinking giftee be even greener.

Looking for an unusual story for an unusual reader? Look for **Soul Survivor** by Bruce and Andrea Leininger with Ken Gross. Could young James Leininger be the reincarnation of a World War II fighter pilot? This true story is for your giftee to read and decide...

The new-ager on your list will no doubt be overjoyed by this trilogy from Brad Steiger: **Beyond Shadow World** is



newly re-released and is the third volume in Steiger's Shadow World trilogy in which he discusses spirits and the supernatural. Then there's **Real Vampires, Night Stalkers, and Creatures from the Darkside**, a book that's, well, it's about the things that go bump in the night. And finally (this is my favorite), **Real Miracles, Divine Intervention, and Feats of Incredible Survival**, co-written by Sherry Hansen Steiger. This fun-to-read book is filled with amazing stories that are surprisingly inspirational, and would also be a good book for anyone who believes in angels.

If there's a weather junkie on your gift list, here are two easy-to-give books: **Weather's Greatest Mystery**

Solved! by Randy Cerveny is a book about weather, history, and how one affected the other. This is a great book for science aficionados, too.

Also look for **The Handy Weather Answer Book: Second Edition** by Kevin Hile. Better for kids or cumulonimbus neophytes, this book will also be welcome for people who love talking about the weather.

Why is it that dads and granddads are always so hard to buy for? If that's your dad or grandpa, then here's an easy gift - **Soldiers Once** by Catherine Whitney. This is the story of Whitney's brother, a Vietnam veteran who had isolated himself from his family, and it's the story of the

brotherhood and politics. Also look for **Little-Known Wars of Great and Lasting Impact** by Alan Axelrod. It will make your military historian smile. One more - Civil War buffs will relish **Josie Underwood's Civil War Diary**, edited by Nancy Disher Baird. This book, written when the author was a girl living through the Civil War and sympathetic to the Union, gives a non-soldier's-eye view of the War Between the States, and it can't be missed.

Someone on your gift list always wanted to change the world, so why not wrap up a book about people who once did? **Before They Changed the World** by Edwin Kiester, Jr. is a book filled with mini-biographies of men and women who

made a difference. Also look for **The Sharing Solution** by Janelle Orsi and Emily Doskow. This book, filled with useful ideas for saving money and community, really will make a difference and is a great group-gift.

Holiday get-togethers can be fun... or not. If you've just about had enough of one another, then have **How to Hug a Porcupine: Easy Ways to Love The Difficult People in Your Life** on your bookshelf, just in case. This cute book will give you step-by-step ways to cope during the holidays and all the way into the New Year.

Linguists and lovers of words will love ripping the paper off **Ifferisms** by Dr. Mardy Grothe. This book is part quotation, part word play, part anecdotal anthology, and all fun.

Would your giftee remember where he or she was 40 years ago on a Sunday? Chances are, the answer would be: gathered with the family around the TV. In **Sundays with Sullivan** by Bernie Ison, fans of Ed Sullivan and pop culture will see how this one show changed music and the way we think about it. This book includes a lot of pictures and even more memories for Baby Boomers and their parents. Also look for **Watching What**

We Eat by Kathleen Collins, which is a book about cooking shows then and now.

So you've got a know-it-all pet lover on your gift list and you don't know what to give. Look for **The Smartest Animals on the Planet** by Dr. Sally Boyesen. This book is definitely not about humans; rather, it's about birds who aren't bird-brains, monkeys with better-than-human smarts, dolphins, rats, and more. Also look for **Guardians of Being** by Eckhart Tolle, art by Patrick McDonnell. This is one of those sweet, gifty books that makes you want to go hug your four-legged family members.

Also, now out in paperback, animal lovers will want to read **The Daily Coyote** by Shreve Stockton, a true story of love, danger, and living with a creature that's wild at heart, set in rugged Wyoming country. Wrap it up with **Swimming with Piranhas at Feeding Time** by Richard Conniff, which is a book about adventures with dangerous animals both in water and out.

Parents and dog lovers will want to read **Cowboy & Wills** by Monica Holloway. This is a story of a boy with autism and the pup who changed his life - and the life of his mother, who fell in love with a four-footed therapist. Hint: wrap it up with

a box of tissue. That's all I'm saying...

No doubt, you've got a free spirit on your gift list (or, maybe someone who longs to kick off her shoes and dance). You know who she is, and I know she'll love **Don't Miss Your Life!** by Charlene Ann Baumbich. This book weaves faith, fear of failure, and fun together in a guide for making a life worth living and laughing about. Hint: wrap it up with a fun toy or joke book and get ready to share the enjoyment.

If you know some lucky girl is getting an engagement ring this year, wrap up **The Everything Green Wedding Book** by Wenona Napolitano. This book of hints and tips isn't your usual wedding book; instead, she'll learn how to have an earth-friendly way. CAUTION: don't spoil her surprise. Make sure she's got the rock before giving this book.

Does it seem, every holiday, that a lively discussion of current events precedes the feasting at your house? If so, be sure to have **The Ultimate Peace: America's Challenge in the Middle East** by Dr. Charbel E-H Moussa around. This book offers a unique look at what's going on in the Middle East, as well as some

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suggestions to broker an end to war. Short and quick to read, it might settle (or ignite) more discourse.

If there's a doctor in the house (or a future M.D.), wrap up *In the Land of Invisible Women* by Qanta A. Ahmed, M.D. This book is about a female doctor from Great Britain who, after being denied a visa to stay in the U.S., accepts a job working in Saudi Arabia for The Kingdom. Lush and exotic, this true story will appeal

to anyone – doctor or not – who's fascinated by this country half a world away.

Also look for *Medicine, Miracles, & Manifestations* by Dr. John L. Turner. This book is a little different, in that it features a doctor's thoughts on The Divine, the afterworld, and NDEs.

Your history buff will truly enjoy getting *Time of the Rangers* by Mike Cox. This hefty book is all about the Texas Rangers reitor from the beginning of

the 20th Century through today. There are lots of pictures in this book, plenty of history, some cowboying, and—at over 400 pages—this is a gift that will last.

Another book your history buff will love is *Harry Truman's Excellent Adventure* by Matthew Algeo. In this can-you-imagine? true story, Algeo tells about the trip that Harry and Bess Truman (yes, THAT Harry Truman) took all by themselves (no Secret Service) to

visit friends and see the country. If you can believe it, they hoped not to be recognized. Fun, and a sign of those times, this book will appeal to anyone who loves quirky history.

More for your history fan: *The Great Depression: A Diary* by Benjamin Roth, edited by James Ledbetter and Daniel B. Roth is book featuring a diary written by a lawyer who watched the world crumble and rebuild around him. And *The Branch and the Scaffold* by

western novelist **Loren D. Estleman** is a true story about the West's "hanging judge," Isaac Parker, who enforced the law with the tail-end of a rope.

Your art lover probably won't expect a book for a gift, so surprise him (or her) with *The Art of the Heist* by Myles J. Connor, Jr. This true story, as told by an art thief, is part biography, part adventure, part true crime, and all fun to read.

And there you are: something for pretty much every-

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Public Notice

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