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The Top 10 Local Stories of 2011

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The Real America

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

Time is neutral and does not change things. With courage and initiative, leaders change things. - Jesse Jackson



Christmas, for me, has always held great significance.

I tossed and turned all night, restless and intensely eager, in anticipation of my 17-month old granddaughter's waking to experience her first recognizable Christmas. I was as wide-eyed giddy as when I had been a child myself.

And later that morning, the Christmas pageant performed by children and youth (the church was where many black leaders, performers and professionals got their start and initial training) who were in church trying to accomplish something positive, was equally thrilling.

"The greatest announcement ever," they proclaimed according to the biblical account, "came one night in the quiet town of Bethlehem. The angels, which had been rehearsing more than 4,000 years waiting for the proper place and time to get their signal from their heavenly director, stood in position between earth and heaven and sang 'Glory to God in the highest and on earth, peace, good-will to all men'."

Why were the angels singing?

Because, "unto you, is born, this day in the city of David, a Savior which is Christ the Lord."

That's what Christmas is about, isn't it? The birth announcement of the church's Messiah.

That a sizable portion of the world's 2.18 billion Christian adherents stayed home and many congregations either canceled or altered worship services because Christmas fell on Sunday this year suggests that most don't understand or practice the true "reason for the season."

However, what is most surprising, is that while Christianity is the predominant faith in America as well as globally, most who profess it also fail to acknowledge that it was ordinary shepherds, the humble, unsuspecting working folks toiling in the fields, to whom the "good news" of this great birth announcement was targeted.

What is the significance?

This biblical and theological "linchpin" of the religion most heavily espoused by most, especially the "party of values," hallows the common work of men and women and suggests that all labor troubles and obscene income inequalities should be put to rest.

Of course we are a long way from that ideal, but could a miracle of "glad tidings, peace and goodwill" among politicians lie somewhere in the future?

Friday, House Republicans blinked in their nose to nose stare down with President Obama, changing course and finally agreeing to a two-month extension of payroll tax cuts and benefits for the unemployed.

Whether the result of the Occupy protests, or an Obama who has finally decided to become as steed as the "party of No," it is merely a temporary lull in the fierce D.C. drama at best. Yet it is apparent that public opinion has begun to shift regarding economic justice.

The president also seems to have finally reached the conclusion that joblessness is the one issue which places the nation on its shakiest ground.

Surely his opponents will continue to emphasize the worn and tired rhetoric of evasion such as its personal responsibility mantra. Obama will have to keep putting the focus back on America's social and economic inequities while illuminating how many of today's problems such as crime, family fragmentation, and welfare are primarily a consequence of joblessness and income disparities.

What about the costs?

First of all, the current public policies favor the privileged and exacerbate, rather than alleviate the condition of the unemployed middle, working and disadvantaged classes. The long-term costs of doing nothing or continuing along the current path of budget cuts at the expense of the disadvantaged will end up costing more than taking creative action.

What is needed is to replace old programs which have proved to be wasteful and ineffective with bold, new alternative solutions that build on the relationship between jobs, education and family support systems rather than waiting for some mythical future period of budget affordability.

Finally, the shepherd class, a/k/a. the 99 percenters need to, like the president, go on the offensive, providing him with the public support he needs to fight against the policies which have profoundly negative consequences for the future of common working, disadvantaged and poor persons.

How?

By sustaining the conversation and enthusiastically supporting The American Jobs Act and its revisions. Where private sector jobs are not available, public sector jobs in infrastructure building and maintenance using both skilled and low-skilled workers have been shown to provide sizable economic growth as well as many other societal benefits.

It is also the intersection of profession and practice, the place where contradictions give way to authenticity.

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Community Calendar

December 26-January 1

45th Kwanzaa Celebration: Wayman Palmer YMCA;: 419-243-7365

December 29

Jerusalem Baptist Church Brotherhood Ministry Youth Skating Party: 5 to 8 pm; Ohio Skate: 419-248-2139

December 30

Grace Temple Church of God in Christ
2730 Fulton St 43610
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December 31

St. Stephens COGIC New Years Eve Service: 10 pm

January 1

Happy New Year!!
New Hope MBC New Year's Day Service: 11 am; Guest speaker Rev. Michael Prince of Meridian, MS: 419-244-2964

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The Top Ten Local Stories of 2010 – The Good, The Bad and the Ugly

By Fletcher Word
Sojourner's Truth Editor

Here they are – the good, the bad and the ugly. Some, very ugly. The Truth's top 10 list of the top local stories in 2010. In reverse order, of course, just to keep the suspense going

Number 10. Rev. Robert Culp, pastor of First Church of God, and his wife, First Lady Maggie Culp, celebrated 50 years of leadership at the Collingwood Avenue church.

The Culp's family, friends and congregation gathered in

May at The Pinnacle to pay homage to one of the senior pastors in Toledo—surpassed in length of service in African-American churches only by I.J. Johnson of St. Mark's Missionary Baptist Church.

In a column earlier in the year, The Truth Contributor, Rev. D.L. Perryman noted that "after coming to Toledo ... in 1961, Culp was one of the first to become involved in community economic development through a faith-based nonprofit."

Culp is the past president of the Toledo Chapter of the NAACP, founder and board chairman of the Toledo Academy Charter School, founder and board member of Family House, member of the founding team of the Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union and founder of Sparrow's Nest for women, to name a few of his community activities.

Ironic though it may be to pair a Robert Culp with a Bill Cosby ... again, here it is. Number nine on our list is the Toledo visit of comedian, actor, activist, author, edu-

cator and social commentator Bill Cosby, Ed.D, in March.

Cosby came to Toledo at the invitation of the Greater Toledo Urban League in order to address the League's annual banquet. He stayed an additional day to lead a stroll through the inner city and urge residents to stop the violence.

Cosby's presence at the banquet brought in an unprecedented number of diners for the annual event. He was passionate, he was funny, he was dismissive of excuses

for poor behavior and he was, at turns, insulting. Deliberately so. He was also an effective advocate for restoring traditional community values.

Cosby arrived at Smith Park on the morning following his speech before the \$100 ticket audience, this time to reach out to all comers, and calling for "safe passage" for children and elderly.

Number eight takes us to the Toledo Safety Department. Derrick Diggs was named to the top post in the Toledo Police Department in

September, becoming the first African American to be named chief in the history of the department. Diggs, appointed by Toledo Mayor Mike Bell, joined the force in 1977, the same year as his predecessor, Mike Navarre, who retired in order to take advantage of a hefty benefit package.

Diggs, a DeVilbiss graduate, earned his bachelor's degree from Adrian College, which he attended on a football scholarship, and a master's degree from The

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African Art Has Arrived!!

Hundreds of wood carvings from Ghana have recently arrived at The Truth Gallery – masks, statues, village scenes! All at unbelievably low prices!



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Park headquarters and was appointed deputy chief for operations in 2001.

Now for the really good news. Our story number seven revolves around the talented individuals of the class of 2011 who graduated

is now at The University of Toledo preparing to apply to the U.S. Military Academy; Donald Walker, the valedictorian of Scott High School, who was named the Ohio Youth of the Year by the Boys & Girls Clubs of



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from local high schools in June.

Every year The Truth selects a few of the best and brightest in the area to spotlight in our graduation issue. Never before have we been so impressed. Savannah Hill, seventh in her class at Bowsher

University of Toledo.

Diggs has held just about every important position in the department in preparation for his ultimate post. He has served as a patrol officer, with both Vice Metro and the

Metro Drug Units. Diggs has worked with Community Affairs, Recruitment and SWAT; he has directed Internal Affairs and has been a commanding officer in both the downtown and the Scott



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America, is now at The Ohio State University on the way to a degree in psychology and Taylor Upton, a graduate of Start, is ready to fulfill a life-long dream of becoming an architect. She is in the very selective architecture program at OSU.

Olivia Phifer of Maumee Valley Country Day School was named Miss Debutante 2011 and then headed to Howard University to study broadcast journalism.

Phifer was first violin in the Toledo Youth Orchestra, ran varsity track and was a regional officer with Jack & Jill of America.

We had ourselves a cookie baron in the class of 2011 - Johnathon Bush. Bush, whose cookie company, Not Just Cookie, is in a number of area grocery stores, left Central Catholic but stayed in the area to attend UT so he could continue running his business. Ummm, ummm, good!

Derrick Mitchell, a future lawyer, graduated from Central Catholic and headed off to The Ohio State University as one of only 1,000 students in the nation to receive the



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prestigious Gates Millennium Scholarship - there were two from the Toledo area.

Lee Ann Song, scholar and world class musician, graduated at the top of her Sylvania Southview class and was admitted to Harvard College along with Keon Pearson, 2011's superstar, who became a sensation when he spoke at the MLK Unity Celebration at UT in January.

Thereafter, Pearson found himself on every local television program and newspaper cover before heading off to the relative anonymity of college. Pearson won every

scholarship in sight and even turned down the opportunity to apply for some once his plate was full.

An astonishing group of young people.

And then there's the very ugly.

Not all of our young folks followed the example of the aforementioned students. In 2011, 36 murders were committed in the City of Toledo, most as a result of shooting, about half of these individuals were in their 20's or younger - the youngest shooting victim being only 14 years of age.

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Bye, Bye 2011... What This Year Was to Me

A look back at what mattered most

By Michael Hayes
Minister of Culture



OCCUPY!

I know what it feels like to be pepper sprayed by riot



cops simply for peaceful protest.

When Bush got his second term, we were there in D.C. taking part in the largest public outcry against a presidential election in this nation's history.

At some point, you've got to stop talking about it and be about it.

I've been waiting since then to see a movement as brilliant, as passionate and as expansive as the Occupy movement.

No central leaders, so there's no one to attack... genius.

No agenda other than to simply be present. Endure. Pick a space and occupy it.

Occupy (insert city here) is a visual and psychological reminder that the BS going on which has brought this country near ruin is not going to be tolerated by the masses much longer.

We can blame government, but politicians aren't solely the root of the problem.

It's the fact that politics is corrupted by the wealthy for profit.

It's the fact that every system in this country, from housing to health care, is corrupted by the wealthy for profit.

When we say WE ARE THE 99 percent, it doesn't mean we want the wealthiest one percent in America to give us their income.

It means that WE ARE THE MAJORITY, so we have the power and therefore should not be subjected to extreme capitalism that places profit over people.

Wall Street is the financial nerve center of this coun-

try and arguably the Western world.

Now that there are mountains of proof that deliberate actions of investors have purposely plunged tens of millions of us into debt and poverty just to increase the wealth of a small already wealthy few. There must be action.

Setting up shop directly under the nose of the most powerful investors and brokers in the business, Occupy Wall Street was a movement that quickly grew to include many tens of thousands of people. Not just random "pro-

test everything" people.

Organized labor unions, professors, public service officers, students, single moms, and more, all took part. Occupy Boston, Occupy Oakland and Occupy Detroit gained numbers close to that of the original site in NYC, then it went global with Australia and many countries in Europe having massive occupy movements. You can get on youtube and find out just how epic this truly was.

Even though the New York Police Department unlawfully forcibly removed the occupiers from a privately-owned camping site in which they had written permission to be, the movement is still going.

This is one amazing thing about 2011 that I will never forget.

The people finally woke up and spoke up!

TOLEDO

Once again, I have prayed and meditated on this a lot.

Whatever power the written/published word has... I try to be responsible with it.

I refuse to list and highlight the atrocities we've endured this year in this city.

Not ignoring it. But I seriously believe it is spiritual and I don't want to add to it.

I don't treat crime and violence as leading news that you need to be reminded of constantly because that doesn't create solutions. It feeds interest.

Four police officers value peace, they will get guns off the streets. Period.

If our teenagers find reasons to value life, they won't waste theirs or others. Period.

If we can find self esteem

and pride in where we live, we will find self esteem and pride in HOW we live where we live. Period.

MUSIC INDUSTRY

This year was the best year for music in a long time.

For one, our tastes are expanding.

We listen to LMFAO, we listen to Adele, we listen to Odd Future.

Also, the music being made is breaking new territory while also returning to a traditional standard we've been missing for too long.

Lupe Fiasco pushing boundaries beyond what we expect a hip-hop album to be while Common is re-establishing his signature sound of hip-hop we've always loved.

2011 had more quality rap/R & B releases this year than I've seen since at least 2005.

The drought is over. The reign of BS is over. The art in the art form is striking back!

This is also good for people like me and mine who are still hoping to make a living in the music industry one day. If CD sales go up, labels will once again start signing new talent and looking for people who do what we do and that's a huge improvement from recent years.

Yes, there's still a bunch of mindless club music on the radio all day that if you listen to for more than an hour straight you can't decipher one song from the next.

But the envelope is being pushed by the right people, you just have to pay attention.

SHOUT OUTS

If you have been reading this article for a while, you already know why I tend to not do shout outs anymore. But, I'll make an exception for some exceptional people.

If you are NOT listed, please do not take it personal.

Kameron Kyser, Albert "Mick" Earl, Wayman "Italaz" Farmer and Will Lucas.

Your diligent and restorative work in the community this year has impacted so many, please keep it up guys.

Teneashia Cunningham, and the whole J.R.M. team/staff has to get a major shout out.

Glad to see you combine your love of hoops with your dedication to positively influencing Toledo's inner city youth. Keep it up!

Readers, please support the Junior Role Model inner city youth basketball team.

Missy Hayward and Honey Like Love. Your vision is infectious, and I'm so happy to see where it's taking you. Zahra April, you

already know!

Shout out to Markeith Johnson (aka Big Black), Keith Success, D.J. Lyte N Rod and

Mr. Jason Purifie. You gentlemen have taken time to school me on things and share your wisdom with me and trust me, it's much valued and appreciated. I know y'all don't do that with everyone, and I'm gonna make good use of the advice you've given.

All the D.J.'s and artists and crews, I can't shout all y'all out or I would run out of room.

But I want to mention the Wall Music fam for joining the list of respectable movements around here and I want to show love to my dude Yusuf Lateef, good to see you back on the mic, bro!

Huge shout outs to Charlie Mack, Tisha Lee, Martini and the whole WJUC team.

The Session. Flipside Radio. Game Savvy TV.

Lil D. one of my favorite people. The 216 is lucky to

have you.

On a personal note, 2011 has tested me and those around me in many ways.

To everyone that said they were in my corner and proved they meant it by still being here at year's end... my com-

mitment to making you proud is unending.

You all know exactly who you are because you're reading this and smiling right now. Thank you.

2012 awaits, let's get it



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Gibson Seniors Adopt Liberty West Residents

Sojourner's Truth Staff



The members of the Mildred H. Gibson Senior Center adopted the third floor residents of the Liberty West Nursing Center for Christmas this year. The Senior Center, which has about 50 active members, brought gifts to Liberty West on Thursday, December 22 and shared lunch with the residents.

As a special treat, Santa dropped by just before he had to return to the North Pole and finish making the season's toys.

It was a busy holiday sea-

son for the Mildred Gibson seniors. The children of the Quality Time Child Care Center performed their Christmas play for the se-



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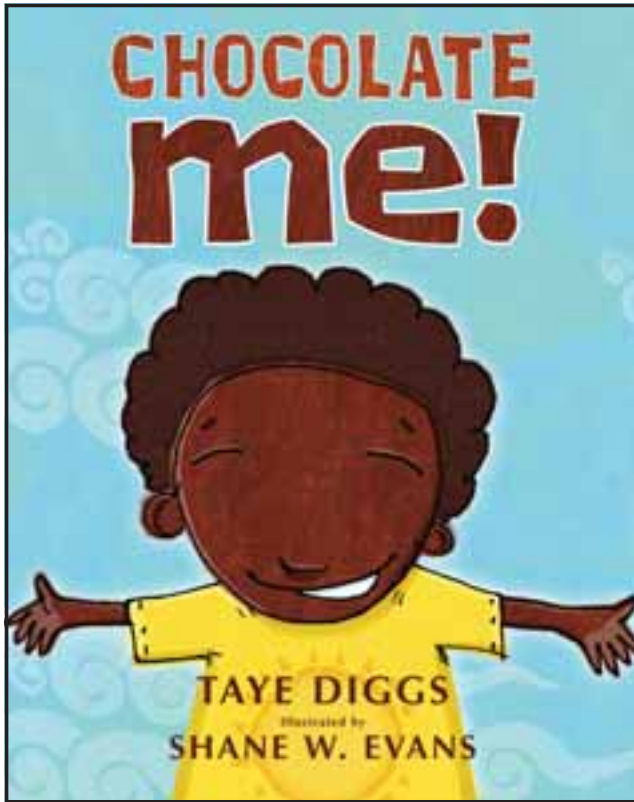
**Chocolate Me! by Taye Diggs,
illustrated by Shane W. Evans**

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40 pages

By Terri Schlichenmeyer
The Truth Contributor



Diggs, illustrated by his friend, Shane W. Evans, a little boy learns to love himself, too.

Timmy and Johnny and Mark have everyday names, just like everybody else - except the little boy on the step. His name was unique, and he longed for a common name.

Mark and Timmy and Johnny had different skin, too, and they wondered if the little boy's dark skin hurt when he washed off the dirt. Why was his skin darker, anyhow?

Johnny and Mark and Timmy sometimes teased the little boy about his hair. It was curly and poufy, like a wig. Didn't it tangle and hurt to brush it?

And then there was the little boy's nose. It was HUGE! It was nothing like Timmy's nose. The little boy's hair was not like Mark's hair. His skin didn't look like Johnny's skin. And his su-

per-white teeth weren't like anybody's!

It made him sad. It made him cry.

But when he told his mother why he was so sad, she said something important: his skin wasn't just dark, it was like "velvet fudge frosting mixed in a bowl."

His hair was like cotton candy or rows of tall corn. And just seeing his white-white teeth made her smile, too.

She showed the little boy a mirror. For real, he was just perfect.

Suddenly, Johnny and Timmy and Mark didn't seem so special. They were his friends, that's true, but they were missing something that was too sweet not to notice...

Wanting to be like everybody else is a big thing when you're a little person. But then again, so is self-acceptance and *Chocolate Me!* can help.

With a charming, not-

quite-rhyming story, author and actor Taye Diggs - who used his own childhood as the basis for this book - tells the tale of a boy who isn't at all like his friends, and hates it.

Anybody who's stood out from the crowd can identify with the child in this story, but kids who are keenly aware of differences will find it even more personal. I liked the good-naturedness of Diggs' main character, despite that he's heartbroken for being singled out. For her wisdom, I liked his mother even more.

Add Shane W. Evans' illustrations - pictures kids will want to look at again and again and again - and you've got a winner of a book.

Meant for preschoolers, I think this book is also good for both bully and bullied because it could change their lives. For them, and for any child who's different, *Chocolate Me!* is yummy.

All your friends are different. One friend might be very tall, while the other might be very short. Their hair and their skin might be lighter, darker, or another color altogether. Your friends are all ages and sizes and there are boys and girls. They are different and you love them all. And in the new book *Chocolate Me!* by Taye

Filing Taxes For Free Can Offer Savings

There's good news for Americans looking for ways to save money. Surprising as it may sound, there is a way to file your taxes that can be less taxing—and can help you save time and money.

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Step 3: E-file your return for free.

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Getting Your Refund

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Text the "Buzzed Driving" Prevention Message but NOT While You Are Driving

Special to The Truth

You can help save a life during the holidays just by texting. Text "Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving" to your family and friends—and ask them to do the same.

Unison Behavioral Health Group, in partnership with Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Lucas County, introduced the local "Buzzed Driving is Drunk Driving" campaign last year to raise public awareness about the risks of impaired driving in Lucas County.

A vital component of the public awareness campaign is the use of texting to spread the word throughout Lucas County.

"We know that texting is one of the most popular forms of communication among young people aged 16-25," said Courtney Weiss, LISW-S, chief operating officer for Unison Behavioral Health Group. "However, while we want Lucas County residents to help share this important message by texting, we want to emphasize that NO ONE should ever text while driving," she added.

A recent survey by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) indicates that on average 13.2 percent of all persons 16 or older drove under the influence of alcohol and 4.3 percent of this age group drove under the influence of illicit drugs in the past year.

Ohio had a high rate of driving under the influence of alcohol compared to other states and was in the mid-range of people driving under the influence of illicit drugs. The local "Buzzed Driving is Drunk Driving" campaign targets Lucas County's highest risk drivers: young men



aged 16-25.

Texting is one of the main forms of communication for 16-25 year olds. According to a 2011 survey conducted by the Pew Research Center's Internet & American Life Project, young adults are the most avid texters by a wide margin. Cell owners between the ages of 18 and 24 exchange an average of 109.5 messages on a normal day—that works out to more than 3,200 texts per month—and the typical or median cell owner in this age group sends or receives 50 messages per day (or 1500 messages per month).

"Simply texting the phrase 'Buzzed Driving is Drunk Driving' starts a conversation about the dangers of impaired driving and the need to plan ahead and to make safe decisions. This message from family members and peers has a huge impact," said Weiss. "Our goal is to raise awareness about the dangers of impaired driving and to get Lucas County residents talking about it and planning ahead."

According to Weiss, enlisting the support of local communities to text the "Buzzed Driving" prevention message is a deliberate strategy borrowed from

the Ad Council and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's national "Buzzed Driving is Drunk Driving" campaign.

Most teens and young adults really don't understand the risks of impaired driving. By driving home the message that buzzed

or impaired driving is the same as drunk driving, Unison and the Mental Health & Recovery Services Board of Lucas County hope to help save lives this holiday season. Learn more about the dangers of buzzed driving by visiting the local "Buzzed Driving is Drunk Driving"

campaign on Facebook and sign the Lucas County Sober Pledge while you're there.

About Unison Behavioral Health Group

With nearly 40 years of experience, Unison Behavioral Health Group is the community's recog-

nized and preferred leader in caring for the behavioral health and substance abuse issues of adults, adolescents and children. Unison accepts Ohio Medicaid and most private insurances. Through their contract with the Mental Health & Recovery Services Board of Lucas County, Unison is able to offer subsidized services to Lucas County residents who are unable to afford the total cost of treatment. Unison is certified by the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services, and accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. For more information, visit www.unisonbhg.org.

Frederick Douglass Community Association Hosts Tournament of Champions Holiday Card Party Fund Raiser

Special to The Truth

The Frederick Douglass Community Association (FDCA) of Toledo, OH is looking to crown Spades, Bid Whist, and Euchre Champions in what is known as the Tournament of Champions Holiday Card Party. This inaugural card party fund raiser will be held Friday, December 30, 2011 starting at 6:00 p.m. and will continue until a champion is determined for each of the categories – Spades, Bid Whist, and Euchre. Prizes will be awarded to champions in each category.

The entry fee is \$20 per team or \$10 per individual. Raffle tickets will be sold for a chance to win a flat screen television.

The funds raised from this event will help support FDCA programs, which traditionally serves over 15,000 seniors, adults, and teens from the community each year. "We are asking the community to come and support this event, it will be fun and something different that people can enjoy," says Executive Director Shantae Brownlee. "We are preparing to make big changes and launch some really innovative programs in the coming year as we look to renew our relevancy in the community. We are working on transforming the FDCA into an Epicenter of Hope and Empowerment."

For more information, contact Brownlee at 419-244-6722 or <http://fdcatoledo.org>.

FDCA (a 501c3) was started in Toledo, OH by Albertus



Brown in 1919, who was inspired by the need for social and recreational opportunities for African-American youth in Toledo. Since then, it has expanded its role to impact the lives of all youth through its mission of strengthening and enriching the lives of individuals and families through its many activities and services in the Family Resource & Enrichment Center, Youth Development & Sports and Childcare Services.

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Congresswoman Kaptur Announces Federal Assistance to Help the Homeless

Special to The Truth

Organizations throughout the Ninth Congressional District will receive more than \$6 million in federal assistance to help the homeless, including \$4.1 million in Toledo and Lucas County, according to U.S. Rep. Marcy Kaptur (OH-9).

Kaptur announced a series of awards from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development under the Continuum of Care initiative to combat homelessness.

Kaptur announced a total of 33 grants to more than a dozen organizations that provide services to homeless families and individuals throughout the District. Most of the grant announcements involved renewals of fund-

ing from last year. "We must not forget, especially at this time of the year, that many people are in dire need of assistance," Kaptur said. "We have so many families in need, in-

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cluding families who have slipped out of the middle class and into poverty."

Congresswoman Kaptur said many organizations have been overwhelmed with requests for help due to high unemployment and home foreclosures.

"So many people are in need at this time of the year, including many families who

have fallen below the poverty line."

Services that will be provided with the assistance include permanent and transitional housing and supportive services. The Toledo-

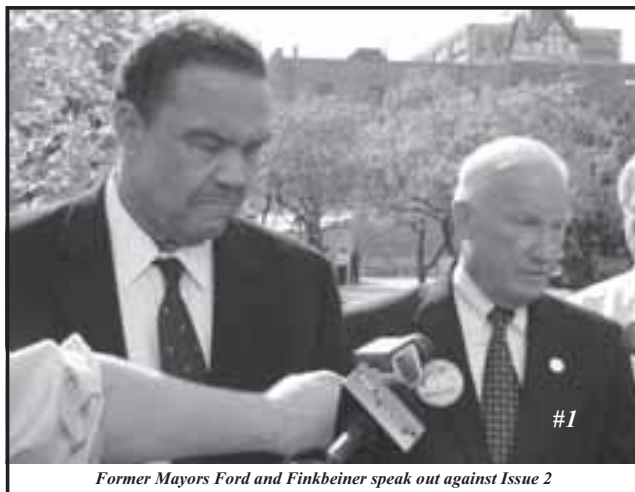
Lucas County Homelessness Board, for example, has estimated that as many as 1,000 people in Toledo are homeless.

"These funds are needed to help many people through the toughest of times," Kaptur said. "These awards make an important statement that we care about every person in our community."



The Top Ten Local Stories of 2010

(Continued from Page 4)



Former Mayors Ford and Finkbeiner speak out against Issue 2

Thirty-six murders is a tragically large number for Toledo. As recently as 2007, only 13 homicides were committed here.

Our fifth story is the razing of two public housing projects that were amongst the oldest in the nation. Early in the year, the Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority announced that both the Brand Whitlock Homes and the Albertus Brown Homes would be demolished to make way for a new mixed-income residential structure to be completed in three phases.

Albertus Brown Homes is already about completely demolished and Brand Whitlock residents are moving out now.

In November, on Election Day, it paid to be an incumbent here in the Lucas County. Incumbents ruled, particular on City Council.

District Councilmen D. Michael Collins (2); Mike

Craig (3), Paula Hicks-Hudson (4); Tom Waniewski (5) and Lindsay Webb (6) all won re-election by significant margin, the slimmest being Craig's 10 percentage point victory.

In the District 1 race, Councilman-elect Tyrone Riley cruised to victory demonstrating the value of an endorsement by an out-going incumbent, Council President Wilma Brown.

Story number three was the transformation of Toledo Public Schools.

In a year of budget woes, TPS took the initiative and decided to spin gold out of hay, ridding the system of those very troublesome middle schools and implementing a K-8 structure. The other critical element of the transformation was the introduction of specialized academies within the area high schools that will offer students the opportunity to fo-

cus on such subject matter as the arts or advanced studies, to name a few.

The scapegoating of Department of Neighborhoods Director Kattie Bond is our second most significant story of the year.

While The Truth has not yet joined the fray over the scandal in the department - we will be doing so in our next issue - and our comments have been limited to those of our contributing columnists, the fact is that this is indeed a huge story.

The story, as uncovered by The Blade, initially involved three disgruntled contractors who have seen their public projects decrease as the City opens its bidding process to the wider community.

Bond and several in her department were placed on administrative leave in December and have been left twisting in the wind.

And, the most important story of the year in Toledo, in northwest Ohio, in the State of Ohio and, perhaps, in the nation, was the battle over Ohio Senate Bill 5 which was placed on the November ballot as Issue 2. The Issue, supported by Republicans and Toledo's independent Mayor Bell, was roundly defeated on Election Day.

SB5 would have severely

restricted the ability of Ohio's public unions to negotiate with state and local officials. Republicans, and our mayor, completely overreached as they tried to consolidate their overwhelming election victories of 2010 by attempting to crush permanently an important segment of the base of the Democratic Party.

And while several states, such as Michigan and Wis-

consin, also attempted to stifle public bargaining units to some degree, no group of Republicans did so with the hubris of Ohio's GOP which included public safety units in its legislation meant to hamstring unions.

There it is, Toledo. The top 10 stories of 2011. For more information on these and other stories of the years - www.thetruthtoledo.com.

Toledo Museum of Art Offers 'The Great Art Escape' on Dec. 27-Dec. 31, 2011

Special to The Truth

Are you looking for something to do with family and friends between the Christmas and New Year's holidays? Why not visit the Toledo Museum of Art and take part in The Great Art Escape, five days (Dec. 27–Dec. 31) full of arts activities for those of all ages.

Each day of The Great Art Escape features different programming related to the Museum's extraordinary collection of art. There will be storytelling, performances in the Great Gallery, mini-performances highlighting works of art in the TMA collection, drawing in the galleries, and the chance for visitors to sketch designs and see Museum artists create their designs in glass.

Admission to the Museum and all of the activities is free. Parking is free for Museum members and \$5 for

nonmembers.

"There will be a lot going on throughout the Museum, so you'll be able to go from one space to another and find different activities," explained Judy Weinberg of the Museum's staff.

Mini-performances will be vignettes of no longer than 15 minutes with short, 10-minute breaks between performances.

Storytelling sessions will feature books that relate to paintings or sculpture in the Museum's collection. Examples include "Ten Little Mummies" by Philip Yates, which will be read amid antiquities in Classic Court, and "Where the Wild Things Are" by Maurice Sendak, which will be read in the Cloister, a favorite gallery of children.

"Drawing will be led by art teachers who will focus on a different element of art

at each painting," Weinberg said. "You don't need to have any prior experience to have some fun drawing and to learn something that perhaps you didn't know about the elements of art," she added.

Here is the daily schedule of activities for The Great Art Escape:

The Great Art Escape—2

Wednesday, Dec. 28
Drawing in the Galleries: 10:30 a.m. to Noon and 1:30–3 p.m.

Performance: Noon to 1:30 p.m., Susan Craig at the Dutch organ in Gallery 24

Glass Demonstrations in the Glass Pavilion: 1, 2 and 3 p.m. demonstrations include glass objects made from designs submitted

by visitors

Thursday, Dec. 29
Storytelling: 10:30 a.m. to Noon and 1:30–3 p.m. in Classic Court, the Cloister, by the Matisse Mural, Gallery 32 and Gallery 29A
Mini-performances: Noon to 1:30 p.m.: Gladys Rudolph at the Dutch organ in Gallery 24
Glass Demonstrations in the Glass Pavilion: 1, 2 and 3 p.m. demonstrations include glass objects made from designs submitted by visitors

Family Center Activities: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Holiday Memories! Make your own book to fill with special moments with family and friends.

Mini-performances: 2–3 p.m., Joy Turner on the Castle piano in Gallery 1
Friday, Dec. 30
Drawing in the Galler-

ies: 10:30 a.m. to Noon, 1:30–3 p.m. and 7–8:30 p.m.

Mini-performances: Noon to 1:30 p.m.: Chinese Association of Greater Toledo in Gallery 29A
Mini-performance: 4–4:30 p.m., Hindu Dancers in Gallery 29A

Performance: 7–7:30 p.m.: Musica Antigua in the Cloister

Glass Demonstrations in the Glass Pavilion: 1, 2 and 3 p.m. demonstrations include glass objects made from designs submitted by visitors

Saturday, Dec. 31 (New Year's Eve)

Mini-performances: 1:30–3:30 p.m.: Leyla (belly dancer) in Classic Court

Great Gallery Performance: 1–2:30 p.m., Chinese Association of Greater

Toledo Glass Demonstrations in the Glass Pavilion: 1, 2 and 3 p.m. demonstrations include glass objects made from designs submitted by visitors

Visit the Museum's website at www.toledomuseum.org for information about other activities and current special exhibitions. The Museum closes at 4 p.m. on New Year's Eve and is closed on Jan. 1–2, 2012.

Note: For images or further information, contact Teri Sharp, public relations manager, at 419-254-5082 or tsharp@toledomuseum.org, or Kelly Fritz Garrow, director of communications, at 419-255-8000, ext. 7408, or kgarrow@toledomuseum.org.

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Jack and Jill Shows the Spirit of Giving at Soulful Santa Event

By Angelita Cruz Bridges, Toledo Chapter of Jack and Jill Editor/Historian
Special to The Truth

During this holiday season the **Toledo Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated** chose to work together to collect donations for Hannah's Socks, a local organization that collects socks and undergarments for individuals, children and families in need.

Mothers of the Toledo Chapter of Jack and Jill and their children came up with the idea to take letters to their children's schools requesting classmates to assist in collecting items for Hannah's Socks. With the assistance of their classmates, Jack and Jill children collected over 1,100 items for needy families.

Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated was founded in 1938 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania by Marion Stubbs Thomas. In 1946, the National Organization was incorporated and since that meeting in 1938, chapters have been organized across the entire United States. The organization is made up of mother members and is a family organization that promotes youth leadership and so much more.

On Sunday, December 11, 2011, 80 family members of the Toledo Chapter of Jack and Jill gathered together for the annual **Soulful Santa** celebration. The event opened with guests from the organization Hannah's Socks. Founders, Doris, Vic, and Hannah Turner spoke to Jack and Jill members about their organization and how it was formed. The children then presented their donation of 1,100 items to the Turner family, who thanked the Jack and Jill youth for their generosity.

After a delicious buffet dinner, Toledo Chapter Jack and Jill members were treated to a visit from Santa and children and family members took pictures with the jolly legend. Everyone enjoyed themselves while remembering what the season is really about.

In other Toledo Chapter Jack and Jill news, on November 21, 2011, member Patrice McClellan, Ed.D., assistant professor and director of the Masters of Organizational Leadership program at Lourdes University re-



cently presented her debut book *Herstories: Leading with the Lessons of the Lives of Black Women Activists*, co-authored with Judy Alston, Professor and Chair of the Department of Leadership Studies at Ashland University.

McClellan read passages from her book, answered questions, and signed books for the crowd of 90 people in attendance. Katrina Barry, president of the Toledo Chap-

ter of Jack and Jill, presented McClellan with a resolution from the Chapter which acknowledged her accomplishment. Lourdes University brought 50 books to the event and all were signed and purchased.

The history of Hannah's Socks

"On a chilly Thanksgiving Day in 2004, then four-year-old **Hannah Turner** was helping serve dinner to the needy at **Toledo's Cherry**

Street Mission. In the middle of the hustle and bustle she tugged on her mother Doris' sweater. **'Mommy, won't this feet be cold?'** Hannah had focused on a man in line wearing shoes that had split open, no socks on, and her small face reflected concern. Doris tried to reassure her: 'His shoes will keep his toes warm.'

Hannah — too smart, too big of heart — was unconvinced. **'Mommy, he**

can have my socks,' she said. That next day, Doris took Hannah to purchase and distribute socks to local shelters. **Doris** Turner and husband **Vic** quickly discovered that of all the materials donated to shelters, new socks and undergarments are given the least and needed the most. They created Hannah's Socks with the goal of addressing that problem." Source: www.hannahssocks.org

The African American Legacy Project's 2011-2012 Emerging Leaders

Special to The Truth

On Friday, January 6, 2012 at 10 a.m., the African American Legacy Project — in partnership with Toledo Public Schools — will introduce its 2011-2012 Emerging Leaders to students and the community. The event will take place at the Martin Luther King Academy for Boys.

These Emerging Leaders have agreed to spend time in the classroom over the next several months with hundreds of students (K-8) who attend school in the Scott High School feeder pattern.

Shanda Gore, Ed.D

Shanda Gore received her bachelor's and master's degrees in communications and earned a doctor of education in leadership from Bowling Green State University. She is the associate vice president for Equity, Diversity and Community Engagement at The University of Toledo.

Lance Lawhse

Lance Lawhse graduated from Rogers High School in the top five percent of his class. He earned a bachelor's in economics from The Ohio State University and cur-

rently swerves as president of the Clay Avenue Imagine Charter School. Lawshe has also been an associate minister at Mt. Pilgrim Church for the past nine years.

Pastor MacKenzie Kambizi

Pastor MacKenzie Kambizi was born and reared in Zimbabwe, Africa and arrived in the United States in 2000. He has a bachelor's in theology from Andrew University and a masters in clinical professional counseling from Liberty University. He is currently senior pastor at Parkwood Seventh Day Adventist Temple.

Sheila Gibson

Sheila Gibson founded Giselle's Dance Theatre in Toledo in 1988. In 1996, she was a choreographer for the International Bands of America touring and performing across Europe. She is a former instructor of jazz dance for The University of Toledo and choreographer for The University of Toledo Rock-ettes. She currently serves as artistic director of the Praise Dancers at Third Baptist Church in Toledo.

Will Lucas, II

Will Lucas, II was featured in the October 2011 issue of Black Enterprise Magazine. He is a strong youth advocate and is a public speaker addressing such issues as technology, business and social issues. He consistently challenges conventional thinking. Lucas is founder and CEO of Creadio and AWLCo which houses Internet Technology companies and a non-profit youth program,

Judge Myron Duhart

Judge Myron Duhart is a graduate of St. Francis de Sales High School and earned a bachelor's in political science from Wright State University. He earned his JD from UT's College of Law and has served in the U.S. Army as a lieutenant in the JAG Corps. Before being appointed by former Gov. Ted Strickland to replace Judge Charles Doneghy on the Lucas County Court of Common Pleas, Duhart was in private practice specializing in criminal and personal injury law.

The African American Legacy Project's
2011-2012 Emerging Leaders



"The doors are all now closed. We will all profit by, or pay the ransom they receive." — James Baldwin