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## This Strikes Us ...

*A Sojourner's Truth Editorial*

"I'm sorry, but Eric Holder makes the entire African American community look bad," writes one local conservative wingnut and letter writer to the editor who is so often swept into a frenzied rage whenever he sees examples of black folks not behaving exactly as he wish they would. And he sees such examples on a fairly consistent basis according to the messages we receive.

Regrettably he doesn't bother to hold any other racial or ethnic groups to such high standards.

In the instant matter, it seems that the U.S. Department of Justice has declined to pursue a case against the New Black Panther Party in a Philadelphia case of voter intimidation during the 2008 election.

The case has been fodder for conservative commentators for some time now. New Black Panther Party members wielding weapons at white voters – outrageous. Lead witness – the only witness, in fact – Bartle Bull, who has been described as a "civil rights activist," called it "the most serious example of voter intimidation" he has seen at the polls in 50 years. Bull goes way back, by the way.

But the facts of the case appear to have been just a bit distorted by both witness and commentators.

Bull, by the way, is no civil rights activist, he's an author and journalist, as well as being an outspoken critic of the Obama administration. White "voters" weren't intimidated – one white person said he was called names by two black males dressed in fatigues. And the Justice Department did indeed file a lawsuit against the man who carried a nightstick but a career attorney at Justice decided to drop the matter – the law and the facts just didn't make the case worth pursuing.

Eventually the Commission on Civil Rights took up the matter. They haven't found much to pursue. Said, Abigail Thernstrom, a white conservative member of the Commission: "... this particular overblown attack threatens to undermine the credibility of [Holder's] conservative critics.

As Justice Department critics in Congress pursued the matter, Holder finally boiled over last week and declined to accept comparisons of the Philadelphia story to what black folks endured in the 1960's. "I think it does a great disservice to people who put their lives on the line for my people," said Holder in an exchange before a congressional committee.

For this remark, Holder has made the "entire African American community look bad?"

Forget about the facts of the matter and the triviality of the incident for a moment. One person's remarks have made an "entire African American community look bad?"

What is it about the African-American community that subjects it to such censure from the uninformed?

Did our intrepid letter writer opine that John Gotti's numerous murders and other violent offenses made the entire Italian-American community look bad? Or that Bernie Madoff's Ponzi schemes made the entire American Jewish community look bad?

Did anyone utter such nonsense?

Speaking of utterances by public officials, one of the most notable examples of someone in high office spouting nonsense is that of Haley Barbour, governor of Mississippi and a potential Republican candidate for president in 2012.

Barbour has quite a memory himself about the 1960's. He has recently stated that during those good ol' days when he was growing up in Yazoo City – he was 16 in 1964 when three civil rights workers were murdered in the state – that he really doesn't "remember it as being that bad."

He has further praised the notorious White Citizens' Council for keeping order in the state. Yes, the very same White Citizens' Council that used pressure and violence against those who sought educational integration.

If Holden erred, and we don't by any stretch of the imagination believe that he did, in dismissing the impact of an isolated modern-day voter intimidation incident by citing the violence of the 1960's and saying the 2008 event paled by comparison, Barbour certainly has placed those 1960's events in a new light altogether. Apparently, according to the revisionist history Barbour is presenting, the events of the 1960's simply did not happen.

We could go on about Barbour's foot-in-the-mouth statements about race but what we could not do is offer the opinion that his missteps make the entire European-American community look bad. It takes a card-carrying member of the lunatic fringe to arrive at such a conclusion.

Barbour's statements make Barbour look bad.

Unfortunately our correspondent is pretty well fixated on black people behaving badly, whether or not they really are. And unfortunately, our correspondent, who is not black by the way, is in a position to have some impact on the black community serving as he does on the board of a Toledo central city non-profit agency.

We're sorry, this guy just makes the entire community of the lunatic fringe look bad.

## Community Calendar

### March 9-11

New Bethel COGIC's 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Truth Marches on Conference: 7 pm nightly; Speakers Dr. Marvin Sapp, Pastor Smokie Norful and Evang. Sandra Riley; Music by Lisa Page-Brooks, Christian Davis and Voices of Cleveland: 419-242-6937

### March 10

Candidacy Announcement: Attorney Tyrone Riley announces candidacy for Toledo City Council District One; Lucas County Democratic Party Headquarters; 5:30 pm: 419-350-3232

### March 11

Women's Entrepreneurial Network Workshop: "Seven Steps to Small Business Marketing Success;" UT Scott Park Campus; 11 am to 1 pm; Featuring Pat Giammarco of PWG Marketing: 419-276-0664/linda.bowyer@utoledo.edu

### March 12

West Toledo Bereavement Meeting: Bethlehem Baptist; 10 am: 567-249-7470  
Church of the Living God Youth Explosion: 5 pm; Prophetess Leonda Garmon of Chicago

Children's Activity Center Fundraiser: 4 pm; Redeeming Temple Church; Benefit for yearly children's program: 419-973-9700

### March 13

Historic Third Baptist: Inkster High School Concert Choir; 11 am: 419-248-4623  
Crusaders for Christ Musical Team Service: Guest speaker Rev. Stephanie Jones of Ark of Deliverance Church; 4 pm: 419-376-2331

Christian Community Church Scholarship Service: 4 pm; Guest speaker Bishop Marjorie Holt: 419-536-8357

### March 15

UT Eberly Center Women's History Month Event: Woman's Empowerment Summit; 12:30 to 5 pm; Main Campus Student Union – Rm 2582; Topics include sexual harassment, sexual health, strengthening writing and verbal communication, self-defense: 419530-8574

### March 17-19

Daughter of Promise Women's Revival: "Delivered into Increase;" City of Zion, the Mt. Zion Church; Min. Karrie Jackson at 6:30 on the 17<sup>th</sup>; Elder Toni Epperson at 7 on the 18<sup>th</sup>; Sis. Tnisha Jones at 10 am on the 19<sup>th</sup>: 419-481-6643

### March 18

Zepf Center's "Serve Up an Ace" Tennis Fundraiser and Silent Auction: 7 to 11 pm; Laurel Hill Swim and Tennis Club: 419-841-7701

Calvary MBC 22<sup>nd</sup> Pastoral Anniversary: Pastor Floyd Smith; 7 pm; Guests Rev. Ronald Taylor and Beulah Baptist

### March 18-19

ProMedica Total Wellness Days: Westfield Franklin Park – Macy's Wing; 8 am to 4 pm; Colorectal cancer advice and screenings: 419-291-4602

### March 19-20

St. Paul's MBC Annual Men's Day Weekend: Prayer breakfast on Saturday from 9 am to noon; Sunday school at 9:25, services at 10:45 am and 4 pm; Guests from The Good Shepherd Baptist Church of Columbus: 419-246-2886

### March 20

Calvary MBC 22<sup>nd</sup> Pastoral Anniversary: Pastor Floyd Smith; 10:45 am service with guests Bishop Duane Tisdale and Friendship Baptist; 4 pm service with Pastor Charles McBee and Family Baptist

### March 26

Iota Theta Sigma Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Symposium: 8:30 am to 1 pm; Mt. Pilgrim Church: "H3: It's all about me: Healthy Choices, Healthy Living and Healthy Generations:" 419-345-4486

Cass Road Baptist Church Young Adult Ministry Kick-Off: Food, fun, games; Ages 18-30; 3 to 5 pm: 419-893-2008/crbyaministry@yahoo.com

Glass City Church of Christ 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Ladies Inspiration Day: "Running the Christian Race ... Get F.I.T. with God;" Continental breakfast at 8 am; Program from 9 am to 12:30 pm: 419-346-1248

Citywide Christian Trustee Association Meeting: United MBC; 10 am

### March 27

Calvary MBC 22<sup>nd</sup> Pastoral Anniversary: Pastor Floyd Smith; 4 pm service with guests Bishop Clifton Jones and Agape Love Ministries

Crusaders for Christ Church "Fresh Start" Ministry's Freedom Experience: 2:30 pm to 5 pm; Ages 18 and up: 419-376-2331

### March 29

Greater Toledo Urban League Senior Program Annual Black History Celebration: "Celebrating You;" 12:30 pm; J. Frank Troy Center; Speaker Robert Smith of African American Legacy Project: 419-255-6206

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## From Addiction To Provision

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



Poverty is the failure or inability to remove oneself from a system that is based on exploitation because we have become addicted to its products.

-Alison P. Gise Johnson, PhD

The cries of protest from nearly 70,000 workers' rights advocates mobilized in Wisconsin and several thousands more in Columbus, Ohio may or may not have fallen on the deaf ears of Republican governors Scott Walker and John

Kasich.

However, the message, that teachers, nurses, public safety officers and other public sector workers – would not yield easily – their hard won collective bargaining rights, was loud and clear.

Yet, despite the lack of large numbers of faces of color present in the massive protests, there were also powerful, albeit more subtle, implications for the African-American community to be drawn from this eventful turn in history.

One obvious lesson to be gleaned from the recent workers' rights protests is it's better to be five months too early than five minutes late.

Where were all these folks in November, 2010? If this kind of turnout had occurred earlier at the polls, there would be no need for trying to undo the dreadful political consequences of electoral slumber.

The other clear, and possibly most devastating signal evidenced by the events in Madison and Columbus, is that our world has dramatically changed. Government is now resolutely unwilling or no longer able to adequately solve the problems created by natural disasters such as Katrina or human-made misery such as the current economic crisis created by people who don't care about people.

Until the community (and nation) acknowledges that the world has changed, is able to break free from its habituation of attempting to operate according to what has worked or been the norm in the past, and begins to do things differently, only unprecedented suffering lies ahead.

Richard Heinberg, author of *The Party's Over: Oil, War, and the Fate of Industrial Societies* notes that global oil production is now at or nearing its historic peak with drastic economic consequences for those that rely on economic systems built on the assumption that past production will continue forever.

Why is this of major concern?

It is because of the "inextricable web of relationships existing between energy, jobs, water, food, heating, and transportation, all of which keep cities thriving." In this current but unpublicized energy crisis, there is less energy (even while transitioning to alternative sources) available to grow food, heat homes, manufacture and transport goods, or to do useful work.

In addition, our love of certain foods has also placed us in the unyielding grip of a food system that is based upon profit-making rather than health or nutrition, plagued by contamination scandals and recalls, and ships product to local stores from distances averaging 2,000 - 10,000 miles away.

Therefore, we have become addicted to an unsafe "prosperity of disparity" food system which subsidizes

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## "Jim Crow" Flies into Toledo

By Lafe Tolliver, Esq  
Guest Column



Well, it is official. Signed, sealed and delivered.

With nary a protest from the black community and without much alarm from the city fathers, Toledo Public Schools have decided to go back to the good ol' days of Jim Crow.

If you are too young to know what the system of Jim Crow was and still is, "google" it and save me the time from explaining it to you.

Suffice to say that Jim Crow was and is a system of segregation with rules and regulations in place to keep the "races" apart.

The rules and regulations can be both enforceable by laws and courts or it can be "voluntary" separation due to social and financial considerations.

With TPS going Jim Crow in its basketball league play, the ostensible reason is financial... or in my best English: "There ain't no mo' money to keep the Catholic ballers and the public school hoopsters together in one city wide basketball program or league."

I say this is voluntary segregation because for all ostensible purposes, the city league players are for the most part black players and the new league composed of the

Catholic high schools and "others" will be mostly white players.

I placed Jim Crow in parentheses because the separation will also be dictated by financials and that includes wooing the best of the central city ballers to the new league.

Betting a dime to your donut, I predict that the two athletic systems will have a Grand Canyon gap as to facilities, alumni support (aka: monetary backing), advertising, support personnel and what makes the college recruiter sit up and take notice: Image.

If Toledo Public is busted or stays busted, imagine the outcome of that public system trying to develop an equally competing challenge to the new league regarding funneling monies to its public schools to play on an "equal playing floor" with the new league.

Yes, there will be star black athletes playing in the new league. It is my hunch that they will be wooed by the new league and will be given "proper" incentives to switch from the anemic public hoops program to the new league.

Residency requirements and available "scholarships" will be the new buzzwords to finagle any current requirements as to who plays where based upon current residency rules.

What central city kid who has dreams to play big time college basketball would not want to maximize his or her exposure by playing the best and playing in the best league?

That is a no brainer.

Once the new league take off and running, time will tell what league is both dominant and gathers the most media exposure and gets the ongoing needed sponsorship bucks to present the image that they "got it going on."

College recruiters will be married to the league and its players that show that they are being sufficiently prepped for college hoops and that they are competing against other equally prepped basketball schools or programs that show that the potential recruit is able to take his or her game to the

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## Balancing State Budgets off the Backs of Public Employees is Unnecessary, Counter Productive and Malicious

By Carter Wilson, Ph.D.  
Guest Column



A number of state governors, most notably, Scott Walker of Wisconsin and John Kasich of Ohio, have proposed to balance state budgets by hacking away at the collective bargaining rights of public service workers and by substantially cutting their salaries and benefits. This budget strategy amounts to an assault on public employees.

The reasons given for this assault are myopic and disingenuous: First, it is argued that public employees make more money than private sector employees. Second, it is argued that since states face severe budget deficits and asking public service employees to make some sacrifices, like everyone else, is a reasonable response to the budget shortfalls.

While these arguments appear reasonable on the surface, they are specious. They provide a misleading rationale for an assault that is unnecessary, counter productive, and malicious. This assault does not solve the budget problem; it retards the recovery of the economy and it redistributes wealth and income upwards.

Contrary to the claims of conservative pundits and political leaders, who cite studies from conservative think tanks, public service workers are not paid more than comparable private sector workers. The flaw in these studies is that they do not control for levels of education or years of experience.

Public schools have difficulties recruiting and keeping teachers with degrees in mathematics, chemistry, physics, biology, or accounting because these teachers can make more money working in the private sector than they can make teaching in the public schools. Accountants make more money in private accounting firms and financial analysts make more money on Wall Street than they can make working in the public sector.

The average annual salary of an AFSCME worker is around \$43,000. The average pension is about \$19,000 a year. When workers of equal experience and level of education are compared, public employees make less than employees in the private sector. Attacking the unions, salaries and benefits of public employees is unnecessary.

Denying collective bargaining rights, which amounts to busting unions, is unnecessary to get public employees to make sacrifices. When presented with the evidence of a severe budget deficit, particularly in declining

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Hold Their Feet to the Fire!

By Darlene Fisher and Steven Flagg
Guest Column

While TPS administration and Board members over the past decade have made some horrible choices despite the efforts of those of us in the education reform movement, we don't have the luxury of a do-over. We have to learn from the past but focus with laser-like determination on providing a quality education at an affordable cost to an already overburdened taxpayer. Not an easy objective and one we don't envy Superintendent Jerome Pecko.

Still, we can hope that a new, young and vibrant group of administrators at TPS will take on the challenges and shake up the status quo. Their decision to move to a K-8 model of instruction - while fraught with obstacles and problems - demonstrates resolve to address the challenges and is based upon sound research. The same research we used to lobby for the K-8 model just about a decade ago.

The change to K-8 will save millions of dollars. But it will not be without additional costs for converting existing middle schools to

accommodate our younger students. TPS administration estimates that it will cost in the neighborhood of \$1.2 million to make changes projected to save around \$7 million next year and every subsequent year. The decision makes good economic sense and has the potential to return much more than just dollars to the treasury.

The timing to make these changes by the next school year will be tight - almost impossible - and issues affecting students, parents and teachers are inevitable. How well the district identifies potential issues, plans the transition, reacts to the issues and problems that arise, and engages the community will determine whether TPS makes progress in regaining public trust and support.

In the spirit of cooperation and our desire to see TPS succeed, we have made numerous observations and recommendations in meetings with staff including establishment of an advisory implementation committee to assist in planning the process and monitoring implementation.

Another decision whose time has come is the use of technology to increase teacher productivity and improve course offerings through distance learning. Teaching in the K-12 environment is one of the last professional areas to see major productivity improvements through technology. Virtual schools have existed for several years now and have become important options for parents - even some public school districts have embraced the use of this technology.

Teacher unions in large part have not been supportive. It means fewer jobs which translates into fewer union members. This is obviously a bitter pill for the Toledo Federation of Teachers leadership to swallow. Change frequently requires sacrifices that in the short term seem unpalatable but in the long run we wonder why we waited so long.

The first phase of the TPS plan will require no new funds to implement while providing cost savings necessary to eliminate a \$37 million budget deficit. The

new proposals to improve under performing schools are fully funded for the next four years. Federal Race to the Top funds will be used during this time to provide professional development and establish incentives based upon performance to improve student outcomes.

Placing quality teachers where we need them most - instead of the current process where teachers choose their own assignments based upon seniority - along with the establishment of effective performance standards to base staff incentives will be critical and require compromises by TPS' unions as new collective bargaining agreements are negotiated.

Unwinding the monolithic contracts containing onerous and ineffective work rules negotiated over the past 30 years will be a Herculean task. This effort

will be made more difficult by union leadership that still views management as the enemy and whose idea of collaboration is to bully management into submission.

Will union leadership embrace the changes - changes that would monetarily reward the best performing staff - or will they stubbornly hold on to the past ultimately resulting in the systematic dismantling and eventual destruction of public education in Toledo? Will the new TPS leadership rise to the challenges of engaging union leadership? Will they be able to change the culture to one where students are first in decisions? Will the Board of Education support the changes or back off for fear of their future political careers? These changes will test their mettle.

We support the first

phase of the TPS plan since it requires no new funds. But we also see the challenges and obstacles. How well TPS manages these changes and engages our community will determine whether TPS regains the trust it lost over the past decade by placing internal entrenched interests over those of our children and community.

We want these changes to be successful. But it will take a watchful and committed community to hold their feet to the fire.

Darlene Fisher is a former TPS Board member and president. Steven Flagg has been an education advocate for more than 16 years. Both are members of the Urban Coalition. You can get more information about TPS at tpsinfo.com.

The Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance



The Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance held its annual Black History Month Worship Service on February 27 at First Church of God, Pastor Robert Culp. Pastor Chester Trail of Grace Temple delivered the sermon.

Church's Chicken advertisement featuring 'NEW! TRADITIONAL OR BONELESS WINGS 5 NEW SAUCES!' and '6 WINGS \$2.99'.

African Art Has Arrived!! advertisement for The Truth Gallery, featuring wood carvings from Ghana and contact information.



# Budgets

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cities with excessively high taxes, most unions have been willing to make concessions. For example, a couple of years ago members of the Detroit Federation of Teachers gave back an average of \$250 per paycheck to help the Detroit Public School system get out of debt.

Toledo unions have made some concessions to the City of Toledo. Public service unions in Wisconsin are already willing to make concessions. Taking away collective bargaining rights is unnecessary. It will create an autocratic administrative structure giving management the power to unilaterally impose wage and benefit cuts without having to justify them.

For state employees, the assault on salaries and benefits is unnecessary. Most states face severe budget problems as a result of the recession. Many states have solved their problems without taking away collective bargaining rights or balancing their budgets at the expense of public employees.

Last year 29 states raised taxes and fees for service. Ten states raised revenue through more progressive income taxes—Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, North Carolina, Oregon,

Rhode Island, Vermont, and Wisconsin. Contrary to many political pundits, a small tax increase on the top one percent of income earners will not push the super rich to move to other low income tax states nor would it slow down the recovery of the economy.

Consider the state of Ohio. During the period of an expanding economy between 2002 and 2007, the state enjoyed a brief period of budget surpluses. In response, the state reduced taxes. According to Joe Narking in a 2009 article ("Regressive State Tax Structure Shares Equal Blame with National Recession in Ohio Budget Crisis") in *Plain Press* (<http://plainpress.org/html/stories/2009-3/regressivestatetaxstructure.htm>) about 20 percent of the families at the highest income level in the state received 70 percent of these tax cuts. Moreover, Ohio's Corporate Income Tax had been substantially reduced, resulting in the loss of over one billion dollars a year in tax revenue.

Rather than paying for these tax cuts off the backs of public service employees, state governments need a broader budget reduction strategy; one that considers the revenue side of the budget equation and recon-

siders these tax cuts.

Consider this: Between 1946 and 1973, the economy expanded substantially and all income groups experienced real gains in income. However, since 1980 the economy expanded at a slower rate and the gains became more unequally distributed. The rich became richer, the poor became poorer, and the incomes of everyone else stagnated. (See Robert Kuttner, *The Squandering of America*).

Between 2002 and 2007, a period of economic expansion, the incomes of the richest one percent of households increased by around 10 percent per year, capturing about 65 percent of all household income growth (See Robert Pollin and Jeffrey Thompson, February 16, 2011, *The Nation*). Establishing a more progressive state income tax is a reasonable way of addressing the budget deficit without retarding the economy and without hurting those who are least able to make sacrifices. Several states have already demonstrated that this strategy works.

This assault on public employees is malicious. In a February 21, 2011 article published in *The Nation*, John Nichols raised these questions about the state of

Wisconsin's budget crisis and the Governor Scott Walker's efforts to outlaw collective bargaining and slash the salaries of public employees (<http://www.thenation.com/>): Nichols asked that if the state had such a severe budget deficit, why did the governor grant \$140 million in tax breaks to multinational corporations in January? Why did the governor reject federal transportation money and federal broadband development money that the state needed? Why grant multinational corporations tax breaks and reject needed federal money when the state is facing a budget deficit? Why then try to balance the budget off the backs of public employees?

Nichols provided these answers. He claimed that the governor was not attempting to respond responsibly to the budget crisis, but was responding to "out of-state corporations, road-building interests that did not want competition from high-speed rail, telecommunications corporations that want to cash in on the demand for broadband... (<http://www.thenation.com/>)." All of these corporate interests benefited from the governor's decisions in Janu-

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# Provision

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sugar and fat production and produces higher rates of cancer, heart disease, diabetes, and other health problems in minorities and adversely affects how our children develop mentally.

With food costs, in some instances doubling due to the increasing use of food and feed crops as substitutes for petroleum products or from having to be trucked across country at astronomical fuel rates, fair access to food no longer seems a possibility while deadly wars are being waged around the globe in competition over declining oil, food and energy resources.

What can our community do to survive? Having control of the land in the community ourselves is the key. "By taking control of the most valuable resource in the community," activists assert, we are able to handle our basic everyday food and energy needs and create our own safety net.

"We need a fundamental change of direction that breaks our cycle of dependency upon what is unhealthy and provided by others. We can do this even in disadvantaged neighborhoods and create vehicles for employment, business opportunities, and teaching, training and educating our youth while establishing collaborative partnerships with schools and government.

Producing local energy or food offers job training, generates income and counters the lure of the drug economy while providing a much needed safety net that shifts the money that has left the community back in," says Fred Carter of the Black Oaks Center for Sustainable and Renewable Living.

Carter continues, "Europe is now eating organic. Selling unhealthy food there and in Japan is prohibited, but there is a tremendous amount of waste created from grease in the fast food stores that thrive in our communities. However, the grease and other types of easily accessible waste streams can be used to generate alternative energy."

Establishing a self-generated safety net, however, even in these dire times, can be almost impossible in a community historically shaped and conditioned to compete against and to feel separate from each other.

Yet Heinberg writes, "Individualist survivalism will offer only temporary and uncertain refuge during the energy downslope. True individual and family security will come only with community solidarity and interdependence. Living in a community that is weathering the down slope well, will enhance personal chances of surviving and prospering far more than will individual efforts at stockpiling tools or growing food."

Carter puts it like this: "We are the original 'Gifted Ones.' History is depending on us to remember who we are, to do the right thing, and to make sure that our families, friends, and neighbors are safe. Do you know what I mean?"

Yes, completely!

# Jim Crow

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next level.

The challenge then is very simple for the left behind city league players and their alumni and parents and supporters.

And that is, you will have to continually press the issue that your league is not a collection of "has beens" or has been designated as a second-class league and you will need to convince your best players to stand their ground and not bolt to the new buffed-up league.

However, the prognosis of that happening based upon the prior efforts of the city league alums and parents to mount systemic and ongoing pressure to not have their kids dangling in the wind is not good.

Too many civic and social efforts for positive change start out on commendable grounds but after a few months of lackluster attendance at organizational meetings or just a few dollars being put in the collection plate...they sputter out.

It appears in the near future that a "Jim Crow" league based upon finances but which can quickly morph into de facto segregation based upon both finances and the

ever-looming determinants of race/class is a certainty in Toledo.

If any of the local corporations who have extra cash available for civic outreach programs decide to step in and make a difference, such a bleak assessment may be

avoided.

If not, be prepared to see in the future a city that has two basketball leagues (other sports programs to follow?) with two different audiences and with the ever thought as to which program IS really representative of

Toledo school athletics...the white kids or the colored kids?

The Crow is flying high in Toledo. Is anyone hearing it raucous cry?

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SECOND IN A SERIES

## Letters from the Heart

Our family was able to focus on just being with my dad, thanks to the care from Hospice of Northwest Ohio. Now, we always recommend that people consider hospice care early. *Paty, 2007*

They were the most professional caregivers I've ever seen. But my wife and I waited too long and we didn't get all of the benefits we could have received. *Tom, 1994*

Hospice of Northwest Ohio cared for both my mother and father. They relieved a lot of the worry, stress and fear. Don't wait to get them involved. *May, 2001 and 2010*

For 30 years, families have been writing to Hospice of Northwest Ohio to express their thanks. Yet they often also say, "We wish we would have started hospice care sooner." The earlier you seek our expertise and support, the more we can do to help.

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# Byron Pitts, From Functional Illiterate to Emmy Award-Winning Journalist

Special to The Truth



Known for his thought-provoking coverage and his commitment to exceptional storytelling, Byron Pitts is a multiple Emmy award winning journalist. As Chief National Correspondent for CBS *Evening News With Katie Couric* Pitts was an embedded reporter covering the Iraq War and was recognized for his work under fire. Pitts

was also CBS' lead correspondent at Ground Zero immediately following the September 11th attacks and won an Emmy for his coverage. A news veteran with over 20 years of experience, other major stories include the war in Afghanistan, the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, the military buildup in Kuwait and the refugee crisis in Kosovo,

to name but a few. Pitts realized a life-long goal when he was named a Contributing Correspondent to CBS' *60 Minutes* in 2009.

The Blade and the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library are scheduled to bring Pitts to Toledo on Tuesday, April 5 as the featured speaker for **Authors! Authors!** Pitts will share his amazing biography begin-

ning at 7 p.m. in the McMaster Center of Main Library, 325 Michigan St. Tickets are on sale now at all Library locations (\$10 for adults and \$8 for students).

Pitts reported occasionally for "60 Minutes" before his appointment and his first story for the broadcast, an interview with New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin, made national news. Since then, his "60 Minutes" stories have ranged from war reporting in Afghanistan to celebrity and sports profiles to a report on an innovative educational approach for at-risk youth.

One of CBS News' lead reporters during the Sept. 11 attacks, Pitts won a national Emmy award for his coverage. Later he was tapped to be a war correspondent, reporting on the invasion of Iraq as an embedded reporter and was recognized for his work under fire, including in the dangerous and chaotic scene in Baghdad when U.S. troops entered the city. Pitts also played an integral role in CBS News reporting other big stories, including Hurricane Katrina, the war in Afghanistan, the military buildup in Kuwait, the Florida fires, the Elian Gonzalez story, the Florida presidential election recount and the mudslides in Central America.

Pitts was named CBS News correspondent in May 1998 and was based in

the Miami (1998-99) and Atlanta (1999-2001) bureaus before moving to New York in January 2001. Before that, Pitts was a correspondent for CBS NEWSPATH, the 24-hour affiliate news service of CBS News, based in Washington, D.C. (1997-98).

He joined CBS News from WSB-TV Atlanta, where he was a general assignment reporter (1994-96). Previously, Pitts was a special assignment reporter for WCBV-TV Boston (1989-94) and a reporter and substitute anchor for WFLA-TV Tampa (1988-89). He also served as a reporter for WESH-TV Orlando (1986-88) and as a military reporter for WAVY-TV Virginia (1984-86). While at WNCT-TV Greenville, N.C., he reported and served as weekend sports anchor (1983-84).

Pitts is the author of *Step Out on Nothing* (St. Martin's 2009), an inspirational autobiography chronicling his rise from a disadvantaged youth.

His other awards include a national Emmy for his coverage of the Chicago train wreck in 1999 and recognition from the National Association of Black Journalists as Best Journalist of the Year in 2002, the organization's highest honor. He is also the recipient of four Associated Press Awards and six regional Emmy Awards.

Pitts was born on Oct.

21, 1960, in Baltimore, Md. He was graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University in 1982 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism and speech communication. He lives with his wife in Weehawken, N.J.

Pitts' many achievements are all the more extraordinary when he tells of the many obstacles he faced as a child. Raised by a single mother in a working class neighborhood in Baltimore, Pitts was illiterate until the age of twelve and had a persistent stutter. Capitalizing on his desire to play football, his mother mandated he receive Bs or above in school in order to play. With that focus, Pitts learned to read and went on to attend Ohio Wesleyan University. With the help of his roommate and a college professor, Pitts found the support and encouragement necessary to pursue a career in broadcast journalism—a field that demands excellence in writing and speaking. By staying focused, setting simple and achievable goals and finding strength in faith, Pitts overcame his powerful odds and his disability. He graduated in 1982 with a BA in Journalism and Speech Communication.

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# Unison Behavioral Health Group and the Mental Health & Recovery Services Board of Lucas County partner on prevention campaign targeting teens during prom and graduation season.

Special to The Truth

The Mental Health & Recovery Services Board of Lucas County has awarded \$20,000 in funding to Unison Behavioral Health Group for a spring prevention campaign. The prevention campaign is designed to increase awareness of alcohol and drug use, misuse, and abuse during the 2011 prom and graduation season. The campaign will target Lucas County teens and their parents. One third of alcohol-related traffic fatalities involving teens occur during the prom and graduation months of April – June.

"We are especially concerned about Lucas County teens now," said Larry Hamme, Ph.D., chief clinical officer for Unison. "A new survey by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) indicates that an



average 13.2 percent of all persons 16 or older drive under the influence of alcohol and 4.3 percent of this age group drove under the influence of illicit drugs in the past year." According to Hamme, the survey's state-by-state breakdown of drunk and drugged driving levels shows significant differences among the states. Ohio has a high rate of driving under the influence of alcohol com-

pared to other states and was in the mid-range of people driving under the influence of illicit drugs.

Unison's prevention campaign will launch on April 1, 2011 with the theme, "Live to Celebrate Another Day." The prevention campaign will utilize a combination of live events, social and traditional media as well as outreach to schools, parent organizations, and religious institu-

tions. The objective is to raise awareness and encourage active campaign participation among Lucas County teens, their parents, school officials, and others whose influence may impact teen behaviors. Special attention will be paid to the role parents play in influencing their child's behavior. Among 10-18 year olds, 65 percent cite parents as the leading influence for their abstinence from alcohol use.

Unison will join forces with Lucas County's only Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) chapter from Cardinal Stritch High School on Saturday, March 5, 2011 at Westfield Franklin Park to offer "sober contracts" for area teens to sign. This activity is part of the Junior League of Toledo's "Formally Yours" event, scheduled from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. SADD

students will have sober contracts available for area teens to sign. In addition, parent contracts will be available.

Unison partnered with the Mental Health & Recovery Services Board of Lucas County in December of 2010 to conduct the successful "Buzzed Driving is Drunk Driving" prevention campaign. The campaign utilized a combination of traditional advertising, public relations, and social media tactics to help raise public awareness of the dangers of impaired driving during the holidays. Unison Behavioral Health Group is an Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services (ODADAS) certified prevention agency.

### About Unison Behavioral Health Group

With over 35 years of experience, Unison Behavioral

Health Group is the community's recognized 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](http://www.unisonbhg.org).

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Byron Pitts was named a contributor to 60 Minutes and chief national correspondent for The CBS Evening News with Katie Couric in January 2009. He had been a national correspondent since February 2006. Pitts is the author of Step Out on Nothing, an inspirational autobiography chronicling his rise from a disadvantaged youth.



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## The Library's Reading Selection of the Month

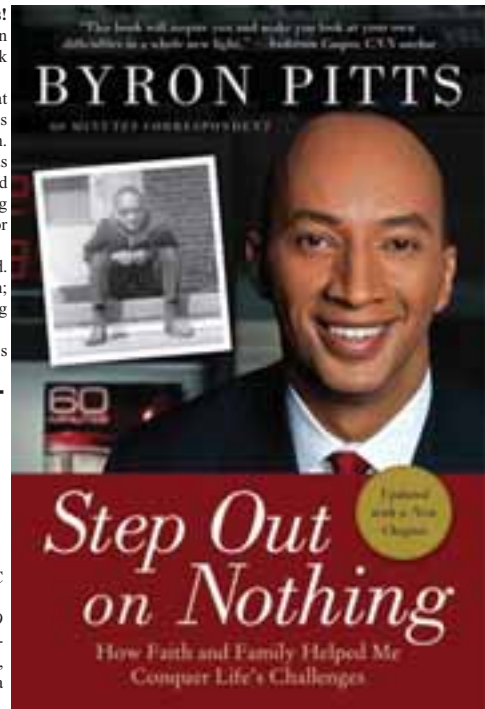
The Toledo-Lucas County Public Library encourages you to attend The Blade and Library's next **Authors! Authors!** series featuring journalist **Byron Pitts** on Tuesday, April 5 at 7 p.m. in the McMaster Center at Main Library, 325 Michigan St. (Info: toledolibrary.org) Before you see Pitts live, we encourage you to visit your neighborhood Library and check out his inspiring book, *Step Out on Nothing: How Faith and Family Helped Me Conquer Life's Challenges*.

Anyone who has watched 60 Minutes correspondent Byron Pitts on television will be hard-pressed to reconcile that collected, intelligent reporter with the "functionally illiterate" elementary school boy he once was. Pitts' book tells his inspiring against-the-odds tale, one that begins in inner city Baltimore and ends at CBS's venerable news institution.

Enduring bullies and humiliation through grade-school, Pitts also struggled with reading, and stuttered until he was 20-years-old. Even after scratching his way to Ohio Wesleyan University (OWU), his freshman literature professor told Pitts he was wasting everyone's time. Pitts credits his enviable determination to the strong women in his life, including his wise, spiritual mother (whose first question in any situation is always, "Did you pray yet?"), and OWU professor Ulle Lewes (who, Pitts says, not only "changed my life, she saved it").

Further, as an African-American, Pitts had to overcome startling racism in nearly every newsroom he encountered. Pitts shares spare but illuminating stories, such as his encounter with Dan Rather just before departing for Afghanistan; Rather advised him to write letters "to all the people you love most in the world," just in case. Pitts' story is refreshing and worth a read for fans of journalism and memoirs.

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## New Partnership Allows Owens Community College Students to Pursue a Lourdes College Four-Year Business Degree on Toledo-area Campus

Special to The Truth

Owens Community College students will soon have the opportunity to take a portion of their Lourdes College classes in pursuit of their Bachelor of Science Degree in business without leaving the Toledo-area Campus as the two academic institutions announce a new innovative partnership.

The new initiative represents a unique educational collaboration between a public and private institution, allowing Owens Community College students to obtain bachelor's degree-specific course credit from Lourdes College's faculty on the Toledo-area Campus. Lourdes' Bachelor's degree courses at Owens will be held in a College Hall academic classroom.

"Owens Community College is pleased to further its longstanding partnership with Lourdes College and announce a new joint academic initiative, which opens new doors to higher educational opportunities for students," says Owens Community College Executive Vice President and Provost Renay Scott, Ph.D. "Many of our students have indicated a desire for an on-site bachelor degree program at Owens. We are thrilled to provide Owens Community College students the opportunity to take their first steps toward a bachelor's degree at Lourdes College on the Toledo-area Campus."

Students who enroll in the

bachelor's degree program will pursue a majority of their Lourdes credit hours at Owens and can choose from the following eight business majors: Accounting, Accounting and Finance, Business Administration, Health Care Administration, Human Resource Management, Integrated Business, Marketing and Management. To help make earning a Lourdes bachelor's degree more affordable, qualifying students will be awarded Pathways scholarships - renewable merit-based scholarships providing up to \$2,000 of tuition assistance per academic year.

"We are thrilled to bring this vehicle for pursuing our Bachelor of Science degree to Owens," says Janet Robinson, Ph.D., vice president for Academic Affairs at Lourdes College. "This is a unique partnership in that it connects a public institution with a private institution but the connection is really a perfect match. Both Lourdes and Owens place a strong emphasis on affordability and personalized attention. We have a long history of working together to ensure student success, and this is a terrific continuation of that effort."

The Lourdes bachelor's degree program will launch at Owens in fall 2011. For more information, visit [www.lourdes.edu/owens](http://www.lourdes.edu/owens) or contact Admissions Coordi-

nator Stacy Jenkins at 567-661-2566 or 1-800-GO-OWENS, Ext. 2566. Information will also be available at the following open houses: Wednesday, March 23 from Noon to 2 p.m. - College

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Will it Be Harvard or Yale?

By Keon Pearson  
Sojourner's Truth Reporter

my predicament is such that my choice is between a fantastic school and an amazing school.

Note that I will have to make this decision. Let the record show that I have not yet decided on this important issue. The weekend of February 19 introduced a huge new factor into my decision-making process.

Yale invited approximately 100 prospective math, science and engineering students to its campus as part of the Yale Engineering and Science (YES) Weekend. The purpose of this event was to entice science and math students who have received "likely" letters from Yale to matriculate there.

This weekend was a blast! When I arrived in New Haven, Connecticut, a freshman took a few of us prefrish to Yorkside Pizza, the best local pizzeria. We hashed out some of the inner workings of college life, such as living

arrangements, studying abroad and networking.

Then, my host for the weekend, Amar, walked me to his suite in the Old Campus of Yale. I've witnessed some of the extremes of dorm slovenliness, so I was prepared for the worst. Thankfully, Amar's suite was a pleasant surprise. He and his roommates had clearly posted rules of hygiene and courtesies. I'll be sure to take that idea with me to whichever school I choose.

Once I had dropped off my luggage and met some of the people in Amar's dorm, I headed off to Jonathon Edwards house for a soiree with the other YES Weekend attendees. This was one of the best parts of the weekend because I got my first exposure to high school students who fit the mold of an Ivy League matriculant.

What particularly astounded me about the prefrish was that each stu-

dent was exceptional not only in academics, but in a broad range of interests. Many of these polymaths were fluent in multiple languages and had won national competitions in research.

I was also amazed at the diversity of the student body. I struck up a friendship with a guy named Guillaume Delepine. He is French Hawaiian-Chinese. He is clearly an excellent student, but that is not what is most impressive about him. What stands out about him is that he is incredibly down to earth and sociable. You wouldn't know just by talking to him that he is fluent in French and has done scientific research at

Stanford University. I get the feeling that most of the students at Yale are equally impressive.

On the next day, the YES-W students met at the admissions office for breakfast, a quick welcome during which the admissions officer made his first of many sales pitches for Yale, and tours of the attractions of Yale.

I went on a tour of the Peabody Museum of Natural History, which is the largest museum of its sort in the country. Then I toured the campus as a whole. I must admit that the Gothic architecture dominating Yale's campus is not as desirable as the Greek revival and colonial style of

Harvard's campus in my opinion. The idea of living in a gloomy, crenellated castle simply isn't ideal.

Aside from the architecture and the weather (it was an ill-advised idea to take a campus tour during a Connecticut winter), I loved everything about Yale.

From now until May I will be ruminating over how I will live for the next four years. Will I attend Yale, a school that is world-renowned for its emphasis on undergraduate education, or will I choose Harvard, a school whose name speaks for itself?

Keep reading, and I'll be sure to let you know of my decision!

Those of you who have been following my trek through my senior year know that in December, I received notification from Harvard that I was accepted into the class of 2015. However, you probably do not know that in January I received a "likely" letter from Yale University. The plot has thickened!

I am in a unique and interesting position: two of the most prestigious universities in the country are vying for my enrollment. Trust me, I NEVER saw this coming! Moreover, I am honored that

**Rethinking Spring Break**

**Groups of Mercy College students will engage in service learning in Indian Island, Maine and Guatemala this month**

*Special to The Truth*

Spring break is typically known as a time for students to flee from the classroom and look forward to the beach. That's not the case for some Mercy College students; instead they are looking forward to the opportunity to serve the greater good.

Two groups of students from Mercy College of Northwest Ohio will travel this month to areas in which they will engage in service to the poor and underserved, in keeping with Mercy's Mission. A group of nine students and two staff members will participate in the College's "Alternative Spring Break," spending early March engaged in an immersion experience in Indian Island, Maine.

In addition, nine students in the Interdisciplinary Studies (IDS) Course "Mission, Healthcare Ministry and Enculturation" will travel with their professors, Karen Elliott, CPPS, DMin, and Susan Bernheisel, RN, MSN, EdD, to Guatemala for an immersion experience.

**Alternative Spring Break**

Service-learning experiences are a valuable supplement to the education students receive in the classrooms and labs of Mercy College and also benefit from philanthropic support to the College. Each year, Sr. Sally Marie Bohnett, SND and Campus Minister, leads a group of students on an Alternative Spring Break Trip designed to provide a service-learning experience. The students leave on March 7 and will return on the 11.

"We will be heading to Indian Island, Maine, to work with the Penobscot Tribe," said Sr. Bohnett. "Not only will the students participate in traditional tribal events, they will also learn about the government and culture of the Penobscot people."

"And because we are being accompanied by the Sisters of Mercy, our students will gain a deeper understanding of the founding ideals of our own College," Sr. Bohnett continued. "This will be an experience that will touch the heart and help us in the future to walk in solidarity with our native peoples. The Tribe in turn will have the chance to meet and grow in understanding of committed students who are being trained to serve the poor and underserved. While the students will come away with a new-found appreciation for another culture, the tribal members will share the same appreciation for those students who are eager to help. It's a mutually beneficial experience."

**Service learning in Guatemala**

Led by Sister Karen Elliott, chairman of the Religious Studies Department and Associate Professor of Religious Studies, and Susan Bernheisel, RN, MSN, EdD, nine Mercy College students will experience mission while working with children who are patients at the Santo Hermano Pedro long-term care facility in Antigua, Guatemala from March 4-11. This facility is home to many children with chronic and often

terminal illnesses are brought and left by their families. The students who participate in the trip are all members of the Interdisciplinary Studies (IDS) Course "Mission, Healthcare Ministry, and Enculturation" in which the mission trip to Guatemala is a required service learning component.

The students will work alongside two Precious Blood Sisters (a professor and a medical doctor) as well as a professor of nursing who is an RN to assist in providing medical services to children with severe physical and/or mental disabilities. At the end of each day, the students and professionals will pray together and reflect on the day's activities.

"The students will have hands-on encounters with the suffering poor," Sr. Elliott said. "And in light of this total immersion experience, the students will come to appreciate their vocational call to healthcare and its fundamental dimension of mission. A long-term hope would be that some of the students may even choose to dedicate their lives and profession to working among the poor—whether in free clinics in Northwest Ohio and Southeast Michigan or in areas throughout the third world."

Following the trips, the students will lead follow-up discussions and give PowerPoint presentations to the College community and other audiences throughout northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan.

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**Book Review**

**Girl, Get Your Mind Right! by Tionna Tee Smalls**

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\$12.99 / \$14.99 Canada

176 pages

By Terri Schlichenmeyer  
The Truth Contributor



you. Smalls says that you can't force him to make you important in his life. If he's got better things to do than be with you, if he's spending his time with another woman instead of with you, it's time to walk away. And whatever you do, don't call his next chica on the phone. She'll find out about him soon enough.

Maybe you're thinking there aren't any good men out there. Then you're looking in the wrong places, Small says. The right guy might be right in front of you all along. And if he turns out to be Mr. Wrong, well, just be patient. Smart women know

that the next man will be along in about 15 minutes...

When I first started reading this book, I thought it might be more for younger women than not. Author Tionna Tee Smalls, who is VH1's "go-to girl" for love, is blunt and in-your-face, and she talks about some things that might make Grandma blush.

But then, I started to realize that even a newly-

dating Grandma needs to know everything that's in this book. This isn't just a book for young African-American women. It's a book for women - period.

*Girl, Get Your Mind Right* is empowering, cautionary, and there are a few things that you will disagree with in here, but give it a whirl if you're ready for a relationship. Whether you're 18 or 80, it will keep you from being a fool in love again.

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Are you tired of him and every man like him? Then maybe it's time to read *Girl, Get Your Mind Right!* by Tionna Tee Smalls.

For way too long, you've been putting up with players, little boys or project men who need changing, but this time - you're done.

Congratulations. Rule Number One in this book

is that you are the only person who can make the changes you need to have a great relationship.

The key to that strong relationship, Smalls says, is to act cautiously. If you meet a man who seems like The One and he's gone after one date, you moved too fast. You probably didn't get to know him well enough, or you didn't give the relationship enough time before you started planning your wedding and naming the children.

Next time, learn about him before you move forward. Next time, listen to him instead of doing all the talking. Slow is the name of the game in relationships, and that includes giving up your clothes for him.

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## Race and Beyond: Majority Minority Toddlers

By Sam Fulwood III  
Special to The Truth

Cold, hard facts are un-  
available, but often are dis-  
regarded. Such ignorance  
comes with looming peril.  
Here's a pair of textbook ex-  
amples.

Fact one: The U.S. Cen-  
sus Bureau reported last  
month in its annual data  
dump on children and  
school enrollment that 49.9  
percent of all three-year-olds  
in the nation during 2009  
were white. This finding rep-  
resents the first time since  
the bureau has released these  
figures that the majority of  
this age group was made up,  
collectively, of children of  
color. Demographer William  
Frey of the Brookings Insti-  
tution deemed the statistics  
evidence of a "tipping point"  
that "finally confirm[s] the  
beginning of an oft-predicted  
trend—a truly multiethnic  
minority school age population  
that will continue to pour into  
our grade schools, high schools,  
and beyond in the coming  
decade."

Fact two: Also last  
month, the Center on Bud-  
get and Policy Priorities  
noted that since 2008 34  
states and the District of  
Columbia have cut spend-  
ing on Kindergarten-

through-12-grade educa-  
tion, and 43 states have cut  
funding for higher educa-  
tion. "States made these  
cuts because revenues from  
income taxes, sales taxes,  
and other revenue sources  
used to pay for these ser-  
vices declined due to the  
recession," the center's  
Nicholas Johnson, Phil Oliff,  
and Erica Williams wrote in  
a paper accompanying the  
release of the report.

The most sanguine  
analysis of these seemingly  
disjointed facts would be  
that there's no causal rela-  
tionship between the two;  
one neither created nor ex-  
acerbated the other. Well,  
maybe, but let's set that  
aside to examine another  
day. Today we as a nation  
need to confront the fact  
that regardless of how this  
came to be, our nation's fu-  
ture primary school kids will  
be majority minority, yet  
funding for their future edu-  
cation is falling. This pre-  
sents us with challenges and  
opportunities that bear  
down on the nation's future  
cohesion and prosperity.

In strictly political terms,  
the changing demographics  
may be a boon to progres-  
sives and a death  
knell to conservatives. My

colleague Ruy Teixeira air-  
surgingly persuasively that  
shifts in demography, ge-  
ography, and attitudes her-  
alds a realignment of politi-  
cal ideology. "All this adds  
up to big change that is re-  
shaping our country in a fun-  
damentally progressive di-  
rection," Teixeira wrote two  
years ago.

More recently, in an op-  
ed published last week in  
*The Washington Post*, col-  
umnist Harold Meyerson  
observed the demographic  
changes sweeping our  
country pose an "existen-  
tial problem" for the Repub-  
lican Party. "As America be-  
comes increasingly multira-  
cial, the Republicans have  
elected to become increas-  
ingly white," Meyerson  
wrote. "The GOP's response  
to this epochal demographic  
change has been to do ev-  
erything in its power to keep  
America (particularly its  
electorate) as white as can  
be."

That's impossible. The  
changing complexion of our  
nation is yet another one of  
those undeniable facts. But  
how we deal with that fact is  
far from settled. Whether we  
embrace these changes or  
resist them will shape how  
future generations react in

turn. Indeed, conservatives  
are the ones most adamant  
about making draconian  
cuts affecting schools,  
teachers, and children,  
which sends a hostile mes-  
sage to an entire generation  
of future voters and taxpay-  
ers. Young, multicultural  
Americans witness conser-  
vative demands for sharp  
budget cuts in education,  
health, and other domestic  
programs as personal at-  
tacks. Whether that's fair or  
accurate, it's a perception

that conservative leaders  
and radio talk show enter-  
tainers seem unable or un-  
willing to dispel. Actually,  
Rep. Emanuel Cleaver (D-  
MO), chairman of the Con-  
gressional Black Caucus,  
argues it's a part of conser-  
vative leaders' strategic  
political plan to pit black and  
Latino Americans against  
each other. What may ap-  
pear to be winning politics  
to harvest short-term votes  
from an older, largely white  
electorate is, in reality, a  
down payment on long-term

hostility among the grow-  
ing population of young,  
nonwhite Americans.  
William Frey at the  
Brookings Institution calls  
this a "cultural generation  
gap," a phenomenon easily  
observed in Arizona, where  
the state's Latino popula-  
tion has grown by 180 per-  
cent over the past two de-  
cades. Meanwhile, the  
Grand Canyon State's racial  
composition has shifted  
from 72 percent to 58 per-  
cent white. Predictably, the  
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## Budgets

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ary. Furthermore, this assault  
on the salaries of public ser-  
vice workers retards econ-  
omic recovery. The econo-  
mist John Maynard Keynes  
insisted that the best way to  
stimulate the economy dur-  
ing a recession is to get  
money into the hands of po-  
tential consumers, even if  
through public service jobs.  
When public service workers  
earn a decent wage, they be-  
come more active consum-  
ers. They buy more products.  
As a result, businesses are  
able to sell more products  
and hire more workers. In-  
dustries produce more. The  
economy expands and unem-  
ployment declines.

Cutting the salaries and  
pensions of public sector  
employees worsens reces-  
sions. When their salaries are  
cut, they buy fewer products.  
Businesses lose money and  
lay workers off. Unemploy-  
ment increases. The recession  
worsens.

This point was well un-  
derstood by the former presi-  
dent and conservative Repub-  
lican, Richard Nixon, over  
30 years ago. Claiming to be  
a Keynesian, Nixon estab-  
lished the counter cyclical  
General Revenue Sharing  
program to preserve the  
wages of state public service  
employees and to stimulate  
state economies during reces-  
sions. To avoid the worsen-  
ing of the recession, the  
Nixon administration simply  
allocated more money to

states during recessions.  
With the additional revenue,  
states could avoid laying-off  
workers or cutting salaries  
and thus stabilize the  
economy. Incidentally, Presi-  
dent Ronald Reagan elimi-  
nated this program.

President Barack Obama  
has attempted to follow  
Nixon's strategy, through his  
stimulus package. This is not  
a radical or socialistic strat-  
egy. It is a more sensible strat-  
egy than assaulting public  
service workers. It is a strat-  
egy that responds to the  
needs and concerns of all  
Americans, not just the rich  
and powerful or corporate  
interests.

A more responsible and  
sensible deficit-reduction  
strategy would consider re-  
venue raising approaches and  
budget cutting methods that  
impose the least harm on the  
most people. This may mean  
restoring taxes on corporate  
profits, instituting a more pro-  
gressive income tax and in-  
creasing user fees. It may  
mean prison reform, early re-  
leases for non-violent offend-  
ers to reduce prison costs.

This assault on public  
employees is malicious be-  
cause it is not driven by re-  
sponsible budgeting. It is  
driven by political leaders  
who lack the vision and cou-  
rage to address the revenue  
side of the budget deficit  
equation; that is, to increase  
revenue by restoring tax cuts  
and considering instituting a  
more progressive income tax.

It is driven by governors  
who are overzealous about  
busting unions, slashing salar-  
ies, and cutting benefits. It is  
driven by governors who  
contemptuously reject fed-  
eral money and arrogantly  
increase the salaries of their  
top appointed officials; who  
have cut corporate taxes and  
refuse to reinstate them; and  
who have been more respon-  
sive to major contributors,  
corporate donors and busi-  
ness interests than the wel-  
fare of the entire state and the  
needs of the most vulnerable  
citizens.

Worse, this assault has  
been driven by contempt for  
public service workers and  
unions and by a misguided  
belief that public employees  
make more money than pri-  
vate employees.

We must never forget that  
Martin Luther King died in  
Memphis, Tennessee when  
he joined the struggle of sani-  
tation workers for a decent  
salary. These governors who  
are threatening the collective  
bargaining rights of public  
employees are pushing us  
back to the time period before  
public service unions and  
decent salaries. They are  
pursuing public policies that  
have contributed to the rich  
getting richer and everyone  
else paying for it.

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## Race and Beyond

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state has become the dubious poster child for white backlash against the browning of America.

Or, as Frey writes, "It is the fact that the state's swift Hispanic growth has been concentrated in young adults and children, creating a 'cultural generation gap' with largely white baby boomers and older populations, the same demographic that predominates the recent Tea Party protests." It's also the same group that gives rise to right-wing calls for cutting domestic programs such as public education that's perceived to advantage people of color.

As the baby boomer generation grows increasingly into its gray hair, it will become more and more dependent on young Americans of color to support them in Social Security-dependent old age. But will they?

Conservatives may want to ignore the racial-ethnic

changes that are transforming our nation, but they do so at their own cost—in the voting booth and their wallets—if they force our nation's next generation of school kids to receive poor education before entering the workforce to help pay for their elders' retirement.

Such penny-wise, pound-foolish politics could have devastating consequences for our economic competitiveness and our prosperity in just two decades, when most Tea Party activists will be in their 70's and 80's. This is a ticking time bomb that simply cannot be ignored.

*Sam Fulwood III is a Senior Fellow at the Center for American Progress. His work with the Center's Progress 2050 examines the impact of policies on the nation when there will be no clear racial or ethnic majority by the year 2050.*

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### TOLEDO-LUCAS COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY

#### TOLEDO, OHIO

#### NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Board of Directors that Sealed Bids will be received by the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority for:

Remediate Identified Area 24 Volatile Organic Compounds  
Former Jeep Assembly Plant  
1000 Jeep Parkway  
Toledo, OH 43610

This contract is for all labor, material, insurance, and equipment necessary for the above-referenced project at the former Jeep Assembly Plant, in accordance with the approved plans and specifications, to the Port Authority at 1000 Jeep Parkway, Toledo, Ohio 43610.

Bids will be received at the Port Authority's administrative offices, located at One Maritime Plaza, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Toledo, OH 43604-1835 until March 11, 2011, at 2:00 PM, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The project is located at the former Jeep Assembly Plant, 1000 Jeep Parkway, Toledo, Ohio 43610. The project "Remediate Identified Area 24 Volatile Organic Compounds" consists of a base bid for on-site treatment, an alternative base bid for off-site disposal, and two additive alternates.

The base bid for on-site treatment consists of

- § mobilization/demobilization,
- § health, safety and work site security,
- § test pit excavation and screening,
- § excavation and stockpiling of remediation area soil,
- § collection of samples, analyses, and testing,
- § loading, transportation, and off-site disposal of VOC contaminated liquids,
- § provide and remove treatment chemical (potassium permanganate),
- § apply treatment chemical (potassium permanganate) to excavation floor,
- § mix treatment chemical (potassium permanganate) in high PID soils, and
- § backfill of excavation.

The base bid for off-site disposal consists of

- § mobilization/demobilization,
- § health, safety and work site security,
- § test pit excavation and screening,
- § excavation and stockpiling of remediation area soil,
- § collection of samples, analyses, and testing,
- § loading, transportation, and off-site disposal of VOC contaminated soils and liquids,
- § provide and remove treatment chemical (potassium permanganate),
- § apply treatment chemical (potassium permanganate) to excavation floor, and backfill of excavation.

Additive Alternate 1 consists of providing supplemental structural fill from on-site borrow areas to replace excavated materials that are hauled off-site for disposal. Additive Alternate 2 consists of providing supplemental structural fill from off-site borrow areas to replace excavated materials that are hauled off-site for disposal. Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority expects to award either Additive Alternate 1 or Additive Alternate 2 at its sole discretion based on cost and other factors.

Plans, Specifications, Instructions to Proposers, and Forms of Proposal and Contract are on file at the offices of the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority at One Maritime Plaza, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Toledo, Ohio 43604, and may be obtained during normal business hours upon a **non-refundable payment** of \$50.00. The plans will also be on file with several construction clearinghouses, including F.W. Dodge.

Proposals must be submitted on the form included in the Specifications and shall be accompanied by a certified check or an acceptable Proposal Bond with satisfactory surety specifying the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority as the obligee, in the sum of not less than ten percent (10%) of the total proposal amount.

Any bid may be withdrawn prior to the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids.

The successful bidder will be required to submit a Contract Bond, Maintenance Bond, and Certificate of Insurance.

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The Port Authority's goal for disadvantaged business enterprise (DBE) participation in the project shall be fourteen percent (14%), and bidder shall provide documentation of its ability to achieve that goal or, if the Port Authority's goal is not attainable by bidder, bidder shall provide an affidavit detailing why that goal was not attained. A bid that fails to meet this requirement will be considered non-responsive.

The lowest responsive and responsible bid shall be determined in accordance with the Port Authority's Resolution No. 68-00 as found in the General Conditions.

The Port Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to waive any technicalities as it may deem best for their interest. The Port Authority also reserves the right to add or subtract from quantities shown in the proposal.

Please note that there will be a pre-bid meeting for prospective bidders on Wednesday, March 2, 2011 at 10:00 AM at the conference room of Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority, located at One Maritime Plaza, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Toledo, Ohio 43604-1835. Attendance is helpful, but not mandatory. There will be an optional site visit after the meeting.

**TOLEDO-LUCAS COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY**  
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Application deadline: **Tuesday, March 15, 2011.** The online application can also be located on [www.eopa.org](http://www.eopa.org) with more details. **NO RESUMES ACCEPTED WITHOUT COMPLETING THE ONLINE APPLICATION. NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE!** EOE.

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RFP documents are available in the LMHA offices, 201 Belmont Ave., Toledo, OH 43604 and are also available on the LMHA website at: [www.lucasmha.org](http://www.lucasmha.org).

All proposers shall be required to meet the Affirmative Action requirements and Equal Employment Opportunity requirements as described in Executive Order #11246. Each proposer must ensure that all employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their age, race, color, religion, creed, sex, military status, ancestry, disability, handicap or national origin.



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Family and friends gathered on Saturday evening, March 5 at the Firemen's Hall to help Dorine Mosley celebrate her retirement from the Lucas County Juvenile Court after more than 20 years of service to that organization.

Mosley began her career with Juvenile Court as a temporary summer employee in June 1979. She was eventu-

ally hired into a permanent position that very fall.

She was initially stationed in the Restitution Program where she investigated juvenile offenses while working closely with youth and victims; she also worked part time for 10 years at the Juvenile Detention Center.

Mosley thanked God for graciously blessing her to

have her career and to serve the citizens of the community.

She also saluted her family for being so supportive during her tenure at Juvenile Court, especially her mother, Pearl Humphrey, her sister, Octavia D. Hayes (RIP). She thanked her children, Laron and Tiffany, for understanding (when mom had to go to



work), her husband Darris, her sister Sarma, her brothers Nate, Tony, Adonis and June. She thanked as well her grandchildren Daron and Tiana and her good friend, Ida (Co-Co) Brown.

In the midst of the celebration, Mosley admitted that she will miss aspects of the job - helping and working with youth, the community and her court family.



### Candis Wilson Randle's Retirement

Candis, your mother is so very proud of you and your accomplishments. May God bless you always. Well done on a stellar job. From your time at Rogers High School and graduating at age 15, entering

BGSU at age 16, a job as a waitress at Inverness Country Club and assistant manager at Food Town. As a mother to two wonderful children, you have inspired family and friends. Your mother also thanks your inspirational friend, Valerie, from the bottom of her heart. And Marlene, Darlene, Val and Linda always give their best

With great love, Sarah Wilson Hall

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