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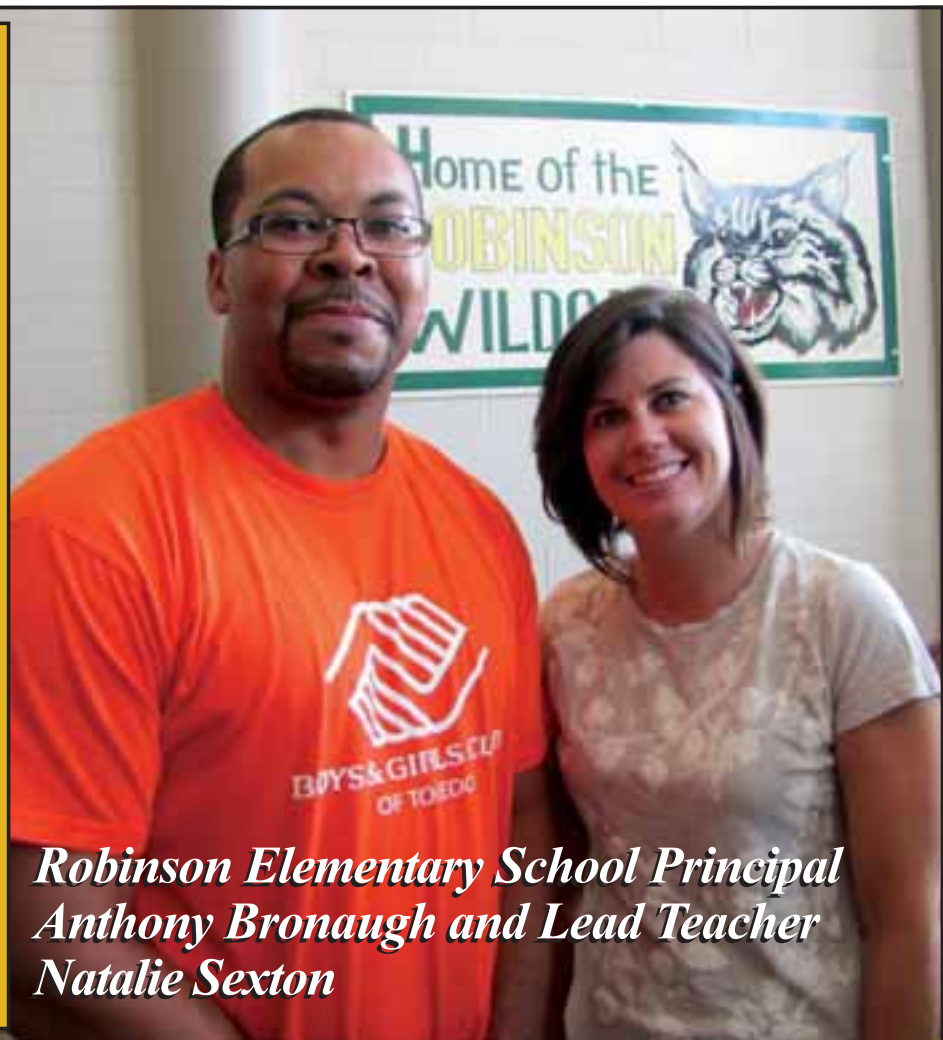
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This Strikes Us ...

A Sojourner's Truth Editorial

Lost in the debate of the last several weeks over whether and/or how the government should raise the debt ceiling was any meaningful discussion of what works in the area of monetary policy.

As usual those on the left and on the right spouted the standard party lines that have become dogma for each. And given the very real issue of deficit spending and the mounting debt this nation faces, we sometimes lose sight of what works when we enslave ourselves to party orthodoxy. Unfortunately, we also tend to lose sight of historical accuracy.

The standard Republican line about taxes and spending, for example, is rooted in inaccuracy and wishful thinking especially as Republicans wax rhapsodic about their past heroes.

Recently, for example, one of our local Republican congressmen, Bob Latta, spoke of the Reagan years and how that president cut taxes and cut spending thereby putting the nation on the path to overall prosperity.

Forget for the moment that Reagan also ushered in an era of deregulation that continued through the Clinton years—yes, Clinton officials were party to such deregulation—and led directly to the abuses in the mortgage markets that resulted in the massive bank disaster of 2008.

Let's just focus on the historical inaccuracies of Latta's revisionism.

First, Reagan lowered taxes and the nation began to prosper ... or at least the wealthy began to prosper. Then he raised taxes ... and raised taxes ... and raised taxes—11 times by some counts—and the nation continued to prosper.

Second, Reagan never reined in spending in any sense of the word. He certainly gave lip service to such dogma, but practicality always won him over. Spending continued to trend upwards during every year of his presidency.

And speaking of historical revisionism, let's take a listen to Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R, KY) and his take on Roosevelt's New Deal. McConnell just recently was heard to say that the New Deal and its spending policies were not effective in moving this country out of the Great Depression. This country, holds McConnell, only began to prosper when World War II came along.

Okay, if you can see this one coming, just hold on to that thought for a second or two. Wait for it.

Here's the point about taxes and whether there is any definitive answer to the question about whether lowering taxes, ostensibly so that the wealthy who create jobs can use that revenue to create more jobs, is effective monetary policy. We simply don't know.

Kennedy lowered taxes, the economy took off. Reagan lowered taxes, the economy took off. Reagan raised taxes, the economy continued its recovery. Clinton raised taxes and the 1990's were one of the most prosperous decades in our nation's history.

Bush II lowered taxes and the economy was largely stagnant during his terms in office.

We just don't know.

On the other hand, we do know what happens when the government spends. It works.

And just about all the time. If we are skittish about the complications of such a policy—increasing deficits and debt—well that's really another argument, the one we've been having recently. But spending certainly works.

We can see it now as we are trying to climb out of the Great Recession. Private business in July added 154,000 jobs and government slashed 37,000 jobs. It's a pattern we've witnessed for the past months—government's decreased spending has negatively affected job growth. And the recovery stumbles along.

Historically, we saw the impact in 1937 when Roosevelt decided, out of fear of the rising deficits and debt, to cut spending thereby sending the nation back into a recession just as the results of his spending programs were coming to fruition.

So what was it that finally brought the nation out of the Great Depression if not the New Deal, Senator McConnell? World War II, you say. What then was WWI if not the most massive spending program this country has ever undertaken?

If there is any conclusion to draw from the 1930's and 1940's about government spending it is that, during the 1930's, Roosevelt's New Deal fell short because he did not spend enough money. That's certainly the conclusion we draw from McConnell's reasoning.

And today, if the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act is ultimately to be judged unsuccessful, it may very well be that it was because not enough money was spent. That's an argument put forward two years ago by Paul Krugman, Nobel Laureate in economics and columnist for the New York Times, when he said that the stimulus package should include about \$2 trillion in spending and that \$800 billion or so would be insufficient.

We agreed with that analysis then and still do. What's the harm in overspending when you already have a debt of more than \$10 trillion? The better the spending package works, the more quickly the country would have rebounded from the recession and be able to pay something down on that debt.

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Scott 25th HS Reunion: Noon to 6: Hydromatic Park: 419-297-3898
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August 12-14

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August 13

Calvary Baptist Church Youth and Young Adult Program: Rip The Run Runway for the Lord Fashion Show; 3 to 11 pm

City Park Community Festival: Presented by City of Zion, the Mt. Zion Church; ESOP; UFCW and OOC; 10 am to 6 pm; Savage Park

3rd Annual Back to School Celebration and Health Fair: Tested Faith Ministries; 10 am to 2 pm; Giving away school supplies; Food, music, health checks: 567-225-7263

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Community Day Back to School Youth Explosion: 9 am to 4 pm; Wilson Park; Backpack and school supplies giveaway; Food, games, basic hair care, used clothing; Hosted by United Vision: 419-720-0050

NANBPWC Membership Tea: 11 am; Sanger Branch: 419-475-3007

23rd Pre-Anniversary Gospel All-Stars: 5 pm; Worldwide Living Ministry

District 1 Bulky Refuse Drop-Off & Recycling Event: Bethlehem Baptist; 10 am to 1 pm; Bulky items, tires, small appliances, electronics, cell phones, TV's

Toledo Kwanzaa House Annual Breakfast: Southern MBC; 9 am to noon: 419-708-9701

August 14

Christian Community Church Annual Women's Day: 4 pm; "We Are One;" Speaker Karrie Jackson of Friendship: 419-536-7852

Jerusalem MBC Men's Day: 11 am; Speaker Rev. Earnest Girley of Golden Gate MBC in Detroit; "The Joy of the Lord Is My Strength"

August 15

Maumee Bay Club of the NANBPWC School Supply Drive: For distribution to families at The Family House and at Pickett Elementary: 419-349-3525 or 419-944-5912

August 17

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Informational Meeting: The Padua Center; 6 pm: 419-509-3625

August 17-19

New Prospect Baptist Church Vacation Bible School: 5 to 7 pm nightly; Adult and children classes

August 19-21

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August 20

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The New Bully ...

By Lafe Tolliver
Guest Column



ciples, your money, your dignity. Choose any or all of the above.

A bully knows that if they can get you to sweat or repeatedly blink or squirm or swallow hard, they got you.

Yes, bullies watch your body language and when they see any sweat on the brow or any compromise in your language or they see that you are trying to eye a way out, they own you.

A good bully knows that if they can up the ante by a

got the goods to harm you.

Bullies pick their targets well. They do not challenge those whose body language and words tell them that if they try some nonsense with them, they will rue the day that they tried that mess.

No. Bullies pick on those who do not have the stomach for a fight or those who are perceived as being weak or those who show that they are milk fed and not meat fed.

Bullies do not want to

avoid a good whuppin' by someone who does not take kindly to having their peanut butter and jelly sandwiches taken by the playground goon.

Now. What happened to President Obama and the juvenile hooligans known as the Republican Tea Partiers?

Simple. They saw him nervously blink...several times and they said to themselves, "hey, we can take this guy...and his lunch!"

And they did.

and the bully media pulpit but he meekly backed off.

He issued whimpering assessments of what he would do and then he did not follow through. He even took off of the table his unilateral and permissible use of the 14th Amendment by which he could have accomplished the debt ceiling raise, on his own!

So, when the political bullies and their Tea Party hooligans saw that Obama was wearing short pants to school instead of blue jeans and he wore a light blue cashmere sweater instead of a lumberjack shirt, they knew that they had him.

So the Tea Party bullies, who are the modern day Republican jihadists, made an oath that even if it meant taking the whole US economy over the cliff with their suicide demands, they were willing to do so.

They were willing to increase the current economic pain felt by millions who are under employed or not employed.

They were willing to ruin the full faith and credit of the US government if it

meant getting what they wanted.

They made blood oaths in back rooms in the Capitol that they would not back down nor say the word compromise because they saw that they could sweat Obama and Obama would push his chips across the table to their pile of chips.

These bullies were fanatics and knew that unless they were cut or jabbed by Obama or any public outcry, the victory was theirs.

So. The bullies bluffed Obama and he quickly gave up his lunch money and his roller skates and now he tries to save face by saying that he didn't like that peanut butter and jelly sandwich after all.

Will someone please send Obama some more lunch money and especially some courage because the Tea Parties bullies are still waiting on the Congressional playground looking for another lunch.

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What happened to President Obama and the juvenile hooligans known as the Republican Tea Partiers?

lot of posturing and rough language and hard stare downs, they will increase your anxiety and you will fold your cards and agree to their terms and hand over your lunch money.

Bullies like to use verbal fireballs. They will swear to your defeat and ruin and will kick up a veritable verbal dust storm if that will increase their aura that they

chance that their victim will turn around and give them a quick and right uppercut to the jaw.

Bullies avoid any possible chance that their victim may turn the tables on them and put on their steeled toed shoes and do a 'James Brown' on their behind.

No. Bullies have some sense. If nothing more to

They saw that Obama does not relish a fight nor does he want to wade into a shouting match manned by wide-eyed ideologues. No. He wants to remain "super deodorant cool" and keep his shoes unscuffed.

Obama had several chances during this rancorous debt debate to "throw down" by using the full force of the White House

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Family Ties III: Through Many Dangers

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



We wanted something for ourselves and for our children, so we took a chance with our lives. - Unita Blackwell

The Barrys will celebrate their 39th wedding anniversary this month. Earl, an ex-City of Toledo police officer, and Lenora, the former Chief Federal Probation Officer for the Northern District of Ohio are both law enforcement retirees.

Their longterm marriage not only defies established research which places divorce rates of law enforcement personnel among the

highest overall, but it also dispels the conservative myth of the loss of traditional families and the liberal charge of obsolescence regarding the image of the traditional, nuclear black family.

In reality, what has truly been missing is a strengths-based understanding of black marriage rather than the customary deficit or dysfunction-based approach to black family observations.

Strong black marriages are out there but seldom discussed. If family stability is to be maintained, it is critical to gain an understanding of what characteristics constitute strong marriages as well as to learn how such marriages function.

"She wore glasses like me," says Earl of first meeting Lenora.

"As a matter of fact, they were quite thick, like Mr. Magoo. And we still laugh about that, because her eyesight was really not that great. And somehow we seemed to hit it off. But I really felt that I didn't know

if I was going to be the best for her. After we got serious we dated for a while, and what I learned is...

"Can I say something?" says Lenora, interrupting. "I do talk more than you," Earl banters back.

"Well, listen, wait a minute," Lenora, now laughing as she continues. "Let me just say this is a man that never talks. I'm sitting here listening to him, and..."

Earl, however, continues. "You may remember Chuck Ealey who quarterbacked The University of Toledo. It was the same year that UT went down to the Tangerine Bowl. Yeah, as a matter of fact, I met her that Christmas Eve..."

"And left," Lenora reminds him.

"And left two days later for the Tangerine Bowl in Florida," Earl admits.

Lenora points out, "The thing with me, I was not into partying, boys and stuff. I was just boring; it was all about going to school, and so, I was focusing in that regard. It was

like an 'arranged' dating. [Laughter] While I was visiting Toledo, they said, 'Why don't you come over and meet?' So, Earl came over, and we went on dates. They described us as 'Two boring people together.' And that's what we were about.

"I stayed, worked a couple years as a case manager for the Red Cross, and then went on to the University of Michigan, got my degree, and married my second year of graduate school."

Earl credits the challenges of the couple's professional responsibilities as bringing them closer rather than driving them apart.

"There was always danger in our jobs and I think that Lenora appreciated what I went through and I appreciate what she went through on a daily basis, especially when she became a deputy chief," he says.

"In a society that didn't want to accept blacks, particularly black females making six figures, twice what I

make. But we've used our money to help each other out. We joke about my wife having the checkbook, because I hate to balance checkbooks, but the point I'm..."

"He doesn't balance," says Lenora interrupting with laughter again, "He just writes them."

As for marital stresses and strains, Lenora insists that "the drama in our life wasn't about any relationship with us. In terms of anything other than communicating with one another and wanting the best for our children, we just don't do it."

"You're not going to hear Earl say, 'I love you; You walk on water,'" she states. "That ain't going to happen. But you will know it when he'll go to a store and buy just what it is that you need, and bring it home without you having to have asked; that's because that's him."

"And what's more important than to know that man's going to be there no matter what. And you don't

have to worry about, 'Where is he? It's 12:00 o'clock at night.' This man has never been anywhere when we're not together at 12:00 o'clock at night, unless the bowling alley was, and they're bowling. We never had that drama. I have no clue what it's like.

"Alcohol, drugs, that's not an issue. The strawberry daiquiris that I make at home, or a glass of wine, or something like that occasionally. So, that piece was not a part of our lives. The drama of other women, that's not a part of our lives; other men, that's not a part of our lives. The only thing that is a part of our lives is for me to just hold back and enjoy the life, and recognize that my prayer is only for peace and joy, not happiness, but peace and then a joy."

"It comes from looking at the glass being half full and not half empty, because in God it all works, and that's why I have to constantly think about this economy, and everything

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A CHARLOTTE'S WEB Profile in Care: Jesse Coleman

By Geneva Chapman
Special to The Truth

You wouldn't think 26 years working in Quality Control at Tier

One automobile plants like GM would prepare someone for a career in human service. Yet, Jesse Coleman uses many of the same skills he honed collecting empirical data during nearly three decades working in the manufacturing sector in his present position as a direct service professional (DSP) at Living Stream, Inc.'s senior day rehabilitation center.

"We're taught in the quality field, facts and data speak," says Coleman. "Anything else is just opinion. So, if behaviors have decreased, you can measure it."

Coleman's interest in behavioral issues is due to those of several seniors, particularly one who has autism and who has had frequent outbursts requiring behavior prevention and intervention strategies.

While all of the day hab staff have been thoroughly trained by Execu-



Occasionally, Coleman, a well-known jazz saxophonist in both Ohio and Michigan, brings in his "axe" and plays for the seniors

tive Director Louis Turley on the individual's behavior plan and Coleman's co-workers are quite capable, Coleman, as the

only male staff in the day hab, often deals with the behavioral outbursts due to a close relationship he's developed with the senior

with autism.

"My first couple of months here, it seemed like there was a behavior incident every day," says Coleman. "His behaviors decreased extensively over a year from 20 a month to approximately five."

This concrete data gives Coleman the kind of satisfaction he never experienced collecting data in the manufacturing world. He and the senior

with autism have a special relationship due to Coleman's calm manner and Coleman not reacting to the senior's behavior, rather using preventive strategies such as taking him for a walk and giving him frequent cups of water, which he likes.

Coleman has also established relationships with the other seniors at the day hab. Three years working with seniors with developmental disabilities has given him rewards he never expected.

"The day-to-day interaction, watching an individual with behavior concerns decrease outbursts lets you see the results of what you do," says a man used to dealing with quantitative data. "Seeing things change and being able to measure it, that's rewarding. Those numbers really give a scope that tells you whether you're doing a good job or a bad job."

Coleman and his co-workers definitely do a great job supporting the seniors in their care. Using gentle teaching methods requiring a gentle, calm approach, they provide these aging individuals with developmental disabilities, many of whom have "retired" from working in workshop settings, a safe, happy place to spend their day.

O c c a s i o n a l l y ,

Coleman, a well-known jazz saxophonist in both Ohio and Michigan, brings in his "axe" and plays for the seniors or plays jazz CDs that give the seniors a sensory stimulation experience and has helped them develop an appreciation for a genre of music many of them hadn't been exposed to before Coleman joined the team.

When he transports individuals from either Living Stream, Inc.'s senior or young adult hab (the only one of its kind in the state), Coleman, whose duties sometimes including driving, often plays jazz on the CD player on the bus.

"It has a calming, relaxing effect," he says. While Coleman's experience in manufacturing and skills as a jazz artist are both utilized in his present position, it's probably his role as a licensed minister at Friendship Baptist Church that has given him the most important quality he needs in human service: caring.

His calm and gentle manner, as well as a wry sense of humor appreciated by staff and consumers alike has made him a beloved DSP and a great addition to Living Stream, Inc.'s team of caring staff.

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The Most Significant TPS Transformation Starts at Robinson Elementary

By Fletcher Word
Sojourner's Truth Editor



Robinson Elementary School Principal Anthony Bronaugh and Lead Teacher Natalie Sexton

Toledo Public School's much anticipated transformation plan will begin to take effect during the upcoming school year but no aspect of the transformation is more significant than that taking place at Robinson Elementary School, formerly Robinson Junior High.

As a result of poor academic performance over the last few years – "academic emergency" on the Ohio Department of Education's report card – the teachers and staff at Robinson have been transferred to other schools in the district. With the cooperation of the Toledo Federation of Teachers, the TPS administration has appointed a new principal, Anthony Bronaugh, and a new lead teacher, Natalie Sexton. The pair are currently interviewing candidates for positions at the school.

They will be charged, according to Jim Gault, interim chief academic officer for TPS, with four specific tasks.

First, says Gault, the academic performance of the Robinson students

must be improved. To this end, a staff must be selected and should be comprised of appointees with high expectations and with high levels of commitment to the task at hand.

Second, Bronaugh and his staff will be expected to work with outside organizations to develop services for students. And there is no shortage of such outside organizations ready to help.

The United Way of Great Toledo will be there

parental involvement, discipline and academic achievement. The program started four years ago at Sherman and East Side Elementary and will be expanded this year into Pickett, Glenwood and Martin Luther King elementary schools, along with Robinson.

United Way has also selected Robinson, along with Leverette Elementary School, in which to implement its Schools as Community Hubs program, which will focus on orga-

The goal is to make Robinson "a school of choice not a school of regret."

with its Social and Emotional Learning Program (SEL) that it had previously implemented at Sherman Elementary School, Bronaugh's previous posting.

SEL has been at least partly credited with assisting in the improvements Sherman has made over the last several years in the areas of attendance,

draft as many tutors as possible.

The third task for Bronaugh and staff, says Gault, is "to develop strong parental relationships within the Robinson community." Indeed, Gault says the TPS administration will be placing as much importance on this effort as any other. "That's where the outside organizations are going to help us," he notes. "We want to bring parents into the school."

And fourth, the staff at Robinson must make a concerted effort, says Gault, to recruit and retain students." The goal is to make Robinson "a school of choice not a

school of regret."

So why was Bronaugh chosen for the Herculean task of turning Robinson around?

"He has shown improvement at Sherman," says Gault. "He has strong ties with organizations and a [talent] for collaboration and for motivating both students and staff."

Just how does Bronaugh view his impending challenges?

"We're going to be focused on a holistic approach – community, staff, teachers and kids," he says of that challenge. "We're going to be raising pride and confidence in the community by working with children

and parents and we're going to look for resources for parents."

Relationship building is the key, says Bronaugh, to overcoming the lack of educational attainment that has marked Robinson over the past several years.

Both Gault and Bronaugh stress the importance of community involvement in TPS' efforts to turn around the inner-city school. An involvement that will be a two-way street, says Gault.

"We want that school to be a lighthouse for the community," he says.

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Is Head Start an Effective Program? Yes, Of Course ... Well, Not Really ... Who the Heck Really Knows?

By Fletcher Word
Sojourner's Truth Editor

In 1998, when the U.S. Congress re-authorized Head Start, that legislative body mandated that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services determine what the impact of the program was on the children it serves. Last fall, HHS finally released its report and the answer is a resounding ... well, we really don't know.

Since 1965, Head Start, which was part of the Johnson Administration's vaunted War on Poverty, has had a goal of working with low-income children to prepare them for school. The program attempts to provide comprehensive services that include pre-school education; medical, dental and mental health care; nutrition services and efforts to help parents foster their child's development, according to HHS literature.

Congress's mandate required HHS to address two main research questions:

* "What difference does



Head Start make to key outcomes of development and learning for low-income children? What difference does Head Start make to parental practices that contribute to children's school readiness?

* "Under what circumstances does Head Start achieve the greatest impact? What works for which children? What Head Start ser-

vices are most related to impact?"

The report addressed the questions by focusing on children and families during the children's preschool, kindergarten and first grade years and concluded that, yes, Head Start has positive impacts on children during their time in the program and, no, by the end of the first grade there were few

statistical differences between the study group and those children who had not attended Head Start.

The report is still a work in progress, however. The department began collecting data by following control groups in 2002 and will continue until the committee can analyze students in the group after they complete the third grade.

It's unclear how they could

expect the data to change for the better for the Head Start children, however.

"I defy anyone to say that any structured educational program for pre-school children is ineffective," says Jim Powell, executive director of the Economic Planning Opportunity Association, whose agency operates the local Head Start program. And as testament to the effectiveness of the local effort, Powell notes that "we do know, being able to observe, we have doctors, lawyers educators ... people in all fields who are products of Head Start."

What Powell does not have access to, he says, are records from Toledo Public Schools that might provide a statistical analysis of the progress the local Head Start program has made over the years.


Now, on a national level, the Obama Administration has proposed taking action to force improvements in an \$8 billion a year program which has, over

the last four and a half decades, evaded scrutiny by both Democratic and Republican administrations.


That proposal includes reviewing all Head Start programs over the next three years based on seven criteria that measure program performance, fiscal integrity and licensing standards and operations.

Those agencies with programs that do not measure up will be forced to compete for funding with other agencies. Until now, agencies were pretty much untouchable once they had received the initial grant from HHS.

At a minimum, the Obama Administration has decreed that 25 percent, the bottom 25 percent of performers will be subject to competition from other programs each year. That may not be enough, according to the HHS report that says Head Start's effectiveness is virtually non-existent once a child has completed the first grade of elementary school.



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Our panelists for the luncheon will include

Rabbi Michael Ungar, former Rabbi of Congregation B'nai Israel Rabbi Ungar will discuss early beginnings of Erase the Hate in Toledo and honor founding members.

Juanita Greene, past Director of the Bureau of Community Relations for the City of Toledo and former Co-Chair of Erase



Juanita Greene



Judy Trautman

On Thursday, September 15 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Toledo Botanical Garden, Erase the Hate of Toledo is inviting a broad spectrum of leaders in our community to a luncheon meeting to share its vision of Toledo as a compassionate city and leader in bringing people of diverse faiths, races and ethnicities together.

A panel will discuss the organization's past, present and future. Erase the Hate is a local coalition of organizations committed to help the city become a unified front in combating hate. The coalition is inviting all community leaders to add their voices in the furthering of our vision.

the Hate Ms. Greene will discuss the growth of Erase the Hate as a community-wide coalition.

Judy Trautman, Chair of the Erase the Hate committee Mrs. Trautman will share current initiatives of a revitalized Erase the Hate Steering Committee, such as, the formation of a Youth Council and partnering with the MultiFaith Council in seeking official designation of Greater Toledo as a Compassionate City.

For questions, please call Wendy Goldstein, Jewish Community Relations Council Director for Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo, at 419-724-0360.

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The First Half of My College Journey

By Mario Rosser
Guest Column

This past spring, I completed my second year at Columbia University in the City of New York. Over my time in college, I have had invaluable experiences that have deeply impacted me. Columbia is a venerable institution where iconic Americans such as President Obama have studied, and I am blessed to be able to call such a place my home away from Ohio. My first two years at Columbia have been times of growth for my ideas, leadership, and friendships.

Above all other aspects, Columbia distinguishes itself among the thousands of universities in this nation by the quality of education offered by professors eminent in their respective fields and my fellow classmates who have achieved highly to earn the privilege to attend. This rigorous intellectual environment has challenged me to think more analytically about the endless circulation of ideas and information around me.

I major in politics and Middle Eastern Studies at Columbia, and under the tutelage of seasoned thinkers, I interpret real-time political situations in our nation and abroad with a sharper eyes, which will serve me well long after I graduate from college.

Columbia has been a forum of leadership growth for me, where I have tested my ability to motivate and manage others toward collective action. This past year, I was elected class president by my peers in a notable campaign season in recent Columbia history.

Because Columbia is in New York City, the opportunities off campus are much greater than a school located in a less urban area. Therefore, a consensus opinion has formed that Columbia's on campus life and class unity suffers as a result of our location. This past year, it was my goal to work toward improving school spirit by organizing strong events that all of my classmates could appreciate.

With the help of many others, I was successful in executing events that were embraced by my peers on an unprecedented level. This leadership contributed to me being elected class



president and taught me more about working with others than any other experience in my life.

Most importantly, my college experience has been fantastic because of the deep friendships that I have developed. Heading to college was an exciting move for me because I was looking forward to more independence and new faces. While some of my strongest friendships were started well before college, my time at Columbia has allowed me to develop some very strong relationships with a diverse array of people that I did not have in high school.

When I was not been able to return home for Thanksgiving, my good friend of Indian descent hosted me at his New England home to spend the holiday with his family twice. That is a solid friendship, and above all else this is what has made Columbia a wonderful experience for me.

As I look to begin the remainder of my college journey, I am lucky to have had the time of my life so far and I am confident it will look the same way over the second half as well. While many people say that college is the best time of your life, I believe that once I graduate life will keep becoming even more satisfying because of the valuable experiences that I have had and will have at Columbia.

Mario Rosser graduated from Toledo's St. John's

Jesuit in 2009 and has been a frequent contributor of The Truth

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Powering up Success at TPS

By Steve Flagg
Guest Column

Applause! Applause! It's not been often over the last several years that you catch the Toledo Board of Education doing something right, but it happened last week. The Board decided not to pursue a levy this November.

My grandmother always told me that when you catch someone doing something right, let them know about it. Reinforce the behavior in hopes they just might keep it up.

This time the Board realized that as part of the greater community, they needed to consider all the issues impacting Toledo. They listened to members of this community that told them a new levy was not affordable given Toledo's economy. Community members from diverse backgrounds advised Board members that Toledo Public Schools has a long track record of broken promises, ineffective programs and lack of success in improving student outcomes and that they needed to prove themselves before approaching voters.

There has been a change in the mindset at TPS and many of the new administrators urgently want to be successful. They understand that asking for a new levy without a plan, without need



and urgency and without some success would just reinforce the perception of business as usual at TPS.

They want to break that cycle, create success and build a healthy working partnership with the Toledo community. We should support their efforts. They will need support as they attempt to change a culture that does not value its employees and even less so their students.

In a June meeting, Superintendent Jerome Pecko told us a levy proposal was being prepared for board review. Much of the TPS bureaucracy – especially TPS unions – wanted to proceed with a levy regardless of prospect of a levy defeat in November.

This time the Board did not fall in line and bow to internal pressures. Perhaps this is the beginning of an era when the Board acts in the best interests

of the entire community, challenges the bureaucracy to succeed and holds employees accountable for results.

Before a levy is possible, TPS has a lot of work to do. TPS is in the midst of a major operational restructuring with the K-8 model, implementation of Race to the Top which includes reconstituting staffs at some schools and creating a pay for performance system, completion of the

next phase of TPS' transformation plan which includes changes at the high school level, and more all while having to negotiate each change with their labor unions.

A year – even two – will not be enough time for TPS to show substantial or sustainable progress in areas like test scores. I do think some benchmarks are needed for TPS to evaluate their ongoing progress and provide reports to our com-

munity. Nothing is stopping TPS from reporting student improvement by teacher on a value added approach – net change in student scores over the school year. TPS can't pay teachers for performance without negotiations but the contract does not prohibit performance reporting. There is a need for TPS and its unions to be collaborative partners. Progress reporting is coming. Embrace it and use this process in a positive fashion to develop and improve the performance of the instructional staff.

TPS can demonstrate a change in business as usual by planning changes at the high school level in an inclusive way with employees, parents and community involved. TPS administrators are in the habit of creating and putting a plan into action without asking questions or involving others early in the process. Consequently, no one knows what ideas and options are considered and evaluated. The universe of ideas assessed and proposed is limited by the experience and biases of the administrators involved. Such an approach always leaves nagging questions unasked or unanswered.

There are more suggestions we could discuss but I'd like to see what benchmarks TPS administration believe are important and could be used to evaluate success both on a short and long term basis. This is actually an important early step in any planning process.

If they want to prove this is a different district, they have ample opportunity through the way they conduct business, inform and interact with the community and plan for future changes.

We all have to hope the Board and Administration at TPS are sincere and able to deliver on their promises. We need a good education system if Toledo is going to power up its economy in a world that becomes more competitive each day.

Steven Flagg is a member of the Urban Coalition.

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Owens Community College to Welcome Thousands of Students for Fall Semester, Aug. 15

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Opening its doors for the first day of Fall Semester classes, Owens Community College will once again welcome thousands of students to the Toledo-area and Findlay-area campuses, as well as to the Arrowhead Park Learning Center in Maumee and the Learning Center at The Source in downtown Toledo in the coming weeks.

On Monday, Aug. 15, Owens students will be locating their classrooms, talking with academic advisors, purchasing books and registering for classes on the College's Toledo-area and Findlay-area campuses to kick off the new fall term. The first day of classes for the Arrowhead Park Learning Center and the Learning Center at The Source is on Monday, Aug. 29.

Owens is once again expanding educational opportunities for area residents by announcing the creation of enhanced curriculum for the new academic year. For Fall Semester 2011, the College will offer a new associate's degree in exercise science and a new certificate in dental assisting through the School of Health Sciences, as well as new associate's degrees in interior design and music business technology and new certificates in popular music and urban agriculture and sustainability through the School of Arts and Sciences.

The College is also continuing to expand academic options for students with aspirations of pursuing bachelor's degrees by establishing new transfer agreement partnerships with such four-year institutions as Lourdes College, Ohio Northern University, Tiffin University, Siena Heights Univer-

sity, Bluffton University and Walsh College, among others.

In addition to the many new transfer opportunities, Owens continues to increase its academic and support services by making available an array of higher education choices through the Weekend College and Owens distance learning, as well as at The Source, Lucas County's One-Stop Employment Center, in downtown Toledo and at the Arrowhead Park Learning Center in Maumee.

Carrots, lettuce, tomatoes and apples along with many other fruits and vegetables are also sprouting up for the first time on the Owens Toledo-area Campus as the academic institution expands its experiential learning opportunities for students, as well as faculty and staff in various academic departments and disciplines through the creation of a new Community Garden. Owens will also unveil several new or renovated instructional classrooms on the Toledo-area Campus for the start of the fall term. The experiential learning areas are all equipped with innovative multimedia capability and computing resources, including an array of software applications and programming languages, as well as network and high-speed Internet access.

Additionally, Owens women's soccer will debut this fall as a Division II member of the NJCAA. The Express will primarily compete against other colleges and universities from Ohio, Michigan and Pennsylvania, including Cincinnati State Technical and Community College, Lorain County Community College, Schoolcraft College, Delta College and

Mercyhurst North East, among others. Owens' Soccer Complex serves as the home venue for the new intercollegiate athletic program and the first match in team history will occur on Sunday, Aug. 28 against Mercyhurst North East.

With the start of the 2011 fall season, the Express women's soccer program becomes the eighth intercollegiate athletic program offered at Owens. The seven other sports include men's baseball, women's softball, men's golf, men's basketball, women's basketball, men's soccer and women's volleyball.

Owens will also welcome hundreds of students participating in the College Foundation's Success Program, which includes Lake High School and all graduating high school students from public schools in Hancock County, to the Toledo-area and Findlay-area campuses for Fall Semester classes. Other Success Program partnering high schools include Whitmer High School and all high schools within the Toledo Public Schools district. The Success Program is designed to assist students, who receive only partial state and federal financial aid, attend college and bridges the gap between the grant aid a student receives and the cost of an Owens education.

Continuing to expand educational opportunities for students, Owens, this past spring, unveiled a newly expanded and renovated Owens Learning Center at The Source in downtown Toledo. The renovated educational facility now feature two new instructional classrooms and one open com-

puter laboratory all with state-of-the-art technology and academic resources to enhance learning through hands-on instruction and exercises. Additionally, Owens recently opened the doors to a newly refurbished \$1.1 million Welding Design Center, which features the latest in technological and academic resources specific to welding for several degree and certificate programs.

In 2010, Owens began the academic year by unveiling a newly renovated \$2.9 million Heritage Hall building, which features the latest in academic resources. Heritage Hall (formerly known as the Penta Career Center Skill Center) serves as home to the College's School of Business and the School of Nursing.

In addition to the recently completed Heritage Hall renovation project, the College unveiled a refurbished 29,045 square-foot Founders Hall at the former Penta Career Center in January 2010 as part of Owens' ongoing campus ex-

pansion initiative. The \$2.6 million Founders Hall building serves as the new home to the College's departments of English, Social and Behavioral Sciences, and Communications, Humanities and Languages, as well as the Dean for the School of Arts and Sciences.

Within the past two years, Owens broadened access to higher education opportunities for police, fire and emergency services personnel, as well as the military, by opening a \$3.2 million Emergency Preparedness Training and Operations Center. In January 2010, Owens unveiled a new Arrowhead Park Learning Center in Maumee to open new doors to a college edu-

cation in Western Lucas County.

In the Hancock County area, Owens opened a \$4.2 million Findlay-area Campus Community Education and Wellness Center in 2007 to complement the \$17.7 million Findlay-area Campus, which opened in 2005.

To accommodate the needs of students, the College, within the last eight years, also opened an \$11 million Center for Fine and Performing Arts on the Toledo-area Campus. In 2007, Owens unveiled a \$20.5 million Center for Emergency Preparedness. The Center is the only state-of-the-art facility of this magnitude within the Midwest.



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National Hip Hop Artist Head-Roc To Headline Fundraising Concert For Green Party Toledo City Council Candidates August 13 at Collingwood Arts Center

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On August 13, 2011, national hip-hop star Head-Roc will headline a fund raising event with a concert performance at the Collingwood Arts Center at 2413 Collingwood Blvd. in the historic neighborhood of the Old West End. Local Toledo hip-hop act Great Lakes Crew will open up the show along with DJ Benny Keys. The show will be hosted by Natural.

For over the past 15 years Head-Roc has been regarded as the best that DC Hip-Hop has to offer! Dubbed "The Mayor" of the DC Hip-Hop,

Head-Roc has come to embody the passions, hopes and dreams of a wonderfully talented and all too often overlooked DC music scene. His unparalleled ability to reach music lovers of all tastes puts him on par with established national recording artists in both music creation and live performance.

Head-Roc's honest and relevant lyrics are a refreshing change in this current era of corporate hip-hop exploitation. His music has inspired many in the progressive movement to rethink hip-hop's po-

tential for achieving social change and he is widely regarded as one of the key voices in this movement!

"It is really appropriate and fitting that a talent like Head-Roc who lives & breathes beyond his music in taking on the challenges of common people in our society, to play a benefit concert for Green Party candidates for Toledo City Council, Anita Rios (district 4) & Sean Nestor (district 6), since they are doing the same here in Toledo. It is time we elected candidates who put people before political careers and think outside the box" said Amjad Doumani, owner of B-Bop Records in Toledo.

The All Ages concert will begin at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$7 (group discounts available) and are for sale at the following locations: Culture Clash, Allied Record Exchange, RamaLama Records, Shakin' Street Records, People Called Women, Original Sub Shop, Collingwood Arts Center and AA Records.



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Lucas County Commissioners Proclaim August 2011 as Child Support Awareness Month

Special to The Truth

Each year, the State of Ohio and Ohio counties proclaim August as Child Support Awareness Month to recognize that receipt of regular support payments assists in ensuring children grow up safe and healthy and that children stay out of poverty. At their August 2, 2011, meeting the Board of Lucas County Commissioners proclaimed August 2011 as Child Support Awareness Month.

"Our child support professionals interact daily with employers, insurance providers, courts, law enforcement officials, government partners and parents to establish and enforce support orders to help children receive the financial and medical support they deserve," said Deb Ortiz-Flores, interim director of the Lucas County Child Support Enforcement Agency. "Just the words 'child support' can spark many emotions, opinions and feelings. Yet it is imperative that we remember the positive impact that child support has on a child's healthy development and a family's self-sufficiency."

Some of the many accomplishments of Lucas County CSEA include:

- The agency currently collects over \$89 million annually for families in Lucas County;
- There are over 55,000 children receiving financial support through the efforts of CSEA;
- Lucas County exceeds the State of Ohio's Paternity Establishment rate of 80 percent;
- Lucas County exceeds the federal requirements for support order establishment which includes, in many instances, the establishment of an order for children's health insurance;
- The agency has assisted Ohio's families by "right sizing" 538 support orders from January 1, 2011, through June 30, 2011;
- The agency staff participates in various outreach and reintegration programs, which through the month of June have assisted 328 program participants.

Two major initiatives have been approved by the Commissioners in support of Child Support Awareness month. These are "Back on Track Thursdays" and a Fatherhood Initiative.

BACK ON TRACK THURSDAYS

On each Thursday in August, CSEA case managers will be available to assist persons with child support orders who may have questions or concerns, including:

- **Driver's License Suspension** – information will be available to assist people to get their license reinstated.
- **Child Support Payments** - child support should be consistent with current income. If someone feels their financial situation has changed since the last time support was calculated, they may be eligible for a Review and Adjustment. CSEA staff will be available to see if the obligation may be adjusted to be more in line with current income.
- **Bench Warrant** - sometimes the court will issue a bench warrant if someone fails to appear at a hearing. CSEA staff will have information on how to get the warrant lifted and better manage the support obligation.

Back on Track Thursdays are every Thursday in August from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00, at the Child Support Enforcement Agency, located at 701 Adams Street in downtown Toledo. The Agency's phone number is 419 213-3001. Services are also available Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

FATHERHOOD INITIATIVE

On August 2, 2011, the Board of Lucas County Commissioners authorized a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a competitive procurement process to provide comprehensive case management services for non-custodial fathers in Lucas County. Lucas County Job and Family Services (JFS) has allocated \$300,000 of available TANF funds to provide supportive services to fathers, ages 18-24, in four critical areas: child support compliance, employment, parenting, and life skills. The RFP will be released on August 22, 2011.

"Our program would be geared toward assisting young fathers, due to the fact that 87 percent of the noncustodial support orders in Lucas County are issued to males," said Ortiz-Flores. "We have developed a partnership between JFS and CSEA that will encourage fathers to provide for the emotional and financial needs of their children on an ongoing basis. Active and engaged fathers produce well-balanced, self-sufficient, and confident children which, in turn, reduces the likelihood of their future dependency on public assistance programs."

The Lucas County Child Support Agency was formed on January 1, 1988. It is the agency in this county charged with the collection and enforcement of court ordered child support payments. The Child Support Enforcement Program is a federal, state and local effort to collect child support from parents who are legally obligated to pay support. The Agency is under the direction of the Lucas County Commissioners.

The Agency assists parents by providing the following services:

- Establishment of paternity
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What Happened to Bash at the Bay and Hutch Daddy? Pt 2

By Michael Hayes
Minister of Culture



In part 2, Hutch clears up old rumors and I contemplate what is fair.

But before I get into the re-up of this story, I want to take time to clarify a few things.

One thing I always tell my artists is "perception matters."

Assuming that the truth will always come out in the end is just being naïve.

Reality is that lies and falsehoods can distort the truth.

People aren't interested in the real story, they are interested in a GOOD story.

This is why I aggressively tackle rumors, use evidence to expose lies and try to keep perceptions clear. Especially in the entertainment business, how you are viewed by your contemporaries is vastly important.

They call this the music/entertainment business for a reason.

At the end of the day, all that really matters is that business can continue with respect to all parties.

When it comes to Hutch, I've always jumped to de-

fend instead of ridicule.

So although I personally have had his back, professionally have helped clear up mis-perceptions and all that, I now also have to factor in whether or not I consider him a fair businessman.

Fair, that's all. Not above and beyond, just fair. That's all anyone can ask for right?

So I'm asking you, be fair in your perception of the man so many are talking about.

If you've never done business with the man, you really can't feel like he owes you anything.

I'll say it again, if you have never sat down and hammered out agreed upon terms and then had him in some way fail to deliver on that agreement then you really can't be all mad at dude.

But, in his own words here's part two of the interview:

QUESTION#2:

I remember when you started Bash At The Bay. It was a genuine effort on your part to help this city feel good about itself and give us something to look forward to.

Do you think the average Toledoan who knows Hutch Daddy knew your true intent all this time?

HUTCH:

No, I honestly feel that that average person, not just Toledo residents, but average people find it difficult to believe that in this day in age there are people in the world who truly want to give back

and help others. I've been blessed in my life. I have traveled to different countries, met mega-super stars, experienced things in life that many people only dream of. So why

shouldn't I give back if I have the opportunity?

Just because you see other people as selfish and self centered doesn't mean that everyone is. I heard someone

Think about it, calling someone a "dirty African booty scratcher" is an insult. Really? Being African is an insult. Other cultures look at us and laugh and wonder

was supposed to receive was stolen 30 minutes before he was to be paid? Because it was. I asked her did you know that Hutch convinced Yo Gotti to do the show anyway and when they were in route to do the show a fight broke out at the club and the club owner called him and told him to not bring the artist. Because that's what did happen.

I asked her did you know that even after the event, or lack thereof had happen, Hutch and DJ Big Lou The Mayor rented out Coyote Joe's two days later and had a FREE party, brought FREE drinks and gave anyone with a ticket their money back? Because they did, even though ALL of the door money was stolen from the Yo Gotti concert and they paid out of their own pockets. So, when you ask me "what's next?" my response is I will be focusing on me a little more for now.

So, there's the final word on the Yo Gotti concert, Toledo.

I think we can put that issue to bed.

Now when it comes to this recent BASH AT THE BAY, or..bash at., well there's a few different alternative names people have come up with. But really, this city was given a week's worth of amazing events and then the two free events being cancelled/changed were circumstances no one can be mad at.

Yes, between Hutch and me, he knows what I feel could've done better business-wise.

But at the end of the day, Toledo ... you ruined Bash At The Bay.

Just like you ruined The Annual Glass City Expo from the early 2000's.

Detroit & D.C. are far more violent.

Dayton and Ann Arbor are smaller in size and population.

Yet all those places get far more major urban entertainment events than Toledo does.

The next time you or someone you know does something stupid, just know when you are in the house bored complaining about not having anything to do... that the stupid thing you did helped kill opportunity and added yet another brick to the wall closing this city off from the fun it wants to have.

As far as Hutch, don't hate dude.

He tried.

Until next week, peace.



say something about my Core brother Kausion that really upset me. This person said, "I'm not going to Mugshots because he's trying to get paid off of us." I looked at her and said, "So, are you saying that he doesn't have the right to earn a living? Are you saying you would rather someone other than a black man run this club and get your money?"

However, that type of ignorance is common among our people. The reason we cannot keep black dollars in the black community is because deep down, SOME black people would rather give their money to ANYONE non-black than to a black person.

Ever notice how there could be two carry out stores, one owned by someone of Middle-Eastern descent, and the other by someone of African descent. For some subconscious reason, we would go into the non-black store first before supporting the black business. We have truly lost our black pride and spirit of family.

how 'can a group of people with so much power and potential be so self-destructive?'. Think about this, out of all of the shootings that have occurred since June 1. EVERY ONE OF THEM INVOLVED A BLACK PERSON. At this time, black people have killed more people than the Ku Klux Klan ever did.

QUESTION#3.

3. What's next?

HUTCH:

I am not sure. I know I will focus on me a little more. I over heard someone say, "Hutch is a scam artist." She didn't know who I was so I asked her, "what makes you think that?" She said 'because in 2009 he threw a Fake Yo Gotti concert and he didn't show up.' I asked her did she know that Yo Gotti was actually in town that night to do the show? Because he was. I asked her did she know that there were other individuals involved with the concert and not just him? Because there were. I asked her did she know that the money that Yo Gotti

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To apply, send resume and contact information with three professional references to Grace Community Center P.O. Box 5419, Toledo, Ohio 43610-0519 or (MS Word format only) to gcommu8708@bex.net. Additional information on Grace Community Center can be found on our website located at www.amazinggrace.org.

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A Poverty Tour for the Poor in America

By Annette Wright
Special to The Truth

By now, just about everyone has heard about the big fall-out between Tavis Smiley/Dr. Cornell West and President Obama/Tom Joyner/Al Sharpton and (your name here?). The word on the streets is that Smiley and West are quite upset that the president did not personally appear on Smiley's Black Agenda summit during the '08 campaign season and that President Obama did not invite Dr. West to the Inauguration. Well, if that is indeed the case, then hell hath no fury like a brother scorned.

That seemed to be the mindset of a large gathering of Obama supporters who were among hundreds of people who were present today in the Detroit City Council Chambers to hear Smiley and West's rationalization for their 15 city Poverty Tour. Friday a rallying call was put out to Detroiters to put on their Obama gear and meet down at the Coleman A. Young Municipal Building to block Smiley and West from entering the building and to show President Obama that Detroiters' love and support

him. Although the show of support for the President was impressive what was even more impressive was the larger number of Detroiters who showed up in support of the Poverty Tour and who passionately and sometimes fiercely (yes it went there, too) felt that President Obama had fallen short of showing compassion for poor people.

After many verbal outbursts and name-calling, Tavis Smiley took to the microphone and stood toe-to-toe with those who were there to accuse him of "hating Obama, being jealous of Obama, and working for the radical right." Unfazed by the accusations, Smiley stated that he was there to speak "truth to power." He noted that many of those in attendance were wearing T-shirts bearing the image of Dr. King and President Obama.

To that, Smiley noted that Dr. King was a prophet, while President Obama is a politician. Continuing, Smiley shared with the audience that if Dr. King were alive today, he would be doing exactly

what he was doing when he was gunned down at the Lorraine Hotel in Memphis: campaigning for poor people and bring light to the plight of those who are impoverished. It was at that point that the hecklers began to settle down and a somewhat civil dialog.

Accompanying Smiley and West was Detroit's own beloved Congressman John Conyers, Jr. who spoke briefly after Smiley shared with the audience that Congressman Conyers voted "no" on the debt-deal that passed last week. In his brief statement, Congressman Conyers wanted everyone present to know that he would be meeting with President Obama in the White House on Wednesday and that he was going to tell the President to "just calm down...you are from Chicago, you are were a Community Organizer..." and proceed to tell him what was being said at the Detroit stop of the Poverty

Introduced as the DuBois of our time by Smiley, Cornell West, Ph.D., received a standing ovation. Staying

true to form, West made a formidable impression before speaking a word when he jumped up on the higher-level podium where Councilwoman JoAnne Watkins was seated and, with feet in the air, planted a big kiss on her cheek. With that, he seemed very eager to share why he personally felt that a Poverty Tour was not only necessary

but required for such a time as this.

And to dispel the anger of those who felt that he was simply "mad at the President" West said that he not only loved President Obama but that he would take a bullet for President Obama...albeit in the arm, because he would save his heart for his moma. Smiley and West shared

some factual data with everyone that didn't seem to really surprise this Detroit audience. Detroiters and Toledoans know all too well about the foreclosures, joblessness, poverty and the seeming destruction and assault on the middle-class. Congressman

Conyers said the unem-
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20th Annual TMGA National Invitational

By Elisha Phillips
Sojourner's Truth Reporter

The Toledo Minority Golf Association (TMGA), under the direction of Charles Cohen, held their 20th Annual Junior Invitational Golf Tournament this past weekend at Detwiler Park. On Sunday, Aug. 7, 2011, the young golf-

ers wrapped up their tournament and fans along with family members gathered around to celebrate and congratulate the participants.

"In my 15 years in the golf business, I have worked with many organizations that we

as PGA members partner with to help Grow the Game. I can honestly say, I have never met a better organized group of mentors, nor have I met a greater group of young golfers. The young men and women of the TMGA always show respect, honor and integrity to the Game of Golf, the facility and to their mentors as well as each other. I consider myself blessed to have the opportunity to come into contact with such a wonderful group of people who are literally changing lives and the game of golf, for the better." - Cody W. Morse, PGA Professional, Detwiler Park Golf Course.

TMGA was a program designed for minority youth from primarily working class and lower middle class backgrounds. The Annual Junior Invitational Golf Tournament has been in existence since 1992 and is filled with youth all across the nation.

Cohen, along with about 20 other adults formed the non-profit TMGA to coach and guide minority youth from the ages of 10 to 17.

"I recruit kids from all

over," Cohen told The Truth several years ago of the program that starts every year in January. "We will choose 16 to 20 and go strong through the winter months. I tell them 'here is a game you can play on your own, here is a game I want you to try, we will provide everything you need - clubs, shoes and so forth.'"

Brandon Jackson, a junior at Rogers High School, was announced as the first place winner in the second flight of the tournament. He finished with a score of 159.

"This feeling is great and I would definitely like to play golf professionally," said Jackson.

After high school Jackson wants to attend The Ohio State University as an Evan Scholar.

Emmanuel Petrich, a sophomore at Bethune Cookman University, was also announced first place men's champion in the first flight at the TMGA tournament for the second year in a row. This criminal justice major with a minor in theatre art, hailing from Grand Blanc, Michigan, is also striving to become a professional golfer.

He wrapped up the tournament by scoring 138.

First place in the women's championship was Sierra Everson completing the tournament with a 142. Everson is a rising senior at Gahanna Lincoln High School in Gahanna, Ohio. Although

she doesn't know what university she plans to attend, she did mention that she was being looked at by Akron University. Golf is something she is looking forward to playing as a profession and she hopes to make it on the LPGA tour.

**Poverty Tour**

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employment rate in Detroit is officially 31 percent and that one percent of the wealthiest Americans pretty much call the shots. West said, "there has been warfare against poor people." No one argued these facts, but instead began to shout "so what's your plan?!" To which Dr. West replied that the plan begins with a rallying cry to start a revolution by way of the Poverty Tour. He noted that no meaningful change can come out of the voice of those who are the most affected being heard. The Poverty

Tour is a voice for the poor.

After nearly two hours of questions and answers, another possible reason for the drama in Detroit today came into focus as Smiley and West went on and on, addressing question after question, taking hit after hit. What was truly bothering the "Obama supporters" was that Smiley and West were airing our dirty laundry, if you will. -By the way, the overwhelming majority of those present voted for and continue to support Obama. -However, there seemed to be something very

discomforting about Black people telling a Black President that he needs to do something for poor (Black) people - and do it quick for they are truly suffering and there's an election around the corner. Like Tavis Smiley said, "there's a board on the wall in the Obama-campaign office in Chicago...on that board, there is a real concern for the President: you can only play the history card once." In order to win in 2012, President Obama is going to have to do something to motivate African Americans.


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