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This Strikes Us ...

A Sojourner's Truth Editorial

Just a few weeks ago, the U. S. Supreme Court released its ruling in the case of *Ricci vs. DeStefano* and, by a five to four vote, overturned a lower court ruling that would have permitted the city of New Haven, CO to throw out fire fighter test results. No African-American firefighters had done well enough on the tests to qualify for promotion and the city feared that it would be subjected to law suits if it did not heed the goals of affirmative action.

Just a few days ago, Mayor Carty Finkbeiner decided to veto a Toledo City Council resolution to immediately hire 11 fire fighters. Those 11 are part of a group of 40 who were prepared to enter a training class in December, 2008. The class was scrapped in a budget cutting move.

The problem for this city is that a shortage of fire fighters actually means more overtime pay, creating an even larger budget deficit. Hiring the 11, who are all either certified or have some sort of previous training, would have eliminated at least \$1 million in overtime in fiscal 2010.

Toledo City Council voted unanimously to hire the 11 fire fighters, all of whom are white. The mayor vetoes the resolution because he said it would violate the consent decree signed by the late federal judge, Don Young, in 1974.

How much irony can we now find in this nation's commitment to affirmative action? Most of it is right here in these two situations dealing with fire fighters in the towns of New Haven and Toledo.

First, we have to remember that the now-scorned Republican President Richard Nixon was in office when the most effective affirmative action was passed, and passed with his approval and commitment. This, ladies and gentlemen, is the same Richard Nixon, an opponent of abortion, who was caught on tape delineating the few exceptions he could think of to a ban on abortion. These were *Roe v. Wade* times. One of those exceptions, said Nixon, should be in a pregnancy between "a black and a white."

Then, as we fast forward to present day, we find in the City of New Haven, 18 firemen who filed suit against the city for dismissing the test results, one of them being Latino who finished sixth overall. On the evening of the Supreme Court ruling, this gentleman was out celebrating and was beaten up in a restaurant men's room, probably by other firemen. The beating landed him in the hospital.

Here in Toledo, 11 City Council members, including three African-Americans, voted to hire the 11 fire fighters in order to save the city at least \$1 million dollars at a time when city leaders are trying to close a \$12 million budget deficit.

"Race was not an issue, not a consideration in my vote," said Councilman Michael Ashford.

How much affirmative action do we still need, and for how long?

In 2003, the Supreme Court ruled in two University of Michigan cases. By a five to four majority, the Court ruled in favor of the university's admissions programs which takes race into account (*Grutter v. Bollinger*), and by a six to three majority in *Gratz v. Bollinger* ruled that the specific undergraduate admissions policies had to be changed, but that race could still be a consideration.

Here again is where we just stumble along on the issue of affirmative action or preferences in this country.

Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, the swing vote who swung on that day between the two majority blocs, graduated from the very prestigious Stanford School of Law in the mid-1950's - third in her class. She could only find jobs after graduation as a secretary because so few firms back then would hire a female as a lawyer.

Justice Clarence Thomas got into college and Yale Law School - even more prestigious than Stanford - precisely because of affirmative action and felt so demeaned and betrayed by that experience that he wishes that shame upon no minority ever again. Quite obviously he votes against affirmative action in every circumstance.

Circuit Court Judge Sonia Sotomayor, President Obama's nominee for the Supreme Court, ruled for the City of New Haven's action in the *Ricci* case and has been catching flack from conservatives who have been heaping scorn upon her at least in part because of that ruling.

She has also been catching scorn because she has stated that her experience as a Latina must inevitably influence her decisions on the bench. Of course, Justice Thomas's experiences have also influenced his opinions just as he has often admitted. And Justice Samuel Alito, of the Court's conservative wing, has said his family's immigrant status has shaped his thoughts on the law.

If we see nothing else on the affirmative action landscape, we see confusion and disorderliness. But for how much longer?

Justice O'Connor wrote in *Grutter*: "We expect 25 years from now, the use of racial preferences will no longer be necessary to further the interest approved today."

Good luck with that.

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July 13-17

Church Revival at Greater St. Mary's MBC: 7 pm nightly; Revivalist Robert Lyons of Market Place Ministries of Dayton

July 12-August 1

Happy Family Seminar: UN Scott Park Campus; Sundays through Saturdays - no Tuesdays or Thursdays: 419-508-9648 or 419-474-6639

July 14

Area Office on Aging Kinship Summer Series: Walbridge Park Shelter Houses; 11 am to 1 pm

July 16

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Third Thursday Downtown Art Walk: 6 to 9 pm; A dozen downtown galleries will open their doors in the evening

July 18

Summer Concert in Ottawa Park: DeZire (Motown); 6 to 8 pm: 419-936-2700
West Toledo Bereavement Support Ministry: Community Center at Port Lawrence Homes; 10 am: 419-241-2133

4th Annual NAMI Walk Kick-Off Picnic: 9 am to 1 pm; 930 S. Detroit; Free food, activities

July 19

Jerusalem MBC Women and Men's Day: "Christian Men & Women Growing in Grace;" 11 am Men's Day speaker Rev. A.L. Owens of Cleveland; Women; 4 pm women's Day speaker Sis W. Jean Lark of Union Grove: 419-248-2139

July 20-24

Worship Center's Vacation Bible School: Ages 4 to 11; 9 am to 12:30 pm; Serving breakfast and lunch daily

July 21

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July 23

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July 24

True Vine MBC 8th Pastoral Anniversary: Celebrating Pastor Melvin Barnes and First Lady Jeanette Barnes; 4 pm; Guests Bishop Duane Tisdale and Friendship Church; "Called to Be a Servant Leader"

July 25

Summer Concert in Ottawa Park: On the Beach (Pop; Rock); 6 to 8 pm: 419-936-2700
Car & Bike Show: Promenade Park; Trophies, dance contests, live performances: 419-691-2345

July 25-26

Calvary Baptist Church Women's Day
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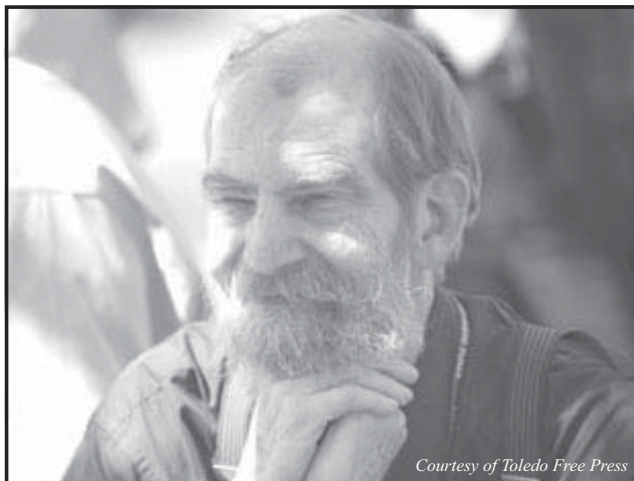
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In Memoriam**Robert Brundage, Ph.D – Scientist, Musician, Community Activist, Cultivator**

Courtesy of Toledo Free Press

Robert Brundage, an Old West End resident, died on July 7 at the age of 66 after spending two weeks in a coma. Brundage, an avid bicycle rider, was assaulted on June 22 by a 15-year old youth who punched him in the head, knocked him to the ground

and stole his bicycle.

Brundage was in intensive care at St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center during the weeks preceding his death.

A Toledo native, Brundage graduated from Scott High School in 1960. During his high school days, he played cello in the Toledo

Youth Orchestra. An honors student at Scott, Brundage won scholarships from two national organizations – Phi Kappa Phi and the National Science Foundation.

He graduated from The University of Toledo in 1964 with a bachelor's of science degree in engineering physics.

He also studied philosophy and the cello at UT.

He earned a doctorate in biophysics from Brandeis University in 1969 where he also studied chemistry and cello.

He remained in Massachusetts working as a research scientist, engineer and owned – since 1983 – a sound-recording company. He played cello for the Boston Civic Symphony.

In 1998, Brundage returned to his hometown to care for

his father and “to optimize existing networks” he would later write on his Facebook page.

Brundage became engaged in numerous community activities upon his return to Toledo in areas such as education, arts, social justice and jobs creation. He was active with the Collingwoods Arts Center, the Toledo Poetry Foundation, the Urban Coalition, the MultiFaith Council of Northwest Ohio, the Toledo Area Jobs With

Justice Coalition, Community Shares of Northwest Ohio, Toledo Grows, Toledo Central City Neighborhoods Community Development Corporation, The Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments and Toledo Metroparks.

On his Facebook page, Brundage listed his employer as “the Toledo community” and his position as “cultivator.”

Reflections on a Friend – Mine and the Community's

By Steven Flagg
Guest Column

This past June 22, our community was a victim of a senseless act of violence when our friend Robert Brundage was attacked as he peacefully rode his bike through a neighborhood he grew up in and cared so much about.

Kind, gentle, compassionate, caring, civic minded, generous, environmentally conscious, intelligent, scholarly, eclectic, community cultivator only just begin to describe a person known by many in our community as Bob, Dr. Bob or just Robert.

Robert was a modern renaissance man. He approached his interests in a scholarly manner, accumulated a wealth of knowledge

about a subject, and was always willing to share and educate others. From music to math, from physics to poetry, Robert devoted his life to his passion for learning.

Over the last 10 years, I saw Robert at least once a week. I am one of those that called Robert a friend and had the good fortune to be described by Robert as a dear friend. He saw in me, as he did with many others, an opportunity to cultivate a broader relationship within our community among those working to make Toledo a better place to live. He forged a bond and invited me into his life and those activities he cherished.

ished.

I can't begin to explain how I felt on his passing beyond a deep loss and a void that can never be filled. I certainly can't tell others what Robert would want them to take from his life and its tragic end. But as Robert always advised me to find the good in every situation, I take this as an opportunity to honor him and his legacy by continuing the work we shared passionately.

Both of us have an enthusiasm for improving our community, the children we see as our future and the history and architecture of Toledo. We have a deep belief in finding common ground among the

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**Enough Is enough; We Must Redefine Politics**

By Stephen Ward
Guest Column

An example of how politics are played in Toledo was on display recently. Once again, it will be the citizens of Toledo who will suffer. I believe the citizens are tired of the status quo, frustrated with the back room politics and growing weary of their voices not being heard. At what point will Toledo politicians stop making important decisions, without getting the input from the citizens who will be affected by those decisions?

With the resignation of Council President Mark Sobczak, it opened up the game of politics in Toledo. With the vacant seat on City Council the Republicans are outnumbered

by the Democrats 7-3, with one independent. Therefore, it was no secret that those on City Council would accept the recommendation of the Lucas County Democratic Party's Executive Committee and appoint Steve Steel to the vacant council seat.

While I respect anyone who would like to go into public service, I believe the current process in the city charter does not provide the opportunity for the citizens to select the candidate whom they would like to fill the vacant City Council seat. At the end of the day everyone is affected by the issues, both Democrat and

Republican. If you are a citizen of Toledo, the issues of Toledo affect you. Therefore, you deserve the right to be involved in the decision making process.

Unfortunately, with the City Council appointment, that right has been taken away from you. This is why I did not seek the recommendation of either party to fill the vacant seat. I believe that responsibility should rest in the hearts of Toledo citizens and not in the back room deals of politics. Lastly, it is a disservice to the citizens of Toledo for candidates to put up their signs all over the city, but you never hear the candidate address their

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Revisiting the Ugliness of Central High School

Special to The Truth

It has become clearer over this past school year why we, advocates, are hated so much by the Toledo Public School System. I could never figure out why would a group of people (TPS administrators, teachers, mis-informed community) hate us so much when the volunteer hours we put in benefit children. African American Parents' Association advocates for parents, all children, teachers, and others attempting to ensure a quality education for all children. We ask for nothing in return. Just righting a child's educational ship is enough for us. Sometimes we have succeeded, sometimes we haven't. But seeing students that we have helped become successful is rewarding in itself.

The article in The Toledo Blade, June 10, 2009, concerning Scott High School's plan to move to the Devilbiss building brings the picture into focus. Eureka! We are not held in high esteem because we are the eyes, ears and reporters to our communities, something that is not always wanted especially in light of wrongdoing.

This article is so off the mark that again I wonder why would a newspaper put a community and its children in jeopardy? Would it perform in that manner because they don't know, don't care or to spend tax money thereby stimulating the economy and hope for the best.

I attended the public hearing that TPS used to inform the Toledo Technology

Academy community of parents that their school was going to be inhabited by Scott High School students for the next two years. It was not a nice meeting, as a matter of fact it was a very ugly and revealing meeting. It went something like this: On the last day of school a meeting was held with TTA parents, with another meeting with Scott parents scheduled to be held the next day. The Scott parent meeting was cancelled during the ensuing meeting. It was announced that TTA would share the building with Scott students and the meeting went downhill from there. There was name calling, crying students and attempts to mollify the TTA parents by stating to them that more police would

be at the school and that a barrier would be erected to separate the students. The meeting could not have been any uglier if it had taken place at Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas in 1957.

For Superintendent Foley to state that "Overall, people were fairly supportive of the move" can only be construed as a lie. For this reporter to propagate the lie is irresponsible. If she did not know the true feelings of the TTA parents and students she simply did not do her homework.

Further a school board meeting was held June 8, 2009, in which \$750,000.00 was allocated for the "existence of an urgent necessity related to the preparation of the former Devilbiss High School to house high school students from Scott High School." I am assuming the "urgent necessity" is to build the barrier to keep the students separated. The Resolution No.340-2009 states in all capital letters, "A RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT IMPROVEMENTS TO THE FORMER DEVILBISS HIGH SCHOOL SO THAT IT CAN BE USED TO HOUSE

STUDENTS FROM SCOTT HIGH SCHOOL THIS SCHOOL YEAR ARE NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE HEALTH AND WELFARE OF THE STUDENTS AND STAFF OF THE SCOTT HIGH SCHOOL AND DECLARING AN URGENT NECESSITY RELATING THERETO. The language alone would be alarming to me as a parent and community member.

Both communities should be informed as to what is going on before the start of the new school year. This is a recipe for disaster that can and could have been prevented. The TTA parents rightfully should be upset because information was not given in a timely manner, the Scott parents should likewise be upset because not only was information not given in a timely manner but information is being withheld and sugar coated with The Blade being complicit in keeping Scott parents in the dark.

The leadership at TPS has to change in order for peace to be an insured part of the next school year. We don't want nor need a return of the

ominous climate of Central High in any Toledo Public School.

I began with an attempt to understand why AAPA and other organizations are castigated by the TPS system when all we want is a quality education for all students, so that these student's futures are secured, that they will become model citizens and possibly, just possibly emerge as the next leaders of our communities, our cities, our states and our nation. The "goings on" of the past week have revealed the why.

We cannot and will not stand by while the lives of our future are being diminished, devalued, disenfranchised and dismissed by people charged with the responsibility of providing educational opportunities for all children. We will continue to be the eyes, ears and reporters of wrongdoing and hopefully others will join this effort.

Twila Page
African American Parents' Association

Enough

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platform to the citizens. We must reconsider our methods. It should not be about how many signs a candidate has, but rather the quality of our service and relationship to mankind.

On July 7, City Council selected the new council president, and appointed Steve Steel to the vacant council seat. According to WTOL news (posted online June 24, 2009) Steel said, "Folks know who I am, where I stand on issues. I'd been in the public eye for 3 1/2 years. We deal with the same public scrutiny and transparency issues accountability to voters, to constituents, a lot of similar issues council faces."

The issue here is accountability. Mr. Steel was elected by the citizens of Toledo to serve on the TPS School Board. Currently, the Toledo Public Schools are facing many problems.

Instead of the TPS School Board President fulfilling his term, he bailed out to seek another political office. In doing so, he has let our children within the Toledo Public Schools down, as his work simply wasn't done.

At any rate, when people are elected to serve, they should serve their full term. I believe Steel owes everyone who voted for him to get on the TPS School Board an explanation as to why he could not fulfill his term on that board.

Lastly, the citizens of Toledo may not have had a say as to who they wanted appointed to the vacant council seat; however, know that this is not the conclusion of the matter.

On September 15 during the primary election, the citizens of Toledo will have a chance to redefine politics. I encourage the

citizens of Toledo to let your voices be heard at the polls. Please let us not forget about our future and the future of our children. Let us not be intimidated or bamboozled into voting frivolously because of the number of campaign signs that a candidate may have. It is time for Toledo to say enough is enough. If the politicians won't hear us now, then perhaps they will listen to us when we cast our votes at the polls. It is not about who is the most popular, it is about what is right...if we vote the same, we will get the same. It's time for a change! It's time to take action now for all people!

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"No, No, No," Says Ashford, But With Good Reason He Explains

By Fletcher Word
Sojourner's Truth Editor

Over the past week, Toledo City Councilman Michael Ashford has turned his thumb down, in vain, on three pieces of crucial legislation proposed by Mayor Carty Finkbeiner's administration. Each time, said Ashford, it was a matter of using "common sense" and continuing his quest to be a "good steward of taxpayers' money."

Each time, however, Ashford was in a distinct minority on City Council and the legislation has passed without his assistance.

"No" to selling 58 acres on the East Toledo riverfront to developer Larry Dillin for the Marina District; "no" to a new police union contract that would purportedly save the city \$2.4 million through the end of 2009 and just under \$800,000 in 2010; "no" to the administration's request to spend \$12.2 million to purchase 40 automated garbage trucks.

"I voted against [selling the land] because the mayor has already spent \$10.6 million from the [capital improvement program] for infrastruc-



ture and road development at the Marina District—with no vertical development," said Ashford late last week in a conversation with The Truth.

"This is a tough economy, banks have quit lending and that \$10.6 million could have paved 30 miles in our neighborhoods," said Ashford. "My vote was strictly a matter of the money and there have been no guarantees that

future CIP monies won't be spent. All over the country cities are putting development projects on hold and we haven't effectively addressed street re-pavement in years."

Ashford, a Democrat, and Councilman D. Michael Collins, an independent, were the only no votes to the agreement that requires Dillin to pay \$3.6 million for the prop-

erty and to begin erecting buildings by Dec. 31, 2010.

According to the mayor, he expects Dillin to present a check within days.

Saying "no" again, Ashford was one of three council members—along with fellow Democrat Frank Szollosi and Republican Tom Waniewski—to vote against the new police contract. The new contract requires officers to pay into their own pen-

Ashford believes that the city administration is being overly optimistic about the amount of money that the taxpayers will approve in that re-formulation.

"They are counting on \$3.9 million to help stabilize this year's deficit," said the councilman. "I don't see that happening."

As for the automated trash pickup system, Ashford also voted against that proposal,

for the new trucks.

"I am a fan of automation but they have not had even a general plan for implementing this," said Ashford. "There is no plan or priority. We have a department in place that provides a great service and some neighborhoods in some parts would benefit from automation."

The week did not end with Ashford casting a no vote on every significant issue that

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sion plan for six months, requires them to pay a portion of their health insurance costs and freezes wages for two years. It also defers all overtime payments until March 2010—for Ashford one of the sticking points.

"First, I want to commend police officers for taking zero percent increase for the next two years," said Ashford in explaining his no vote on the contract. "However my decision as a taxpayer—I have three problems. First, moving overtime to a lump sum payment in March 2010—we don't know if we will have it."

"Second, the administration dropped the ball when they didn't restore all 75 [laid-off officers] back to the streets. Third, this contract does not prevent future layoffs for 2010 and 2011. We could find ourselves in the same position next year. The administration is hoping they can save money by having the voters change the formula for the three-fourths percent funding."

along with Waniewski and the newly appointed councilman, Steve Steel.

The plan calls for a switch to automated trucks which would need only a driver rather than a three-person crew cutting about 70 jobs from the solid waste division.

"I'm the chair of the Utilities and Environment committee. From the beginning, the Finkbeiner administration proposed a plan to automate and said it would be \$3 million in savings," said Ashford. "But this year we have a \$12 million deficit. We should address that deficit first and get police officers back before we spend other money."

But it's more than just a matter of the money, said the District 4 representative. He is also concerned that the administration has not thought through the implementation of the automated system, particularly given the fact that some streets in the city, in places such as the Old West End, central Toledo and East Toledo, are too narrow

came before council. City Council passed a resolution suggesting that the mayor immediately hire 11 firefighters with either previous experience or firefighting certification. The 11 are part of a group of 40 that would have begun training at the end of December 2008. That class was canceled as a cost savings measure.

The mayor has objected to the hiring because all 11 are white and he has stated that such a move would violate the consent decree issued by the late Judge Don Young of the U.S. District Court in 1974.

Council has proposed hiring the 11 in order to save an estimated \$1 million in fire overtime for fiscal 2010. The vote on council was 11 to 0. For Ashford, "race was not an issue, not a consideration in my vote."

This time, however, it was the mayor who said "no."

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Alexander Zonjic and Suzette Cowell



"Did you ever think you would see anything like this in Toledo?" asked Suzette Cowell, CEO of the Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union (TUFUCU) and organizer of the African American Festival, as she gazed over the crowd at the festival on Saturday night.

It was a crowd that one of the nearby police officers estimated to be far more than 5,000 at the Scott Park Campus of The University of Toledo.

And at that moment, the crowd was being entertained by The Manhattans, the final act of the evening. Earlier acts included Priscilla, the Skip Turner Band, vocalist Ramona Collins and jazz guitarist Joyce Cooling. While The Manhattans were the big draw for the first night of entertainment, it was local jazz artist Collins who really got the audience fired up and Cooling who "mesmerized" them, said Cowell.

The second afternoon and evening featured the Friendship Baptist Church Choir, First Creation, guitarist Nick Colionne, jazz flutist Alexander Zonjic with The Motor City Horns and the Rance Allen Group.

The Manhattans may have packed the house on the first night, but the Rance Allen Group not only surpassed those gaudy numbers

and had the audience on its feet from the moment the group was introduced. It was a fitting end to the weekend.

This was the fifth annual African American Festival and, as usual, the weekend opened with a Friday morning prayer breakfast at Friendship Baptist Church and a parade at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday morning that started in

Smith Park on Dorr, headed south to Indiana Avenue and west from that point.

The festival began in 2005 at the corner of Indiana and Detroit. In that first year, between 600 and 700 tickets were sold, The Truth reported. Also in that first year, Zonjic started working with Cowell

to put the entertainment in place.

"He was so touched at seeing what we were trying to do that he came on board," recalled Cowell. And stayed on board.

The festival moved out of the central city in 2008 to its current Scott Park location.

Attendance for last year was close to 15,000 as a health fair component was added.


This year, the festival added free carnival rides for children – courtesy of State Farm Insurance – and the numbers of vendors have continued to grow. Attendance topped out at an early

estimate of 20,000. The growth in ticket sales was especially critical this year since the festival lost a number of sponsors due to the difficult economic times.

Everything fell into place this year. Even the weather cooperated on Saturday morning when the thunderstorms in the area stopped about 15 minutes before the parade was scheduled to start.

It was a satisfying result for the person who was inspired years ago to do what many others had felt was an impossible task. Cowell is especially proud of the fact that she and her committee are able to bring such quality activities and entertainment to the local area for only \$6 a ticket. By comparison, the Art Tatum Heritage Jazz Festival, which is on hiatus this summer, has charged almost three times that much in recent years.

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Joan, Doctor and Sally's Daughter

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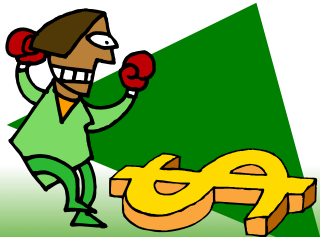
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Tackling Tough Times

The Green Economy Means More Color-Collar Jobs

By Rubin Patterson
Guest Column



Yes, we all know about blue-collar jobs and white-collar jobs, and many of us even know about so-called pink-collar jobs, which are jobs women predominantly hold, such as in nursing and secretarial occupations. Fortunately, of late, everyone is also talking about new green-collar jobs. Generally, however, when people think about the latest color-collar jobs, what many have in mind are entirely new occupations in the green sector that have no conspicuous connection to existing job categories. Nothing could be farther from the truth.

Truth be told, green jobs are primarily graphed onto existing jobs. You might think of it as traditional blue and white-collar jobs applied in the green production and distribution of products and services. Hundreds of thousands of Ohioans are already working in jobs in which they are applying some of the skills that are required by green producers and their suppliers. In other words, the skills associated with traditional white-collar and blue-collar

jobs are transferable to the green sector, but such skills must first be augmented with additional knowledge and skills.

Will blue-collar jobs applied in green industries become known as "turquoise-collar" jobs (mixing blue with green) just as white-collar jobs applied in green industries may become known as "lime-collar" jobs (mixing white with green)?

The overwhelming majority of so-called green-collar jobs in existence today, and that will be in existence tomorrow, are of these turquoise and lime varieties. Surprisingly, despite all the buzz and hype about new green-collar jobs, relatively few will come to us *de novo* or totally brand new with no obvious extension of well-known skilled blue-collar or professional white-collar occupations.

Before workers can apply the skills acquired from traditional white-collar and blue-collar occupations productively in green industries, they first need a new base of knowledge. The breadth and depth of that knowledge will no doubt depend on the career choices one makes.

Obviously, for example, electrical engineers will likely need more abstract scientific knowledge about energy efficiency and pollution than millwrights, while retrofitters of old buildings will need more applied scientific skills in controlling energy efficiency and pollution than

operations managers will need.

Community colleges and universities are moving briskly now to cobble together curricula to help prepare and credential students and workers for these green-related jobs by providing the requisite bases of abstract

workers.

Just a few of the hundreds of white-collar occupations that play prominent roles in the green sector (and the associated 2007 hourly manufacturing wages in Ohio) are operations managers (\$41.30 hourly); construction managers (\$39.21) and electrical

blowing insulation, and installing and maintaining solar panels. These are jobs that cannot be off-shored.

The production technologies necessary to make these greening technologies have to be designed, engineered and manufactured somewhere in the world, and with

tional help from institutions such as the Ohio Department of Development and The University of Toledo, can position our region to accelerate innovation and commercialization of green production technologies.

Fellow citizens should start today investigating the turquoise or lime-type jobs they want and envision for themselves in the near future and start preparing for such jobs. Currently the development of a green economy is a gut issue in our society, and the movement toward this ideal is not only unstoppable by starting to accelerate. That is, the greening pace is quickening, moving from a quick gait to a slow gallop and on to hopefully a gazelle-like speed.

From the US House of Representatives' passage last month of the American Clean Energy and Security Act that is designed to limit climate change and build a clean energy economy (that President Obama appears eager to sign into law), to the richest most industrialized nations' agreement this month, for the first time, that they should collectively cut carbon emissions by 80 percent by 2050, the new way of doing business will soon be upon us.

Therefore, we want citizens of our communities to be prepared for employment in jobs or positions that will help private and public sector institutions to operate in the new emerald world.

So, the bottom line is that terms "lime-collar" and "turquoise-collar" jobs may not enter the official or popular labor lexicon, but many of the existing blue-collar and white-collar occupations will be extended into an emerging green sector.

That said, let's all agree not to come up with the moniker "brown-collar" jobs. Brown is what we get from mixing pink-collar jobs in the green sector.

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and applied knowledge.

According to the National Association of Manufacturers, 90 percent of surveyed manufacturers indicated a moderate-to-severe shortage of qualified skilled manufacturing and production employees such as machinists and engineering technicians. The point is that, since green jobs are largely extensions of existing blue-collar and white-collar jobs, those green occupations that are extensions of existing blue and white-collar occupations with an insufficient supply of workers will also be telegraphed and amplified as occupations with too few green-collar

engineers (\$38.21). A few of the hundreds of turquoise-collar occupations—some skilled, others not—that have prominent roles to play in the green sector include millwrights (\$35.45), machinists (\$16.39), roofers (\$16.3), and production helpers (\$10.92).

Like other large industrial states of the Midwest, Ohio has been seeking to pivot from a traditional manufacturing base to a new high-tech, high-value-added production base. Since 2000, the state has lost well over a quarter million manufacturing jobs. Nearly one in five jobs in Ohio was in manufacturing in 1996, but a decade later that share had dropped to 14 percent.

It is evident that metropolitan Toledo and the rest of northwest Ohio, indeed like the rest of the state, need new sources of living-wage jobs for its residents. Lime, green, and turquoise-collar jobs won't necessarily be sufficient to replace all those blue-collar and white-collar workers downsized due to automation and globalization, but the generation of such jobs will be a huge start and will obviously contribute to a more sustainable future.

Ohio has the potential to be a significant producer of the technologies the world needs in order to carry out our immediate greening activities at the local, level such as retrofitting older buildings,

Ohio's premium manufacturing infrastructure and experience, the state can be a key player in this arena.

There are three major ways workers worldwide will benefit from the greening economy. First, everyone and every ecosystem will benefit from a more sustainable world.

Second, workers in local areas throughout the world will benefit from employment opportunities associated with retrofitting buildings and developing other forms of energy efficiency. Again, those jobs can't be outsourced.

Even countries such as Bangladesh and Zambia will benefit, among other ways, by producing and installing new solar stoves and thereby eliminating biomass open-fire-based energy generation for food preparation, heat, and light. Some three-quarters of Sub-Saharanans are without electricity as are one-half of South Asians. Swapping these home energy sources will employ millions of local workers.

Unlike the first two ways in which workers will benefit from a greening economy, the third way will be more restricted to a limited number of jurisdictions scattered throughout the world that are in position to pioneer and innovate a green economy quickly.

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Local Business Owners Pursue Network Marketing Opportunities

Sojourner's Truth Staff

Want to own your own business? Do you have \$300 to \$500 to invest? Do you know people? Are you willing and able to call on the people you know and enlist their help in your fledgling enterprise – as either consumers or business partners?

If the answers to the above questions are “yes,” welcome to the world of network marketing or multi-level marketing.

These days there are millions of people around the world, as many as 13 million in the United States alone, building, or trying to build a business in network marketing. And they are selling products to one another and a broad base of consumers in just about every type of product or service available.

In order to start up a business, you need to be willing and you need to have the time, in most cases just a couple of hours a day, to “network” with others, starting with those folks you know.

What you don't need is a marketing budget, huge amounts of start-up capital, vendor licenses, storage facilities or show rooms.

Network marketing is based on word of mouth advertising – the business owner using a product and then telling friends, neighbors, co-workers and family about it. The attraction for those flocking into this method of delivering goods to the market is that they get paid for that word of mouth.

What network market-

ing does in its purest form is eliminate middle-men in the delivery of goods and services – direct sales, in other words.

What network marketing is not, or should not be, is a pyramid scheme. A pyramid scheme is defined by Wikipedia as “a non-sustainable business model that involves the exchange of money prima-

Clearly some such businesses are more sustainable than others, compensation plans differs and the level of expertise in the companies will vary.

Not everyone who becomes involved in network marketing has the same goal. Some want to supplement their incomes, some want to strike it rich, some want to deliver qual-

work. MonaVie is a fairly new company – founded in 2005 – that specializes in the distribution of nutritional products, specifically blends using the acai berry which is found in the jungles of the Amazon.

This is the second network marketing company Mesley has joined. She was involved with a telecom company for several years.

Why network marketing for Mesley?

“Because it is one of the best wealth industries,” she said. “Network marketing has created more millionaires than any other industry. It's potential is life changing; it can create wealth for generations to come and has an unlimited residual income.”

And why MonaVie in particular?

“I liked the compensation plan,” she said. “I

looked at others and they can't compare. Also, it's not selling products, I am enlisting business partners. With this company, you can not only build wealth for yourself, you can take along your best friends and family.”

Mesley said her goal with MonaVie is “to become financially debt free for life and to create at least 20 millionaires with me in the next seven years.

Mesley can be reached by telephone at 419-450-3325 or by email at www.mymonavie.com/tinamesley.

Dana Slay, a full time officer in the Toledo Police Department, has been involved with network marketing since the early 1980's. She owns her business with Tahitian Noni International, also a nutritional group of bev-

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Tina Mesley



Sharon and Jimmy Gaines with granddaughter Jaedyn

rily for enrolling other people into the scheme, often without any product or service being delivered.”

As with all businesses, anyone interested in becoming a business owner and getting involved in network marketing needs to do his or her homework.

ity products to the general market place for the good of their consumers.

Some people jump in full time, others when they can spare a moment or two from their career positions.

Tina Mesley is a local real estate agent who is part of the MonaVie net-

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erages from the *morinda citrifolia*, a fruit found in the Pacific Islands.

The key for Slay is the nature of the product. She has always been involved with health products.

"It is ultimately for me a matter of being able to help other people," said Slay. "My passion is health and wellness. I know we need cell phones and soaps, but I can't get passionate about that. I can get passionate about helping people."

Slay's goal is to continue her full time job as a police officer and to ultimately build a large organization, "while helping others make a lot of money."

But having her own business is part of what motivates Slay as well. That part for her, as for so many others, is critical to the satisfaction of bringing products into people's lives that they want and need.

Slay can be reached at danaslay@yahoo.com for more information on her network.



Dana Slay

From the Amazon to You Mona Vie's Premier Acai Blend Packs a Healthful Punch



The secret to Monavie's premiere acai blend can be found thousands of miles away - deep in the Amazon rain forest of northern Brazil. The acai (pronounced ah-SIGH-ee) is the "crown jewel" of MonaVie's three products - MonaVie Original, MonaVie Active and MonaVie Pulse.

This small black-purple berry grows in clusters on the acai palm and has been revered for centuries by the people of Brazil's northern Amazon region.

There are three formulas currently available. MonaVie's Original; formula features the nutrient-dense acai berry and 18 other fruits. Some of these fruits are well-known, such as pomegranates, purple and white grapes, apples, cranberries, passion fruit, bananas, prunes, kiwis and blueberries.

Other fruits in the mixture are not so common - such as camu camu, which is also from the Amazon rainforest; bilberries, which are found throughout temperate and subarctic regions of the world; wolf berries and lychee from China and the acerola fruit, which is native to the West Indies and northern South America and is prized for its high vitamin C content.

For more information on all of the MonaVie products, go to our website at www.MyMonaVie.com/edwinamesley



For Jimmy and Sharon Gaines, finding products they like, they use and they can pass along to others is also critical.

Jimmy Gaines, a long-time city employee who wound up his career as director of the Department of Public Service, is now interim director of the ONYX Community Development Corporation. Sharon Gaines is a former educator with the Toledo Public Schools. They have been married since the 1970's and have been part of network marketing for just about as long with a variety of companies.

Their concept was always to find a level of productivity that would fit in with their careers - not necessarily to chase the unbounded riches of full-time participation.

"We have not been frivolous about the decisions of what company to go with," said Jimmy Gaines. "The ones we look at have products we use on a regular basis."

"We decided what level we want to go to in these companies and that has made us comfortable,"

said Sharon Gaines. We weren't going to give up careers."

In the mid-1990's, the couple decided to join Amway (Quixstar), the granddaddy of them all. Amway, which virtually developed the model for network marketing, just celebrated its 50th year of operations, giving the lie to the criticism that network marketing companies are by definition not sustainable.

Amway manufactures and distributes hundreds of products and, over the years, the Gaines have focused on health-related products, such as vitamins, and soaps. For many years, their basement was a storage room as they would have to drive to sites in Michigan to meet their "upline" partner and transfer the products into their vehicle.

Those products not used by the Gaines would be placed on shelves in their basement to be sold to consumers or their "downline" partners. Those days are long gone. The Internet enables the Gaines' network partners

and customers to order online only what is needed for immediate consumption.

"It's not just selling products," said Sharon Gaines. "It's knowing people who are going to bring in other people."

Several years ago, a network marketing company called Fortune Hi-Tech Marketing was formed and the Gaines became part of that network as well. They found it to be perfectly complementary to the Amway products because Fortune does not manufacture goods, just markets them. Virtually everything Fortune markets - cell phones, travel, alarm systems, for example - is for established companies seeking to gain an edge. And they are products that consumers such as the Gaines would use frequently in their everyday lives.

For Sharon and Jimmy Gaines, as with Tina Mesley and Dana Slay, network marketing has given them the opportunity to own a business and determine exactly how to fit that business into their lives with low risk and the potential of high reward.

"Do you have to be outgoing, a society butterfly to succeed?" asked Jimmy Gaines. "No, you have to be committed that you want to succeed. It's a business and you have to be dedicated to that. You do have to like people, though."

The Gaines' business can be reached online at www.galaca7.com.

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Squeeze Till It Hurts

By Rodney Neely
Guest Column



If you have been reading my articles regularly over the past year, you should have picked on some reoccurring themes.

First, you have to get educated about real estate before you put your money and/or credit at risk. Study as much as possible, read periodicals, or even take some courses to

get a firm grasp on the business aspect of the bricks and mortar before you dive into it. Secondly, you need to surround yourself with specialists in each designated field of support. Commercial and residential lenders, appraisers, contractors, title insurance company's and local real estate agents are all great re-

sources to provide a well-rounded look at real estate investing, managing, development or ownership.

I have also encouraged patience when entering into the business as a novice. Create a functioning strategy and work that plan while understanding that this business is fluid. There will be many twists and turns on your way to success. Nothing happens over night!

Nevertheless, I realize that many of you stay up late watching info-commercials on "how to get rich quick in real estate" and some of you actually believe it's just that easy. You think that if you buy a packet of information or CD's from some guy who's talking really fast and standing in front of a sports car then you will get filthy rich in

90 days...

I'm sorry to be the one to inform you, it's not going to happen! But, if you follow some very simple principles and have the patience to work your plan, it just might happen for you.

Personally, I stopped chasing the money years ago. I focus on success instead. I believe that eventually the money will take care of itself if I continue to apply what I've learned over the past 15 years, maintain fairness, honesty and integrity in every aspect of my life, business and personal. Then the financial rewards are organic and inevitable.

So I recommend for all of you what my elders have said to me and I say to my children. "You can't go wrong doing what's right!" This is particularly hard in a tough business environment when everyone is scrapping for every penny to make each deal pencil out economically. That's when it's especially important to maintain your principles and be shrewd, but honest.

Even in the face of some very difficult times ahead for the country, the Toledo market is still producing opportunities for both the beginner and the professional investor in residential and commercial real estate. Due to the availability of residential property, many casual investors are looking at the prospect of owning a few properties to supplement cash flow or as retirement tools. I think this is a smart way to back stop declining pension plans and falling wages in the local economy. Become a landlord.

In commercial property the risk is a bit greater, but so are the rewards. If low interest funding is available to you through your bank or credit union, there could be substantial upside to owning small well-located commercial or retail buildings as the economy starts to improve. Foreexample, former Taco-Bell or McDonald's sites are usually good locations. Good locations will always sell when the market is there. If you can afford to make an educated gamble, "speculate

don't spectate!"

For those more cautious investors who are risk averse, tighten the belt, hunker down and wait this thing out. Usually I recommend the conservative approach to the business and suggests that you study, study and study the deal some more. Yet over the past three months I have become more bullish on the prospect of a northwest Ohio real estate turnaround.

Many of the emails I receive support my position but some are definitely opposed to my optimism. I believe the real estate market is coming back rapidly and that the time is now to buy, build, or development, but I don't have a crystal ball.

To the naysayers, I say; if you're scared dial 911 and then get out of the game. Real estate is a contact sport.

Always remember that in life success is the greatest revenge...

Contact, Rodney Neely, real estate professional, at rodney@q3development.com

Fifth Third Bank eBus Returns to Toledo

2009 Tour Brings Financial Services Directly to Community

Fifth Third Bank is bringing back its mobile financial information station to Toledo. Serving Fifth Third Bank markets since 2004, the 40-foot eBus is a mobile facility providing a venue for knowledgeable professionals to offer credit counseling, home financing and refinancing options, and foreclosure prevention information directly to the community in accessible neighborhood locations. The eBus is scheduled to make eight stops in Toledo between July 22 and July 31, 2009.

The eBus is Internet-equipped with 14 computer terminals to extend access to financial services and homeownership information in a one-on-one setting. Free credit reports and health screenings are also available. During stops at various community locations, programs will be offered at specific times on small business start-up options, foreclosure prevention steps, home financing and refinancing and consumer credit counseling.

All events are free and open to the public:

Wednesday, July 22
Friendship Baptist Church, 5201 Nebraska 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. 1-2 p.m. Dream Guard presentation: Save more, spend less, evaluate your finances 3-4 p.m. Small Business Start-Up Options 3-5 p.m. Health Screenings 4-5 p.m. Save \$ with Home Refinancing 6-7

p.m. Dream Guard presentation: Save more, spend less, evaluate your finances 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Get HELP on the eBus! Your questions answered: Mortgage financing and refinancing, first-time homebuyer and foreclosure prevention information, free credit reports and health screenings, small business information, tips for today's economic times.

Thursday, July 23
Friendship Baptist Church, 5201 Nebraska 2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. 2-3 p.m. Foreclosure Prevention Class 3-4 p.m. Dream Guard presentation: Save more, spend less, evaluate your finances 4-6 p.m. Health Screenings 6-7 p.m. Home Financing and Refinancing 2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Get HELP on the eBus! Your questions answered.

Friday, July 24 **F i f t h**
Third Bank – Swayne Field, 3053 Monroe Street, Noon – 6 p.m. 3-4 p.m. Small business Start-Up Options 4-6 Home Financing and Refinancing Noon – 6 p.m. Get HELP on the eBus! Your questions answered.

Saturday, July 25
WGTE – Ch 30 Mortgage Crisis Event 1270 South Detroit Avenue 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. 10-2 p.m. One-on-one discussion of Foreclosure prevention steps 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Get HELP on the eBus! Your questions answered.

Tuesday, July 28
Friendship Baptist Church, 5201 Nebraska 2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. 3-4 p.m. Foreclosure prevention class, Fifth Third Loss Mitigation 5-7 p.m. Community Partners Credit Counseling 7-8 p.m. Dream Guard presentation: Save more, spend less, evaluate your finances 2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Get HELP on the eBus! Your questions answered.

Wednesday, July 29
Neighborhood Housing Services 704 Second Street, Noon – 5:00 p.m. 2-4 p.m. Health Screenings Noon – 5:00 p.m. Get HELP on the eBus! Your questions answered.

Thursday, July 30
Cordelia Martin Center, 430 Nebraska 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. On the eBus: Mortgage financing and refinancing, first-time homebuyer, foreclosure prevention information, free credit report, small business information, tips for today's economic times. 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Get HELP on the eBus! Your questions answered.

Friday, July 31 **F i f t h**
Third Bank – Byrne-Glendale Banking Center, 3428 Glendale Avenue Noon – 6:00 p.m. 3-5 p.m. Health Screenings 4-5 p.m. Home financing and refinancing Noon – 6:00 p.m. Get HELP on the eBus! Your questions answered.

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The Making Work Pay Credit – Does It Really Work?

By Yvon Harper, CEO
Focus on Finance, LLC

cause while the income withholding tax has been lowered the income tax brackets, which determine the actual amount of income tax due from taxpayers, have not been adjusted.

So, consider this word of warning as a Christmas in July present for all who want to avoid surprises next IRS filing season. Now is the time to determine whether you should continue to accept the stimulus tax credit cash or discontinue the benefit. If you are apt to discontinue the benefit, even if only temporarily, you need only to complete a new IRS Form W-4 for employee withholding allowances. You can request this form directly from your employer or go online to www.irs.gov to download one. Once completed just return the W-4 form to your employer for processing.

When filling out the W-4 form pay special attention to line number 5. This line requests that you enter the total number of dependents, including yourself, that you will claim for income tax withholding calculation. Note that you will need to reduce your current number of dependents to see an increase in your tax withholdings each check. An easier method for discontinuing the tax credit is simply electing an additional dollar amount to be withheld on line number 6, such as \$5, \$10 or more, deducted each pay check. The elected amount will be in addition to the normal tax withholding amount. Using this option will not necessitate the need to change your exemptions on line number five.

If you want to continue to enjoy the additional cash benefit from the President's stimulus credit you need do nothing. Either way, the choice is up to you to determine the final benefit you receive. Just be wise in the election of the choice you make.

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Many W-2 wage earners are no doubt enjoying the extra 'boost' in their paychecks from President Obama's 2009 stimulus package benefit. The **Making Work Pay Credit** has allowed workers and the self-employed to receive a payroll tax credit for 2009 and 2010 of up to \$400 a year for single taxpayers and up to \$800 for couples filing jointly.

How is this being done? By lowering the amount of federal income tax withholdings that is deducted each paycheck. What some workers may not be aware of, however, is that the benefit may not be such a joy when it comes time to report IRS taxable earnings at the end of 2009 and 2010. That is be-

Ohio Legislative Black Caucus and Ohio Department of Development to Host Ohio Urban Outreach Seminars Sessions on How to Grow Minority Businesses

Special to The Truth

State Representative Sandra Williams, President of the Ohio Legislative Black Caucus, today announced the first in a series of free sessions designed to connect Ohioans with resources and expand awareness of programs to grow small and minority-owned businesses. The first Ohio Urban Outreach seminar will be held at the Akron Urban League, located at 250 East Market Street downtown, on July 9 at 11 a.m.

"There are 58,000 African American owned businesses in the state of Ohio. Of the 58,000, only 1,000 are registered with the state," said State Representative Sandra Williams. "I am hoping that African American business owners will take advantage of this opportunity to access state contracts. If you do not know how to obtain a state contract, this is your opportunity to learn how and

get a seat at the table."

Ohio Urban Outreach seminars will give minority business owners the opportunity to learn more about capital and bonding access, minority business and EDGE certification, and workforce assistance for small and minority-owned businesses.

The Department of Development's Minority Business Enterprise Division, in partnership with the Ohio Legislative Black Caucus, will conduct the outreach sessions in an inter-agency partnership across Ohio for individuals and businesses to create awareness of tools, resources, and financial assistance available to grow workplace skills, entrepreneurship, and business development opportunities in Ohio.

The program schedule is as follows:

July 9, Akron Ur-

ban League, 250 East Market Street, Akron

July 10, Corporate College East, 4400 Richmond Road, Warrensville Heights

July 17, Youngstown City Hall, 26 S. Phelps Street – 6th Floor, Youngstown

July 31, University of Toledo, Nitschke Hall, 1615 N. Westwood Avenue, Toledo

August 14, Hamilton County Community Action Agency, 1740 Langdon Farm Road, Cincinnati

August 21, Cannan Community Outreach Center, 1306 Salem Avenue, Dayton

August 28, King Arts Complex, Lincoln Theater, 867 Mount Vernon Avenue, Columbus

Seminars will be conducted by representatives from the Ohio Department of Development's Minority Business Enterprise Division, Entrepreneurship & Small Business Division and Community Development Division, as well as the Ohio Department of Administrative Services' Equal Opportunity Division, and the Ohio Department of Transportation.

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Hutch Daddy Dolla's Third Annual Bash at the Bay

By Michael Hayes
Minister of Culture

I was lucky enough to interview Hutch Daddy just a few months after Hot97 brought him from down south to the Glass City and we clicked instantly. One of my artists, Darron Scott, did his radio drops his first summer here and I began to know Hutch as a stand up dude who was more about the music and the people than about the nonsense festering in Toledo's music scene.

When he told me about the first Bash at The Bay months before it happened, I was inspired by his vision and eager to see how he could off an all urban beach party featuring top rap/R&B acts in the suburbs of Toledo.

Now on his third go at it, Bash At The Bay is becoming one of the most anticipated summer events in this entire region!

That's right, the region, if not farther, because people I know in VA ask me about Bash At The Bay.

So, yaboy Mercury placed a call to Hutch Daddy Deeezaay...and we chopped it up as follows:

Michael: Hutch, what's good fam?

Hutch: Merc dog, whats up.

Michael: Okay, Bash At The Bay...third time around...what are you planning to do different?

Hutch: Well for one, we're doing bigger artists. And I wanted to make sure we included a bigger Toledo element this time.

That's why Lyfe Jennings is headlining.

Michael: Anything else?

Hutch: Well uh... THE SOUND!!

(both laugh) (note: last year Yung Joc had the audience chanting 'kill the soundman' because he just couldn't get it together ..not hating, just stating)

Hutch continued: Yea, we upgraded and went with someone that has a good reputation for quality sound this time. Also,

being this is the third year it was easier to get sponsors to help with the event. The first two years, I paid for everything out of my pocket. And when I say everything, I mean everything. Several thousands of dollars.

This year we have a track record, it was easier to get people on board to minimize costs.

Even though I still came out of pocket. And we got a lot of things paid in advance so all that's left is the logistics.

Woodville Auto Finance, and many other valued sponsors. Core D.J.'s really came



through in a big way, gotta thank them.

They jumped in head first and made sure to support me in so many ways, there are many others to thank and a lot of people have had a hand in making sure this community event happen.

Michael: Now, this is a week-long extravaganza of events...run us through everything top to bottom.

Hutch: Okay, Thursday [July 23] - see, I reached out to my man Shawty Shawty. He's doing a comedy show at Fat Fish Blue/ Funny Bones. First show sold out already so we had to have another show same night.

"That Friday...we are doing a Bikini Party with the one and only JACKIE O"

That Friday...we are doing a Bikini Party with the one and only JACKIE O.

You hear Gucci and Jeezy talk about her...and how well endowed she is...in the back end!

(both laugh).

Michael: Lookin forward to that, fa sho!

Hutch: That's goin down at Hot Peppers, then Saturday we got the Car Show at Promenade Park 2-6.

And that's the only colors allowed and I got my good friend Tank performing LIVE!

Platinum artist, grammy winning Tank.

This is a grown event, I love my youngins...but this is not the event for them.

Michael: Yea, feel dat.

Hutch: And of course Sunday, we got the grand finale at the bay featuring Lyfe Jennings and when I called him he was on it, he was eager to do something for his city. Regardless of what people say, he is looking forward to doing something for Toledo. He's excited, I'm excited.

Michael: I'm excited! But yea, man. A lot of people have mis-conceptions about you. What do you want the people to know about Hutch Daddy and this event?

Hutch: First and foremost...a lot of people think I do Bash At The Bay for profit or that I'm walking away with a bunch of money...

Michael: Which is crazy because it's a free event, there's no ticket sales...it's obvious you're doing this for the community...for the people.

Hutch: Every year, I come out the pocket. Any money that comes in goes to paying for the event. The security, to fly artists in, even to buy insurance for the event comes from the pocket or sponsors.

To get that venue is not a free thing. This is NOT a Hot97 thing. I work at the radio station but this is not

sponsored by Hot97. Even when you hear Bash At The Bay commercials on the station...I have to pay for that...like a client.

I am sincerely doing this for the community to give back and make a hot event that everyone can enjoy and I'd like to even do more.

Michael: What does the future hold for Hutch Daddy?

Hutch: This event is not a local event. People are coming from all over this region to this event.

Even if I ever leave the market, this event is here to stay. I'm a mainstay as a personality here in Toledo, get used to me!

Michael: I know you've been a big supporter of the Toledo music scene, after being here a few years...what are your thoughts?

Hutch: Two things. Number one - there is A LOT of talent in Toledo. Number two - the artists are lazy!

I've been a lot of places, but when it comes to the artists being lazy and not taking being an artist as a job... this place has a big problem with that. You can't half ass ya dream because that's all you gonna get out of it.

Hutch: Another thing...and I wanna say this to YOU too, Mr. Michael Hayes ..Mr. Mercury.. anything you are doing that's worth doing you are gonna

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have people hating on you. If they are not hating on you, you must not be doing anything worth hating on. You know I was around T Pain, in

the beginning in Tallahassee he was hated on for singing and for autotune.

If you are doing something worthwhile, people are going

to hate on it. Now look at T Pain, a hundred million dollar idea.

People hate on me for being on the radio, without even

"I got my good friend Tank performing LIVE!"



Tank

knowing me.

Something with U.G.E. and if someone talks to me about you even they hating it lets me know y'all are doing something worth doing.

Michael: Feel dat, appreciate the advice. So look...outside of Toledo.

Where do you see the industry headed as a whole right now? We got the economy down, the industry struggling.

Where do you see the urban music industry headed next?

Hutch: Look at Gucci Mane. When his album comes out he's moving low level thousands.

But he packs out every show! And making \$35,000 a show!!

It's going back to the chitlin circuit. It's goin back to doing shows.

Look at Flo Rida. His album moved 75,000

Michael: On A Major!
Hutch: On a Major! However, all three of his singles from his last album have gone platinum.

From the single sales and the ringtones, he's laughing all the way to the bank.

Michael: So true!
Well bruh, it's always

good speaking with you and we are all looking forward to Bash At The Bay 2009.

Hutch: Fa sho.

Bash At The Bay 2009

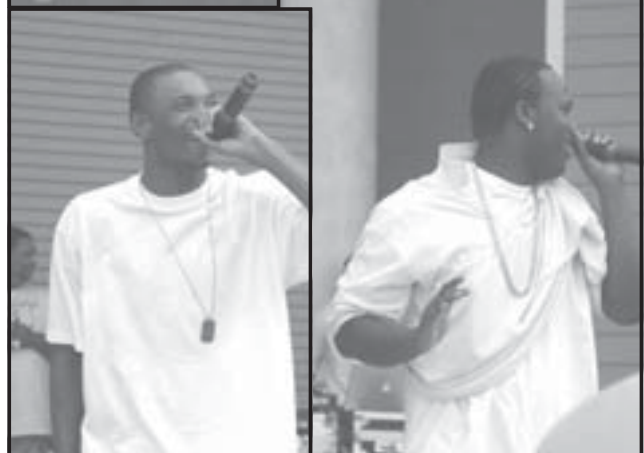
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Correction

In last week's article titled "African-American Community Called on for Help to Wipe Out Literacy," the NAAL was referred to as the National Association of Adult Literacy. That was incorrect. The NAAL is the National ASSESSMENT of Adult Literacy.

THE YMCA/JCC Of Greater Toledo Provides Support to Military Families

As part of the new Armed Services YMCA (ASYMCA) and Department of Defense (DoD) Outreach Initiative, the YMCA and JCC of Greater Toledo will provide military families with access to youth development, family strengthening, and health and well-being programs at community YMCAs nationwide. Membership fees will be underwritten by the DoD and administered through Military OneSource, an information and referral service

for military families. YMCA of the USA, the national resource office for America's 2,686 YMCAs, will help launch the initiative at participating YMCAs across the country.

"The YMCA and JCC of Greater Toledo is happy to help meet the critical needs facing families of deployed military service members," said Robert Alexander, president and CEO, YMCA and JCC of Greater Toledo. "Families are the most affected when a loved one gets

deployed, so we are deeply committed to providing them with the support they need."

The ASYMCA-DoD Outreach Initiative responds to a provision in the National Defense Authorization Act of 2008, which requires the Secretary of Defense to develop a plan to support military family readiness and to ensure that military family readiness programs and activities are available to all deployed National Guard and Reserve families, and some

active duty families in certain special categories.

Eligible military families participating in the initiative are eligible for YMCA memberships based on participation requirements. Those eligible to participate in the new initiative include:

- All interested families of joint deployed National Guard and Reserves of all military branches;
- Families living in newly established Joint Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) bases;
- Active Duty Independent Duty station personnel and their families; and
- Relocated spouses and family members of deployed Active Duty personnel.

"The YMCA has a long history of supporting military service members and their families – since the Civil War – so it was natural for us to join this initiative," said Robert Alexander. "During this time of conflict, it

is more important than ever that we continue providing services and support to these families in the absence of a deployed spouse."

More information about the ASYMCA-DoD Outreach Initiative can be found by visiting www.asymca.org. For information about participating YMCAs, please visit ymcatoledo.org or www.ymca.net.

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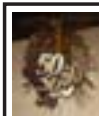
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