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The Thriller in November

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



Float like a butterfly, sting like a bee.
- Muhammad Ali

In the annals of sporting and political history alike, few events capture the essence of competition and the human spirit quite like the Thrilla in Manila, the legendary 1975 heavyweight fight between Muhammad Ali and Joe Frazier.

Ohio's November elections are shaping up to be a certain modern-day political parallel mirroring the fervor and intensity once witnessed in the Philippines with Marcy Kaptur and Derek Merrin at the heart of another spectacle of ideological battles and quests for dominance reminiscent of Ali and Frazier's unforgettable rumpus.

Ohio's 9th Congressional District is one of only 13 U.S. House districts represented by a Democrat in 2024 and won by Donald Trump in the 2020 presidential election. Incumbents sought re-election in five of those districts.

Yet, Kaptur, a stalwart in northwest Ohio's political scene since 1983, finds her traditionally Democratic stronghold challenged by redistricting and Republican vigor, which sees Derek Merrin, a state representative with a strong conservative stance, stepping up to challenge her.

Despite losing a contentious bid for the House speakership to a more moderate contender, Merrin has garnered significant support, including a last-minute endorsement from Trump and substantial financial backing from conservative PACs, enabling him to dominate the March Republican primary against Craig Riedel.

Therefore, this decisive showdown could redefine northwestern Ohio's political landscape and influence the balance of power in the U.S. Congress.

An Advance Scouting Report

Although Kaptur currently shows a much larger campaign war chest, the prestigious Cook Political Report rates the Kaptur/Merrin race as a toss-up, positing that neither candidate has an advantage.

However, while this is perhaps Kaptur's most formidable opponent in her lengthy, storied career, many longtime local Republicans seem to feel

Merrin is "not the answer" and don't see Marcy losing.

"Kaptur has always brought abundant resources back to local communities from D.C., creating a valuable cross-party appeal. Many prominent Republicans feel that she brings money back to the district that helps their businesses," said one local Republican power broker.

In particular, Kaptur has always taken care of farmers like those in heavily Republican Fulton County by making an extra effort to memorize every bit of arcane agricultural policy and join farmers to eat at their customary 4 a.m. breakfasts, which has made her endearing to the rural constituency.

Kaptur's expected Republican support, particularly for her efforts to assist farmers in Fulton County and her ability to bring back resources benefiting local businesses, suggests a lack of enthusiasm for Merrin's candidacy among some local GOP members.

At the same time, the Make America Great Again, or "MAGA," political movement is increasingly unpopular, according to a national NBC News poll. An anti-MAGA movement, in contrast, appears to be gaining swift momentum, suggesting voters may now be experiencing Trump fatigue syndrome, a perceived disdain among centrist voters for those who align with Donald Trump's style and rhetoric, and the internal battles between the Republican MAGA base and the GOP establishment.

Although Trump-backed candidates prevailed over Governor Mike DeWine's preferred endorsement in the Ohio primary race for the U.S. Senate, that has not been the case in most other races, suggesting a possible shift in voter priorities away from polarizing or extreme political figures.

Moreover, Derek Merrin is perceived by some within Republican circles as a schismatic figure, primarily due to his role as a disruptor in the wake of Householder's departure. Advocating for ethics reform, Merrin drew attention from The Blade and positioned himself against many within his party, particularly those who had supported the former Ohio Speaker of the House, Larry Householder.

Merrin's confrontational stance, especially in the aftermath of the speakership contest where he targeted moderate Republicans after a more centrist speaker was elected with Democratic support, has branded him as a rabble-rouser among his peers. This approach, combined with his perceived inclination towards far-right ideologies, has alienated several moderate Republicans, who view his tactics and political ideology with skepticism.

Finally, Derek Merrin doesn't seem to possess much name recognition outside of Lucas County, which is his greatest obstacle. Marcy has always been able to go out and get votes in Fulton County, where the bulk of the Republican votes are. There is no question she will carry the solidly blue Lucas County. If she carries Fulton County alone - Lucas and Fulton- she wins.

As voters weary of extremes on both sides of the aisle look to the horizon, the Thriller in November is a testament to the ongoing struggle to define the heart and soul of Ohio's—and the nation's—political identity.

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April 4
Kwanzaa Park Neighbors Meeting: 6 pm at The Padua Center; Guest speaker Nancy Gurney of the League of Women Voters: 419-241-6465 or 419-460-3071

April 11
Toledo Lucas County Health Department Presents Black Motherhood: Tackling Postpartum Depression Thursday: 11:00am to 2:00pm; Kent Branch Library

April 20
Toledo Lucas County Health Department Presents Black Motherhood: Tackling Postpartum Depression: In collaboration with Cribs 4 Kids and CareSource. Healthy You/Healthy Kids Saturday; 11:00am to 2:00 pm; Wayman Palmer YMCA

9th Annual Ode to the Zip Code Winners Announced: Main Branch Library; 2-4 pm; youth, young adult and adult categories winners announces

Last One in Is a Monkey's Uncle

By Lafe Tolliver, Esq

Guest Column

Remember that childhood game in which a gang of kids would challenge each other to jump into a lake, river or swimming pool with the taunt, "Last one in is a monkey's uncle!"

And if you were the last one in, you were the uncle! Moral of the story: No one wants to be the last one to the party, the dance, the dinner or the last one to jump into the pool!

When you are last, you are left with the leftovers, the scraps from the buffet, the "plain jane" girl left standing by herself on the wall or the worse seat at the dinner table next to someone's garrulous aunt who is always asking you to pass her the butter dish.

When you are last, the earlier aspirants have made presentations to the big venture capitalist hitters in the room; and when you arrive, there is no one to take your business card or you were left out of the next meeting to be held at an undisclosed location.

When you are last, the fast talkers and the fast money changes hands and those who can spin their story, spin it and you are left trying to discern what was said or what you should say since you do not want to cover what was already explained.

Well...if you read a cursory sampling of business magazines or online business sites, you will quickly read that the big money players are playing hardball with the new and shiny darling of the tech world....AI (artificial intelligence).

And, if you are not throwing down an ace or two, you will quickly realize that your game ain't got game! Why is this critically important? Recently the Saudis pledged \$40 billion to invest in AI in their country with the goal of making their country a major player in the development and the implementation of all things AI.

That \$40 billion investment is just the tip of the proverbial iceberg that the Saudis and other oil rich countries are pooling together so as to expand their portfolio of economic riches; and not be solely dependent on pumping fossil fuels (aka: oil and gas) out of their desert kingdoms.

If the Saudis and others are able to corral and woo the technical operators who eat and sleep AI, they win and the winning pot is beyond enormous or earth shaking. It is profound.

It is profound because with AI and its AI progeny will literally change how you think, what you view, what you eat and what medicines you will take in the near future.

AI will have the demonstrated capacity to create images that will mimic the "real thing" and which could play havoc in politics, the media and world events. Imagine scenarios where voices and images of world leaders are "copied" to the point of being nigh incapable of being depicted as a fraud.

Imagine the devastation AI could cause in the hands of governments and people who have no respect for boundaries of decency and respect and have no ethics by which they could release the awesome and corruptible power of AI in banking, commerce, education and politics.

Literally, we are talking about a whole new world of "what ifs" if AI is not properly constrained by laws and treaties because due to the inherent dark nature of humankind, evil can take hold of the most innocent of inventions and everyone suffers...or dies.

You heard recently where Tyler Perry is holding off building a \$800 million complex of film studios in Georgia because, due to AI, he need not make such an enormous investment in physical facilities because with AI, it can be "created" as if it were real.

No need to travel to foreign countries for film sites or to create expensive sound apparatus or life like settings to make the motion picture seem, "authentic."

Just leave it to the advanced technology of AI and voila...you have your locales without all of the needed personnel to build them and maintain them. AI creates and does it all!

Imagine robots equipped with AI features that can cook and clean your office building or home by just programming the features you want.

Everyone could have a 10 feet by 10 feet screen on their house wall that would broadcast your programs in brilliant living color at a minimal cost to you.

AI could set up clothing factories where you could tell AI what you want, measurements, what fabric to use and in a matter of hours, you have your new wardrobe!

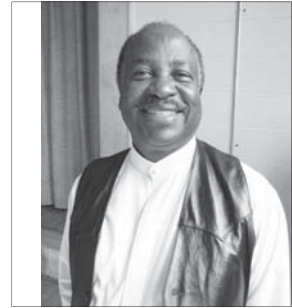
Of course, AI can be a modern day Frankenstein that could rampage in

the village square and wreak havoc in sensitive systems and that is the reason why AI should be closely monitored for any aberrations that show that AI could develop its own sense of being and take on a life of its own.

Watch again the movie, 2001, A Space Odyssey and watch how the AI computer tries to outfake Hal, the astronaut, and prevent Hal from shutting it down. Scary.

Play close attention to AI and who is backing it and what their agenda is because AI could be your friend or your worse enemy.

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In order to win the Thriller in November, the principle of "Floating like a butterfly, stinging like a bee" emerges as a blueprint for success. This strategy emphasizes the importance of strategy and the value of unity in the face of division.

For the anti-MAGA movement and candidates like Kaptur, who seek to transcend the polarizing pandemonium, embracing adaptability and seizing strategic opportunities with precision and confidence could pave the way to victory.

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Congresswoman Kaptur Reaffirms Support For Two-State Solution

Last week, Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur (OH-09) released the following statement reaffirming her support for a Two-State Solution for the Israeli and Palestinian people:



“Earlier this year, United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres called upon the UN Security Council to recognize the importance of a two-state solution to achieve peace between Israel and Palestine. Furthermore, he emphatically stated that ‘any refusal to accept the two-State solution by any party must be firmly rejected.’

“I resolutely affirm the Secretary-General’s view and continue to champion America’s decades long policy supporting the establishment of an independent and free Palestinian state. In January, I authored an opinion article describing the importance of the United Nation’s role in establishing a lasting and permanent peace in this terrible conflict that has raged for generations. On March 14th, I joined to introduce a resolution reaffirming the House’s support for a two-state solution.

“The United Nation’s actions after World War II founded the state of Israel, and the United States was the first nation to recognize its independence. The United Nations and United States can take similar action now to formalize a sovereign Palestinian state and recognize its independence.

“On March 25th, the United Nations Security Council agreed to, and passed a resolution calling for the immediate release of the remaining Israeli hostages and the cessation of fighting in Gaza. Such an action would allow for humanitarian relief to reach the starving masses sheltering throughout Gaza and in the southern city of Rafah.

“In response to the UN Security Council action, Israeli President Netanyahu has canceled his planned trip to Washington, DC. Netanyahu’s decision comes

as he continues to block progress toward establishing an immediate truce and as he has renounced the possibility of a two-state solution. Cooler heads intent on finding an immediate and lasting peace must prevail.

“That is why I continue to engage in diplomatic dialogues with our partners in the Middle East and within the United Nations to chart the path toward a just peace. I encourage my colleagues in Congress to do the same.

“The United Nations must strive for a brokered peace treaty and truce across a region that has been harmed repeatedly by conflict. Over the past 40 years, other peace agreements between former adversaries across the Middle East have achieved some human progress. So must this situation. This latest costly war between Hamas and Israel must be ended.”

Since the start of the conflict in Gaza, Congresswoman Kaptur has remained actively engaged in urging an aggressive diplomatic path forward to address the ongoing conflict and work toward a negotiated two-state solution.

On October 8, Congresswoman Kaptur released a statement condemning the Hamas terror attacks. On November 3, Congresswoman Kaptur released a statement following a meeting with Egyptian Ambassador Zahran calling for a humanitarian pause so aid could be delivered and those seeking safety could reach it. On November 16, Congresswoman Kaptur released a statement following a dialogue with Jordanian Ambassador Kawar in diplomatic efforts to secure a durable peace. On December 13, Congresswoman Kaptur released a statement following a meeting with Lebanese Charge D’Affaires Hachem.

On December 15, Congresswoman Kaptur released a statement following a meeting with Apostolic Nuncio, Cardinal Pierre. On January 19, Congresswoman Kaptur urged the State Department to affirm US opposition to forced displacement of Palestinians from Gaza.

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Yet, many older adults aren't receiving proper oral care. Research from

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City of Toledo Outlines Updates to New Equitable Business Opportunities Program

By Dawn Scotland
The Truth Reporter

The City of Toledo held a meeting outlining its updates to its new Equitable Business Opportunities Program at the Main Branch Library Large Glass Room on Wednesday March 27. Toledans were given the opportunity to provide feedback to shape the final product.

Tiffany Preston Whitman, EdD, director/chief equity officer of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

City of Toledo; along with Abby Arnold, deputy chief of staff; Melanie Campbell and Bryan Benner representing the City of Toledo Finance Department, presented the findings and facilitated the discussion regarding the city's plans.

Toledo's new Equitable Business Opportunities Program "seeks to increase economic opportunities for small or disadvantaged businesses owned by women, veterans, or minorities while also ensuring that the City of Toledo adheres to local, state, and federal regulations including wage laws and contract compliance rules."

In the session, the city representatives introduced their streamlined bids and certifications processes, and demonstrated the new forecasting website and electronic payroll/ certification system.

Background on study

- Toledo's first disparity study was conducted by Griffin and Strong and completed in 2022
- Study results were presented to City Council Committee of the Whole October 18, 2022
- City engaged with Griffin and Strong to complete program implementation plan based on recommendations
- Study covered firms in Toledo, Ohio Market Area (counties of Fulton, Lucas, Ottawa, and Wood) over 2016 - 2020 (five years)
- An analysis found that disparities by race, ethnicity, or gender of firm owners remained after controlling for capacity and other factors. Anecdotal findings supported this analysis.
- Twelve recommendations were made for utilizing some race and gender conscious program elements in addition to race and gender-neutral efforts, such as monitoring prevailing wage.

Implementation Strategies

1. Contract by Contract Goals
2. Certification Process
3. Bonding Waivers
4. Prompt Pay
5. Contract Compliance
6. Purchasing Forecasts
7. Shared Support Services
8. Review and Reporting

The city representatives highlighted:

Small Business Program

• Qualifications for the Small Business Program are based off of the SBA definition and the size standards adjusted to support and promote small businesses identified within our Toledo market area:

- Company or office located within our Toledo Market Area
- Less than \$2 million annual revenue
- Owners' adjusted gross income does not exceed \$250,000

Contract by Contract Goals

1. Calculation is determined based on specific scopes of services for each project and availability data collected by Griffin & Strong of certified M/WBEs in the Toledo Market Area

2. Local preference applied as outlined in TMC 187.34 to certified City of Toledo SBE subcontractors

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Certification Process

1. Combining MBE, WBE, and SBE into one application for certification
2. Certification available to firms with a location in Toledo Market Area
3. Reciprocal with other similar certifications
4. Reviewing current MBE and WBE firms for inclusion in the SBE program
5. Will only need to recertify every three years

With about 30 people in attendance many questions and concerns were raised regarding the program including how smaller firms can get larger projects, the progress of the program, how businesses will actually be held accountable to work with minority contractors, among others.

To learn more about the study toledo.oh.gov/disparity-study



Tiffany Preston Whitman, EdD

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Ohio's Child Care Crisis Explained

Policymakers leave parents, providers without options

Special to The Truth

State legislators have driven Ohio's child care system into crisis, according to a new report released today by Policy Matters Ohio. The state makes it more difficult than any other for parents to qualify for Publicly Funded Child Care (PFCC), and reimburses PFCC providers so poorly that the federal government has had to step in to demand policy changes. As a result, too few providers can afford to stay open, and too few families can access affordable child care.

"By forcing providers to operate with extremely narrow margins, Ohio's policymakers are driving many out of business," said report co-author Kathryn Poe. "The ones that survive often can't afford to retain qualified staff. Ohio's child-care workers are paid \$13.15 an hour at the median — too little to make ends meet, and far less than the real value of their work."

Ohioans in the child-care workforce — disproportionately Black women — have been leaving in large numbers: From 2017 to 2022, the number of child-care workers in Ohio dropped by 35.89 percent. "Child-care providers are doing some of the most important work of all," said report co-author Ali Smith. "But they are so badly undervalued that they can often make

higher wages in retail or food service jobs."

The report highlights how other states have created more reliable, resilient child-care systems by making more families eligible for public support, providing PFCC for all child-care workers regardless of income, and reimbursing PFCC providers at higher rates.

"Other states have found solutions," said Poe, who also researches state budget policy. "Those solutions require state leaders to make good on their professed commitment to children and families, by funding child care at levels that reflect its true, critical value."

The analysis informed comments delivered earlier this week to the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services and the Department of Children and Youth. Responding to a pair of proposed administrative rule changes that will further decrease funding for many PFCC providers, the comments were among dozens submitted by providers, parents and advocates.

Policy Matters Ohio is a nonprofit, nonpartisan state policy research institute with offices in Cleveland and Columbus.

Affordable Dental Coverage...continued from page 4

the Kaiser Family Foundation shows that more than one in five Medicare beneficiaries have not visited a dentist in five years, primarily because of cost.

Many people lose their dental coverage when they retire. Fortunately, affordable options are available, according to Dr. J.B. Sobel, chief medical officer with Cigna Healthcare's Medicare business.

"While Original Medicare doesn't cover routine dental care, Medicare Advantage (MA) plans include everything in Original Medicare and more," Sobel said. "Many MA plans include some dental coverage, often at no extra cost. Some plans will allow you to see any provider of your choosing, while others require you to use providers within a certain network. Some MA plans even provide no-cost transportation to the dentist."

Once you have access to dental care, there are compelling reasons to

take advantage of it, according to Dr. Cary Sun, chief dental officer with Cigna Dental and Vision, including the following:

Preventing gum disease and other oral health issues. Forgoing recommended routine teeth cleanings can increase the risk for cavities, gum disease, infection, and swelling of the gums (gingivitis). This can escalate into problems like tooth loss and the need for root canals or crowns, costing thousands of dollars. If you have a chronic medical condition like diabetes, gum disease can also put you at greater risk of infection, as bacteria can enter the bloodstream through poor oral hygiene. Therefore, it's important to get regular cleanings with your dentist, to brush your teeth twice daily with a fluoride toothpaste, and to floss daily to remove plaque from between teeth. An electric toothbrush or water flosser may make brushing and flossing easier.

Addressing dry mouth. Many older adults take multiple medications. This can result in a condition called "dry mouth," which can make it hard to chew, swallow or even talk. Dry mouth can also raise the risk of tooth decay and oral infections. A dentist can help you address this with saliva substitutes or lifestyle changes, such as sipping water and reducing or avoiding tobacco, caffeine and alcohol.

Facilitating good nutrition. Proper nutrition is important for everyone, but particularly for older adults. A healthy mouth makes it easier for you to eat well and enjoy food, while gum disease or ill-fitting dentures can make it hard to chew. If you're having difficulty eating for any reason,

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Family, Friends, Fraternity Brothers, Former Students and Dignitaries Help Ed Dixon Celebrate His 80th

By Dawn Scotland
The Truth Reporter

Edward Dixon, former band director at Robinson Junior High school and Scott High School, celebrated 80 years of life well lived at Scott High School Fieldhouse Saturday March 31. The Toledo legend was surrounded by family, friends, former students, colleagues and dignitaries on his very special day.

Members of the Scott Alumni community flooded the fieldhouse Saturday to celebrate Ed Dixon. Performances and tributes included Bishop Robert



Ohio State Representative Elgin Rodgers, honoree Ed Dixon and his wife Avie Dixon



Ed Dixon, former band director at Robinson and Scott High School with members of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc

Culp of First Church of God; selections by son Errick Dixon, director of My5tery Music; Scott Alumni Choir; Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.; a proclamation given by Representative Elgin Rogers; tributes by family; band performances and more.

In September, 1970, Dixon began his new career as the band director at Robinson Junior High School by marching in the picket line during the "big

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strike." In his six years as that school's band director, Robinson became the first junior high school marching band in Ohio. The band performed in local parades and at high school football games and marched in Youngstown. The concert band proved noteworthy by skillfully performing college-level compositions.

During the "Model Cities" era, Edward was the director of "Lighted Schools" community enrichment program at Lincoln Elementary School.



Attendees flood the Scott High School Fieldhouse for Ed Dixon's 80th birthday celebration

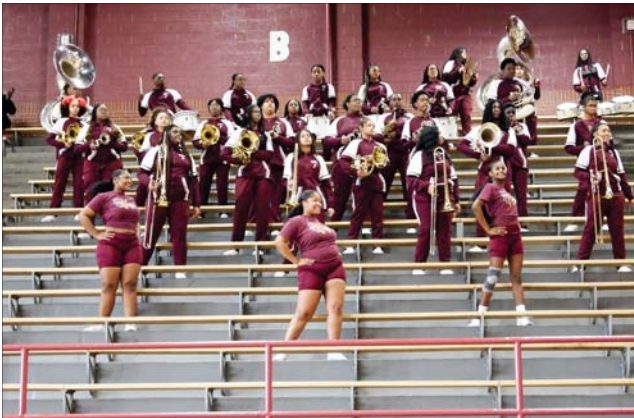
As part of the program, he taught ceramics classes and coached the boys' basketball team. They had an undefeated season and won the city championship. He later coached championship boys' teams at St Angela Hall and Rosary Cathedral elementary schools where his children attended. He also coached a girls' team at St Angela Hall.

In 1975 Dixon transferred to Scott High School, changing the name of the band to the "Fantastic Dancing Machine". During his 32 years as director of the concert band, students annually scored "excellent" and "superior" in the Ohio Music Education Association's Solo and Ensemble Contest, playing "Class A" college level music. He also had a rocking pep band for basketball games.

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Members of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. step during Ed Dixon's 80th Birthday Celebration



Scott High School Marching Band performs at Dixon Band Day 2024



Ed Dixon, seated with family and friends, listens to tributes and performances at his 80th birthday celebration



Erick Dixon, son of Ed Dixon directs of My5tery Music and Scott Alumni Choir



Greater Toledo Community Foundation created a specific fund to support the removal of barriers to equity and access for all in our community. If you are a nonprofit organization in the Greater Toledo Region that has a program that supports this mission, you are encouraged to apply for funding by July 2nd.



For more information, contact Artisha Lawson at 419.241.5049 or visit toledocf.org/equity-access-initiative

The Truth HEALTH



Spring Clean the Pantry for Low-Cost Eating

Pratrice Powers-Barker, OSU Extension, Lucas County

It's the time of year when we might be thinking about spring cleaning indoors or outdoors. Take this fresh start to use what you already have in the kitchen to save some money and spice up your menu plans. A few benefits of cooking with what you have include:

- Cleaning out the cupboard, pantry, freezer and/or refrigerator of food you might have overlooked or forgotten about!
- Saves money because you are not purchasing new food – you are using things you already have.
- Prevents food waste by using what you have. This is of value throughout the year but can be highlighted as we celebrate Earth Day in April.

My co-worker shared a story about her household's "Cupboard Clean-Out Cooking Challenge." They took inspiration from their interest in watching shows like "Chopped", "MasterChef", "Top Chef" and "The Great British Baking Show." Her daughter started off the first week by using foods on hand to create two different meals based on a small pork roast. The first meal was pork and rice bowls with a side of fresh fruit. The rest of the left-over pork was mixed with a can of black beans for nachos for an additional meal. These could work well for evening meals or packed up for lunch on the go!

If you're using food on hand, you might have to be very creative but there are some basic types of meals and food combinations to get you started. For instance, think loaded baked potatoes, omelet or quesadillas. Other dishes that can use a variety of foods are soups, large salads, spaghetti or lasagna, stir-fry, or casseroles. Think about including a protein (meat, dried beans), a grain (pasta, rice, bread), and vegetables and or fruits.

The other day I had the best omelet made with a small amount of leftovers

from the day before. In all reality, it wasn't even a formal, folded-over omelet – it was just scrambled eggs with chopped broccoli, onions, and a few French-fries cut like potato cubes, and shredded cheese. It was for on-the-go so I wrapped it in a burrito. I guess it was more a breakfast burrito than omelet!

If you take on this economical, tasty challenge, look through your food. If there are items past the expiration dates, go ahead and get rid of them. If they can be composted (fruits, vegetables, etc.), that is one way to dispose. If you have shelf-stable food like canned or boxed food that you know you will not use, and it is not past expiration date, consider donating to a local food pantry or soup kitchen.

For cleaning and sanitizing, empty your shelf (whether it's a cupboard/pantry shelf or refrigerator shelf) and wipe down with warm soapy water. If it's a removeable shelf, like from the refrigerator, take it out and wash in a sink of warm soapy water. Once it's clean of crumbs, food drips, etc. you can sanitize it. To safely sanitize kitchen surfaces, all you need is 1 tablespoon of regular, unscented household bleach for every 1 gallon of water. Use this solution with a cloth, to wipe counter tops and other kitchen surfaces like cupboard or pantry shelves and let air dry. You'll be doing some spring cleaning while saving money on food!

Join us for free, in-person classes in Lucas County! In April, we will be sharing "Clutter Free Living" at local libraries. This is the same program offered at different dates and locations. **Tuesday, April 9, 6:30 p.m. at Toledo Heights Library, Thursday, April 18, 6:00 p.m. at Kent Branch, and Monday, April 22 at West Toledo Branch.**

Visit the new **Glass City Enrichment Center, 815 Front Street, Toledo, OH, 43605.** At Glass City Metropark, the new building is close to Main Street and Front Street (right across from Burger King) and there's free parking. On **Thursday, April 11 from 3 – 5 p.m.** OSU Extension, Lucas County will be sharing **free Victory Gardens Seeds and Science Activities.** Different topics will be offered once a month, on the second Thursday of the month. Additional topics that will be offered this year include Nature for the Health of It – Mindfulness in the Outdoors (May 9). Later this summer there will be classes on basic home food preservation (canning and freezing) and invasive insects.



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Tony Porter has served as an advisor to the National Football League, National Basketball Association, National Hockey League, Major League Soccer, and Major League Baseball and has worked with the United States Military Academy and the United States Naval Academy.




A Mental Health Moment

The Future of Mental Health in Primary Education

By Bernadette Joy Graham, MA, LPCC, LLC

The Truth Contributor

With a growing need of mental health care for both adults and children, there is also the growing difficulties of how to provide mental health care effectively, efficiently and equally. There still remain challenges with mental health due to stigma and access to care. Improvements have been made, but at the rate of timeliness of a turtle, in my opinion as a licensed mental health care provider.

The prevalence of mental health issues among children and adolescents is rising according to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) with one in six aged two to eight years old in the United States being diagnosed with mental and behavioral disorders.

In addition, the National Alliance on Mental Illnesses (NAMI) reports statistics that 50 percent of all lifetime mental illnesses begin by the age of 14 and that percentage increases to 75 percent by age 24.

Children are entering into education systems starting around age four or five depending upon attending pre-school before entering kindergarten. Currently Toledo Public Schools are partnering with a non-profit mental health-care organization. Students and families of Toledo Public Schools are referred to the organization if and when there is a need for mental health or behavioral concerns with assessments, interventions and services such as individual, family and group counseling and medication management.

Children spend the majority of their developmental and maturation years in classrooms learning subjects necessary to increase their academic abilities for choices to attend higher education, trades and skills to enter into the workforce in their adult years. Their success during this time often determines career opportunities and their overall well-being for the duration of their lives. Unfortunately, poor mental health can and will deprive them of success, career opportunities and wellness factors when diagnosed, misdiagnosed, or have unaddressed mental disorders/illnesses.

You are able to read the words on these pages due to spending time in the

classroom as a child and adolescent due to men and women who went on to higher education to teaching careers the world could not survive without (thank you, teachers, and, yes, your salary should match your worth and value).

At this point I believe we should all take a mental health moment and imagine what the future (our children) could be with mental health education implemented into primary education. Mental health literacy would skyrocket, improving student's knowledge of mental health issues, help-seeking behaviors, social and emotional skills, attitudes toward self and others and of course academic performance.

The future of mental health in primary education could provide early intervention, increased emotional intelligence, decreased stigma of mental health and produce adult lifetime health and wellness. They would be equipped with the essential knowledge to recognize, manage and cope with stressors and create healthy relationships. We are talking about individuals equipped to navigate challenges of life and succeed in both academics and social settings.

Prevention is easier, cheaper and much more successful than intervention. It is critical these prevention strategies are placed in primary education systems by policymakers, stakeholders, educators and all those who would prefer a healthy world of.....peace. Knowledge is power.

"Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better." Maya Angelou

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If you feel you may be in a mental health crisis, please call 988 or go to the nearest emergency room.

Health Department Announces Events for Minority Health Month

April is recognized as Minority Health Month, and the Toledo-Lucas County Health Department's Office on Minority Health is pleased to announce the 37th Annual Minority Health Month events.

TLCHD and its community partners will be hosting several events during the month:

Black Motherhood: Tackling Postpartum Depression Thursday, April 11 – 11:00am to 2:00pm Kent Branch Library, 3101 Collingwood Blvd, Toledo, OH 43610

Jasmine Pope, Founder and Lead Therapist from Blessings in DisguiZe, is the keynote speaker and will facilitate an open discussion about postpartum depression among black mothers.

Expectant mothers, mothers with children of any age, and other caregivers are encouraged to attend. Lunch will be provided, along with a gift card raffle, and community resources. This event will also serve as the kickoff to Black Maternal Health Week 2024.

Black Motherhood: Tackling Postpartum Depression is in collaboration with Cribs 4 Kids and CareSource. Healthy You/Healthy Kids Saturday, April 20 – 11:00am to 2:00pm Wayman Palmer YMCA, 2053 N 14th St, Toledo, OH 43620

Multiple organizations from the greater Toledo area will come together and offer activities such as workout classes, health screenings, lead screenings (children ages 1-6), rock climbing, bike helmet fittings, giveaways, gift card raffles, and community resources.

TLCHD is collaborating with Metroparks Toledo, Safe Kids of Toledo, NAMI of Greater Toledo, Healthy Start, and many others to provide activities and resources. TLCHD will also be participating in many other community events throughout Minority Health Month.

The Health Department encourages opportunities for improvement of health and wellbeing for Lucas County's minority populations. Rev 1/25/24

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lization, our first teachers, first nurses and the first mothers. That is the purpose of today's fundraiser."

Toledo area honorees: Alicia Smith of Junction Coalition, Diane Gordon of Toledo Kwanzaa House, author Anne Beckley-Newell, and performer Dianne E'Laine.

"Thank you, giving honor to God first. He is the head of my life. Thank you, Oscar [Shaheer], for nominating me. I thank God for this," shared E'Laine.

"I want to thank the United Nation Builders for this honor," added Annie Beckley-Newell.

- Dianne E'Laine Stubblefield's family legacy is rooted in music. She earned a master's degree from The University of Toledo, is a composer and choir director of the historic Third Baptist Church in Toledo.

- Diane Gordon serves as the coordinator of Toledo Kwanzaa House, dedicated volunteer and precinct captain in district 44, and Frederick Douglass Community Association board member.

- Annie Beckley-Newell is an author and community outreach director who has worked in the ministry for the last 25 years. She wrote her first play at the age of 12 and her first novel entitled, 'A Story of Faith, Hope, and Love,' was released in December 2023.

- Alicia Smith is the current Junction Coalition executive director and has been active with the coalition since the beginning. Smith is the former City of Toledo director of the Youth Commission and has served on several local boards including Wayman Palmer YMCA and TMACOG.

- The additional honorees were: Donna Jemison; Kierra Williams; Sharon DuMas, PhD.; Crystal Linton and K. Zaheerah Sultan (former Toledoan).

Oscar Shaheer, UNB board member and Toledoan, introduced Smith by highlighting her neighborhood level work. "She takes pride in her neighborhood. She has worked with me in the community and has given value to her work."

"This is the type of event that needs to happen again, because it benefits not just women but us as people. Black women don't hear too often that we're protected or uplifted," began Smith. "When people, our black men pour into us, we as black women can pour into our children and each other. It's amazing to see so many people here today."

United Nation Builders was established in 2018. The organization's mission is to provide the black man and woman in America with an economic development base by creating businesses and employment opportunities, obtaining and redeveloping land which will allow us to elevate and improve the conditions of our communities and make them self-reliant and self-dependent.

The food was provided by Cuppy's Best, located in Ypsilanti, Michigan.

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But the marching band is what Scott was known for! Under the direction of Mr. Edward B. Dixon the band received many accolades. They won Circle City Classic Parade completion and performed in the Colts' Hoosier Dome four times. The band took two cruises performing on the ship and in port in Nassau, Bahamas. They also dazzled crowds at Disney World and Universal Studios in Florida. Annually they marched through Cedar Point to the cheers of spectators.

Other trips with performances included Amherstburg, Canada, Boblo Island, Mall of America in Minneapolis, African American Heritage Parade in Philadelphia, the Statue of Liberty in New York City, Texas Southern University in Houston Texas, New Orleans Mardi Gras and Las Vegas, Nevada where they performed at Circus Circus as well as at three high schools. They also visited the Grand Canyon in Arizona.

For 15 years, **Scott's Fantastic Dancing Machines** sponsored the annual Dixon Band Days. It was a non-competitive showcase of marching high school band. As many as 15 bands from Ohio, Michigan and Illinois made this a memorable event. Central State University's Band was a special guest several times. At the conclusion of the show the bands would combine to play "PROSE". After that they would go to the cafeteria to eat and dance to the latest music. It was a time of youth coming together for music and fun.

During his tenure, students visited, auditioned and received scholarships to various HBCU's. The band experience enabled many to earn degrees in a variety of career fields. Ed says he had the best job imaginable. He got paid for doing what he loved and it was always fun! Ed earned his masters in Music degree from Bowling Green State University in 1998. He recently was a judge for the Ohio Music Education Association (OMEA) High School Solo and Ensemble Contest.

Edward Dixon was an inspiring, spiritual, moral, loving, faithful, consistent, disciplined, honest teacher who transmitted these qualities to his students. He has had a powerful and dynamic impact on the Scott community and the city of Toledo. Many students proclaim "Mr. Dixon and the band are the reason I graduated from high school."

Edward Dixon loves the Lord and His word. He has a close, prayerful walk with God. Ed knows the faith walk is not limited to good times. The Christian walk has many challenges that require a believer to depend upon the mercy, intervention, and love of Jesus. Ed has come through three cancer surgeries and yet has the energy level of a 41-year old; or is that a 39-year old. As a result of these and many other blessings he believes in living each day to the fullest and enjoying the people in his life.

Through his faith walk, Ed has been a contributing member of several church congregations. He grew up in the 175-year-old Bethel Institutional Baptist Church in Jacksonville. He was choir director at Bethel Assembly of God in Perrysburg, Ohio. He was one of the original three deacons at Family Baptist Church, in Toledo. There he taught Vacation Bible School, instrumental music, and ministered to the sick. Brother Dixon currently attends First Church of God where he has been an assistant choir director, part of the couple's ministry, Sunday School teacher, deacon, and friendly photographer.

Ed's hobbies have been coupon shopping, playing pool, table tennis, tennis, bowling, water aerobics and cruising. Everyone knows his greatest passions are boating and fishing. His favorite toys are a camper and golf cart which allow him to spend more time near Lake Erie. If you haven't visited the camper make sure to arrange a trip there.

Ed Dixon is married to his loving wife Avie. To their union they have had three children: Edward Bernard Dixon Jr., Errick Byron (DeAnna) Dixon, and Tishla Camille Dixon. The two celebrated their 50th Anniversary on RC-CL's Oasis of the Sea with 18 children and grandchildren. They have now been married 57 years.

At Tennessee State University Edward pledged "the Mighty Rho Psi" chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. He became active with Toledo's graduate chapter, Xi Tau, and has served as various chapter officers and on committees and currently chair the Scholarship Committee.

Ed Dixon celebrates his 80th birthday April 2, 2024! Happy Birthday Mr. Dixon!

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What Do You Need? by Lauren Wesley Wilson

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

The Truth Contributor

That wasn't the answer you wanted.

Beating around the bush, hemming and hawing, those aren't answers. A solid yes or no, that's what you require, a simple affirmative or negative, but you may not get it. Is the answer hung up somewhere, or is it being withheld? You may never know but author **Lauren Wesley Wilson** says you should never stop asking. In her new book *What Do You Need?* your career might depend on it.

A little over a decade ago, new-grad Lauren Wesley Wilson took a job she thought she might like. As it turned out, though, she was the only woman of color in the organization and that held her back; there were, for instance, things that her white colleagues knew that she didn't, "extras" that would've eased her way, insider info that would've made it possible for promotions and better contact-making.

That was a valuable lesson: being "a first-and-only" really does matter in the workplace, a fact that spurred Wilson to try something audacious. She invited a small number of women to a get-together in May of 2011 to ask one another "What do you need?" and to share personal and professional answers. From that gathering, ColorComm Corporation was born, and it currently offers chapters for women of color in many cities.

So, what do you need?

First of all, you need to thrive in the workplace, and you need to understand that some places aren't "set up" for that. You need to acknowledge that being first-and-only makes things harder. Ask for a mentor or learn how to find your own with gentle persistence and without being a pest. You'll need to make a good reputation for yourself and to self-promote. Become a joiner, cultivate a wide mix of contacts, understand your value, learn to assess risks and promote yourself, be willing to work and know when it's time to walk away.

Finally, invest in yourself the same as you invest in money, clothing,

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cars, and vacations.

"Your career should be just as important."

Pick up *What Do You Need?*, hold it at arms' length and ask yourself if you really need another book of advice on how to get ahead if you're a woman of color. Look closer, page through it, and your answer is likely to be "yes."

Yes, there's a lot of repetition, both within this book itself and when compared to others, but what sets it apart from those similar tomes is its encouragement to continually think so very

precisely. Author Lauren Wesley Wilson doggedly returns to her title question to help readers sort through their options with more focus, while case studies and examples steadfastly lead them to apply the lessons inside this book to their own lives and workplaces.

Straight talk and an unwillingness to gloss over the facts complete this book and make it one you'll want to own. If you need to get ahead and you're ready to concentrate and do the work, *What Do You Need?*



Author Lauren Wesley Wilson

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your dentist may be able to help you.

Screening for certain cancers. Cancers of the mouth are more common in older adults. As with all cancers, early detection is critical to effective treatment. An annual oral cancer examination can help detect early signs.

Maintaining your confidence. Having healthy teeth boosts confidence and fosters better communication. You may be more likely to go out, stay active, and meet and interact with new people when you're proud of your smile.

To find MA plans offered in your area, visit Medicare.gov. For information on Cigna Healthcare plans, go to CignaMedicareInformation.com.

"The case for maintaining your dental health is clear and convincing," Dr. Sun said. "Once you're covered by Medicare, secure dental insurance coverage and see your dentist as recommended to maintain your overall health. Through regular preventive care, you may even be able to avoid more costly and serious procedures later. It's never too late to get started on a path toward better oral hygiene."

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Pre-bid Meeting: April 02, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. – Main Campus, Plant Operations Building - Room 1000, The University of Toledo, 2925 East Rocket Drive, Toledo, OH 43606

Walk-Through: Immediately following Pre-Bid.

Bid Documents: Available electronically at <https://bidexpress.com>

More Info: Questions submitted at <https://bidexpress.com>

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Lucas Metropolitan Housing (LMH), located in Toledo, OH is seeking experienced applicants for the following position(s): **Vice President of Finance**. For complete details, visit <https://www.lucasmha.org> and click on Careers. **Deadline: 04/16/24**. This is a Section 3 covered position. HUD recipients are encouraged to apply and are to indicate on the application if you are a LMHA Public Housing client or Housing Choice Voucher Program participant. Persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply. **NO PHONE CALLS**. Equal employment opportunity shall be afforded to all qualified persons without regard to age, race, color, religion, religious creed, gender, military status, ancestry, disability, handicap, sexual orientation, genetic information or national origin.



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FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT GRANT

The City of Toledo's Facade Improvement Grant and White Box Grant will be accepting applications until April 17. For more information, visit toledo.oh.gov/vibrancy.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR AVIATION CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE TOLEDO-LUCAS COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY

The Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority (TLCPA) is seeking qualified aviation consulting firm(s) to provide professional Architectural, Engineering, and Planning services for the Eugene F. Kranz Toledo Express Airport, Toledo Executive Airport, and Seagate Heliport Heliport.

These services are to be provided in connection with the capital improvement plan (CIP) for both airports, as well as assist in the development of a potential CIP for the heliport. This Request for Qualifications (RFQ) will result in a multi-year agreement with a consultant or consultants for a period of five (5) years. The selected consultant(s) will then negotiate and enter into sub-agreements for services, based on the scope of work, with the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority on a project/assignment basis during the term of the five (5) year period.

The selection process of consultant(s) is being done in accordance with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Advisory Circular 150/5100-14E, and applicable Ohio statutes and laws.

The required format for the proposal to be submitted to the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority is described in detail in the full copy of the Request for Qualifications, and is available by either (1) emailing Tina Perkins at Tperkins@Toledoport.org or (2) visiting the Port Authority's website at <https://www.toledoport.org/public-notice>. Proposals are due no later than 10:00 a.m. (local time), Wednesday, April 10, 2024.

Thomas Winston, President and CEO
Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority

INVITATION FOR BIDS BOILER REPLACEMENT AT FLORY GARDENS & VISTULA MANOR IFB24-B006

Lucas Metropolitan Housing (LMH) will receive bids for **Boiler Replacement at Flory Gardens & Vistula Manor in accordance with IFB24-B006**. Received in accordance with law until **April 23, 2024, at 3:00 PM ET**. For documents: www.lucasmha.org; 424 Jackson Street., Toledo, OH 43604; or 419-259-9438 (TRS: Dial 711). Bidders are required to meet Affirmative Action and Equal Employment Opportunity requirements as described in Executive Order #11246. This contract opportunity is a Section 3 Covered Contract, and any Section 3 Business Concerns are encouraged to apply.



REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS ARCHITECTURAL & ENGINEERING SERVICES (A&E) QUALIFICATIONS RFQ24-Q001

Lucas Metropolitan Housing (LMH) will receive qualifications for **Architectural & Engineering (A&E) Services in accordance with RFQ24-Q001**. Received in accordance with law until **May 1, 2024 at 3:00 PM EST**. For documents: www.lucasmha.org; 424 Jackson Street., Toledo, OH 43604; or 419-259-9438 (TRS: Dial 711). Bidders are required to meet Affirmative Action and Equal Employment Opportunity requirements as described in Executive Order #11246. This contract opportunity is a Section 3 Covered Contract, and any Section 3 Business Concerns are encouraged to apply.



NANBPWC Hosts Buffalo Soldiers "Safe Encounters" Workshop

Special to The Truth

The National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. – (NANBPWC, INC.) Toledo Adult and Youth Clubs were presented with a workshop entitled, "Safe Encounters" by the Toledo Buffalo Soldiers. Students participating in the Cotillion Scholarship Program on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. at Keyser Elementary School.

Wilma Brown - Cotillion Scholarships/Education chair; Karen Jarrett and Denise Caldwell (co-chairs); Beverly Tucker and Debra Carlisle (Talent chairs) continue to bring quality workshops for the youth each week to encourage them to be courteous, responsible and set goals, while reiterating the fact that respect is the biggest part of "Safe Encounters."

Karen Jarrett served as the event mistress of ceremony. Toledo Adult Club President Tyra Smith welcomed everyone and emphasized how important this program is to youth and adults. Smith has also been affiliated with the Buffalo Soldiers for over eight years.

NANBPWC First Vice President and Program Chair Joy Goodner shared "What to Do When Stopped by the Police" because it could happen to you. Answering simple questions like: What is your name? Where do you live? You can have a very positive outcome if you reply in a positive way. By not answering simple questions can escalate into more serious situations.

Denise Cardwell presented the "Do's and Don'ts" when interacting with police officers.

North Central District Governor Denise Black-Poon shared the purpose of "Safe Encounters." "This program is designed to promote safe interactions between police and citizens, particularly youth and young adults. It is essential that we help young people learn how to respond when approached by law enforcement officers. This program is designed to promote safe interactions between police and citizens, particularly youth and young adults. The National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Club enforces programs and activities like these. The anticipated outcome is the building or re-establishment of wholesome relationships between young people, especially minorities, and law enforcement personnel to the end that lives are saved."

Buffalo Soldiers Earl D. Mack Jr. and Fred LeFebvre led the presentation with a powerful video followed by interactive participation with the Cotillion High School students and adult guests.

Student participants of the Cotillion, Debutantes, Deb's N Waiting, Es-

corts and Youth Club members were present to hear very important facts about ways to respond if stopped by the police. Several adult club members also attended the workshop.

Mack, himself a former law enforcement officer, and other members shared life stories, scenarios and insight to help provide a better understanding of what could happen in different situations. They stressed that proper conduct is important for the person who may be a suspect, as well as for those who are traveling with that person. College campuses have rules that are different from Toledo Polie Department and other jurisdictions. Everyone must know the laws and rights in every city, campus, school, etc.

Tyra Smith and the members presented the Buffalo Soldiers certificates and a special gift from the Toledo Club for their special commitments and service to the community.

The Toledo Club of NANBPWC, Inc. thanked everyone for their support of the organization's national programs and workshops that are provided to keep the Toledo Community aware of very important issues.



Earl Mack addresses the youth attendees



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Black Economic Development Organization Honors Black Women

By Tricia Hall

The Truth Reporter

A national nonprofit group, United Nation Builders, celebrated Women's History Month by recognizing Black women. The organization selected nine women, four of those were from the Toledo-area. The honorees were acknowledged as the Mothers of Civilization, each received a plaque and all of the entertainment presentations were dedicated to the honorees.

"Our organization focuses on economic development for black people throughout this country," began Ronald Stewart, UNB president. "The most disrespected individual is the Black woman, and we wanted to honor the Black woman during women's history month. Black women are the Mothers of Civil-

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Honorees and UNB Board members



Toledo area honorees - Dianne E'Laine, grandson of Diane Gordon (Rodney), Anne Beckley-Newell and Alicia Smith



Dianne E'Laine and her group Nia Kuumba



Alicia Smith and family



Mothers of Civilization Award Honorees



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