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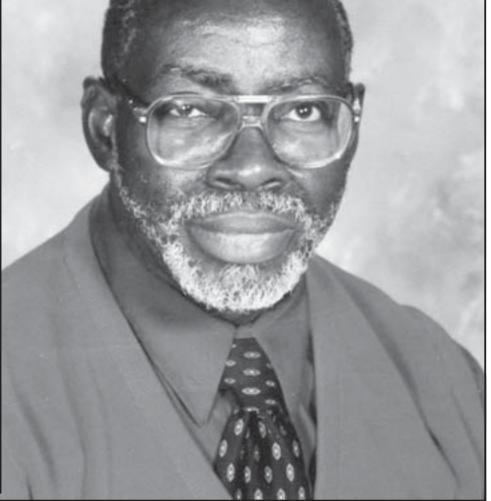
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Ernie Jones taught art in the Toledo Public School System for 25 years, and also taught elementary students on various elementary levels throughout his career. Ernie has lectured and exhibited at many universities, schools, and churches across the country. Another of his accomplishments was serving as the activities director of the National Youth Sports Program here at The University of Toledo for 24 years. Through his efforts, thousands of disadvantaged youngsters received different opportunities to participate in organized sports and activities on campus.

The Transition Effect

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



Be not discouraged. There is a future for you.... The resistance encountered now predicates hope Only as we rise ... do we encounter opposition.- Frederick Douglas, 1892

"What did the choir sing?" Since the day was Saturday, I assumed my mother was asking about last Sunday's Women's Day service. "They sang," - I began to reply but abruptly stopped. She had fallen asleep even before I could finish the sentence.

She dozes increasingly more now, seldom perking up except when talking about "Binky," her newest greatgranddaughter and the one that she has yet to see.

Possibly, she is unable to differentiate between dream state and wakefulness. Her answers no longer always line up with the questions being asked, yet her conversation regarding Cleveland's professional sports teams or its athletic icons such as African-American baseball pioneers

Larry Doby and Frank Robinson, NFL great Jim Brown or the NBA's LeBron James remains on point. "The Browns ain't dead yet," she asserts in a low, strained but audible voice, with the TV tuned to ESPN playing in the background.

Mom, except when the finely chopped or pureed collards, mustard greens and hot water cornbread she requested were brought in, seldom eats anymore. Having raised seven sons alone (with help only from the black church and nurturing inner-city school teachers) as a young widow, she is now tired and weak. One complication after another, increasing in severity, seems to emerge almost daily.

As our family faces the certainty of impending change in its long-term structural composition, understanding and managing mom's "transition" or end-of-life care specifically the choice between life-extending versus death-accepting care-has been one of the heaviest and most reverential tasks I have ever had to undertake. Yet, the experience has also been quite instructive.

I've learned that transition is the key to achieving optimal change outcomes, yet most personal, political or organizational change efforts often, either suffer an inglorious and premature demise or are left to helplessly languish in a state of pitiable paralysis rather than moving forward to a graceful and dignified change destination. The reason? Because the dynamics of the transition process were underestimated, overlooked or misunderstood.

Given this week's midterm elections: What life lessons do "transitions" have for leaders in a society rapidly and inevitably becoming older, darker and undergoing severe economic and other structural change?

I see a few parallels to my personal experience.

First of all, transition, defined as the "psychological reorientation that people have to go through before the change can work," needs to be given primary consideration, adequate discussion and ample deliberation in any transformation or change strategy. In other words, transition takes time. It should be a slow process generally.

Is it possible, that some leaders have been too "focused on getting the change accomplished rather than getting the people through the transition," causing them to under-communicate the vision or to be overly optimistic in the timing of the results of their previously-promised change? If so, the price for minimizing the transition process and hurrying or rushing change through can be steep, leaving open opportunities for exploitation or defeat.

A second lesson is that: it's always hard to say goodbye to yesterday.

Some leaders may have forgotten that change is upsetting, causing us to desperately try to hold on to the past. Letting go of the "way things used to be" is an extremely emotional experience which fuels resistance that is not only fierce but can also be irrational. In fact, the more noble, honorable or progressive the change, the more likely that the resulting backlash will be proportionately vehement and passionate.

Whether talking about the emancipation of American slaves or the wresting of women's suffrage from the hands of a false, national sense of male superiority or the 1954 Brown v. Board of Education Supreme Court decision of which Martin Luther King Jr. said was "a joyous daybreak after a long and desolate midnight." Or, perhaps, the 1964 Civil Rights Act proposed by John Kennedy and signed by Lyndon Johnson who said as a consequence "I am afraid we have lost the South for a hundred years," change does not come without vigorous struggle.

There will be days when the old ways rally and appear to be full of vim and vigor. This can be deceiving, and there needs to be sincere, open dialog with others involved in the transition concerning the issues paramount to THEM as they are respectfully "helped" to let go of the past. Since change is so emotional, the transition must be managed in a way to allow people to "come to grips" with what they are being asked to let go of through communication rather than merely imparting information.

Finally, though transitions are slow and painful, there is hope that "This Too Shall Pass.

As inevitable change ultimately prevails, the pain subsides and the wounds will heal. The challenge is to ensure that the resulting change is graceful and dignified. That will only occur when there is special attention paid to the transition process and when it is effectively managed.

"Everything must change, Nothing stays the same, Everyone must change, No one stays the same

The young become the old, And mysteries do unfold, Cause that's the way of time, Nothing and no one goes unchanged

There are not many things in life, You can be sure of, Except rain comes from the clouds Sun lights up the sky, And hummingbirds do fly

Winter turns to spring, A wounded heart will heal, But never much too soon Yes, everything must change" (Benard Ighner)

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Community Calendar

November 7, 14, 21, 28

Mind Body and Soul Free Dance Lessons: Every Sunday in November; YMCA at Summit and Bush; 4 to 6 pm: 419-944-4269 or 419-450-2143 or 419-376-3346

November 4

ProMedica Cancer Institute's Free Prostate Screenings: Bay Park Community Hospital; 9 to 11 am: 877-291-1441

November 5

Diabetes Youth Services Annual Fundraiser: "Sweet Success Gala:" Carranor Hunt and Polo Club in Perrysburg; 6:30 to 10 pm: 419-244-7766 or 419-351-2132

November 6

College Scholarship Seminar for High School Students and parents: UT Student Union Rm 2592; 2 to 4 pm: 419-381-3280 or sdoles@utoledo.edu

Christian Community Church Women's Seminar: Women's Health; 2 pm; Facilitator Stan Scarbrough: 419-536-7852

Jerusalem MBC: "A Tea of Elegance;" Noon to 3 pm; Indiana Avenue MBC; Style show, vendors, fun and fellowship

Jerusalem MBC: Tea of Elegance; Noon to 3 pm; Indiana Ave MBC's Stevenson-Roberts Fellowship Hall: 419-248-2139

November 7

 $End \, Time \, Christian \, Fellowship \, 19^{th} \, Pastoral \, Anniversary: 10 \, am \, service; Speaker \, Rev.$ Pamela Phillips: 419-472-5993

Warren AME Faith Out Loud Open House: Learn what Warrens' youth organizations have to offer: 419-243-2237

Mt. Nebo 80th Church Anniversary: 11 am and 4 pm services: Guest for 4 pm is Pastor D. Alexander Bullock of Detroit

New Prospect Baptist Church 10th Pastoral anniversary: Pastor Glenn Burel; 4 pm Service with Second Baptist's Rev. Jerry Boose UAW Chicken Dinner and Craft Bazaar: UAW Local 12 Hall; 11 am to 6 pm: 419-356-

1698

Morning Manna Presents Seminar: "Talents Are not Enough;" Crusaders for Christ Church; 10 am: 419-376-2331

November 13

West Toledo Bereavement Monthly Meeting; 10 am; Bethlehem Baptist: 567-249-7470

20th Annual Clarence Simmons Pre-Thanksgiving Prayer Breakfast: Sponsored by Amazon Lodge No. 4; Warren AME Church; 9:30 am to noon: 419-531-2746

November 14

End Time Christian Fellowship 19th Pastoral Anniversary: 10 am service: Speaker Rev. Apphia Williams; 5 pm service with Rev. Lewis Savage of Lo Salem MBC: 419-472-5993

New Prospect Baptist Church 10th Pastoral Anniversary;: Pastor Glenn Burel; 4 pm service with Jerusalem MBC's Willie Perryman Jerusalem MBC Mass Choir Concert: 6 pm: 419-248-2139

Third Baptist Church Military Ceremony: Rev. Kevin Bedford's retirement from the U.S. Navy; 3 pm: 419-248-4623

November 16

Joint Utility Social Service Committee 2010-2011 Information Fairs: South Toledo Branch Public Library; 2 to 6 pm; Info to assist on utilities, food, housing, health care and other social service needs

November 20

Trulight Cathedral Global Ministries 4th Annual Well Watered Women of Faith Luncheon: "Oasis of Hope;" Noon to 3 pm; Tamaron Country Club; Guest speaker, entertainment, door prizes: 419-705-1008 or 419-344-7673

Calvary Baptist Church Cancer Awareness Luncheon: 10 am to 2 pm

The Mississippi Soiree II Blues Show Dinner and Dance

Debut of "The Blues Man-Bobby G" and Friends!! With DJ Perry Chillus



Bobby G

Saturday, Nov 13, 2010 * 6 pm - Midnight at the Garden Lake Hall * 5359 Dorr St

Tickets available at Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union (1339 Dorr - 419-255-8876) and Henry's Jewelers (4909 Dorr - 419-535-9567) Reserved Table of 10 - \$230 until 11/8 Contact Dorothy Gray - 419-260-2209

OPEN BAR

Dinner Menu: Fried/Baked Chicken, Almond Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Dirty Rice, Rolls, Salad, Dessert, Coffee, Teas and Punch

Another Mess At Scott High School

By Lafe Tolliver, Esq



A recent bombshell of a letter was recently circulated from Treva Jeffries, director of Scott High School and Principal Leaders Jacqueline Quinn and Keith Scott. The letter was an ur-

gent cry for the parents and guardians of the latest incoming freshman class of Scott High School to come together for a couple of brainstorming sessions. (note: the date is November 4 at 9 a.m. and 5:30 a.m. at Scott High School).

The reason for this unprecedented plea for parental involvement of the frosh class at Chihuahua High (f/k/a: Scott High School Bulldogs)?

Save for some exceptions, the incoming freshman class is having difficulty making the transition to high school.

Yes, you heard it right. Practically (not all) the entire incoming class of freshmen is allegedly having coping problems (discipline included) doing the academics of a ninth grader.

Yes, go ahead and double-blink and then reread the above again. Practically the entire class of freshmen are flummoxed by the academic rigors of ninth grade and this

is at Scott High School, sadly not generally touted city-wide for any rigorous academic programming or intellectually demanding studies.

The first thing that should come to mind is, "what did...or did not the junior high school feeder schools do to these kids that they would enter high school feeling as if they have been shortchanged. What course of aca-

demic studies did these kids receive at their junior high schools that purportedly has mentally shortcircuited them so that they cannot successfully undertake a ninth-grade curriculum?

When you get beyond the issue of preparation, you move to the second question which is: "How did the TPS system so miserably fail these kids that they have fear and trepidation to engage in a minth grade course of studies?

Then you scratch your head and ask yourself another question: "Where were the parents of these kids when they were in junior high school and were being "passed along" to the next grade without mastering the previous course of study?

Finally, when you can clear your throat at the wonder of this all, you have to press on and ask yourself another alarming question: "Why did these co-conspirator teachers and administrators and principals allow this academic "death watch" to happen?

It is not rocket science for a teacher or a principal to gauge the level of sophistication of their students and to assess whether or not they are

"getting" the materials and are able to synthesize the data so that they can conjugate it in proper form and fashion. But if a teacher or a

principal ducks their professional responsibilities in order to give a "social promotion" to a Shauntae or DeMarcus, they are doing a grave injustice to the

child. It is an outrage by any standards of community decency to sit by and allow young kids to engage in academics when you know or should have known that they are ill prepared to go on to the next level of academic comprehension.

But yet, it appears that the junior high school that feeds into Scott High School simply went belly

up and belched and burped the kids along to a gloomy future of either, "catch up if you can" or working the graveyard shift at a local company sorting glass paperweights.

What was a real bummer was the note in the news report that during the summer orientation program, only five students out of 150 incoming freshman students even bothered to show up! Note: the program was canceled for lack of attendance.

What foolishness is that, that the parents could only motivate five kids to hustle and be disciplined enough to attend a program that was for their present and future benefit?

This is where the parents who "copped out" on being loving parents to their minor kids, need a swift kick (or two for that matter) in the behind.

When you have kids raising kids, you will suffer generational gaps in the transference of positive values.

Educational excellence should be deemed a high no nonsense priority in the black community and a swift rebuke to the damaging urban legend held by some that education is a, "white thang!" How stupid is that!

Will there be an intensive investigation as to how practically an entire entering class at a high school can be found so ill equipped to do ninth grade academics?

Answer: probably not, since these are black kids from certain street addresses or zip codes or income levels that have been "penciled out" regarding educational excellence being something that they can achieve.

Concerned parents who can opt out and flee the public school system are doing so.

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Stay Warm, Stay Connected this Winter

The current economic climate remains difficult for many in our community.

However, as we approach the 2010-2011 winter heating season (traditionally November through March), I wanted to share that natural gas bills are positioned to offer a glimmer of relief for Columbia Gas of Ohio customers.

Several factors have contributed to help reduce the price of natural gas to near-decade lows, including new production from large pockets of natural gas in the continental United States, record gas storage levels, and a mild hurricane and summer weather season. These factors provide a strong indication that natural gas prices should remain stable, with minimal possibility of a spike due to a cold snap, for the 2010-2011 winter heating season.

During the winter heating season, 70 percent of the average customer's bill is the cost of the commodity: natural gas. The previously mentioned good news – natural gas prices near decade lows – should be good news for consumer bills this winter heating season. Consumers are positioned to see bills at the same levels as last year and, depending on weather and other factors, they could even be among the lowest

in the past decade. Additionally, customers will begin to see the full benefit of our new service charge structure this winter. By removing the volumetric charge for natural gas usage that was previously in place, customers will not be exposed to a volumetric charge during winter months, when demand and consumption are at their highest levels. These factors should allow consumers to enjoy bills that are easier on their household budges.

A trend we have seen in recent months is that a large number of customers who qualify for assistance have not received help for a number of reasons: they didn't know they qualified forhelp; their economic situation has changed and they are not aware help is available; they are unsure where to seek assistance. Our hope is to ensure these families find the help they need this winter.

There are several programs and options to share, however the first suggestion for every situation is: Contact your utility company at 1-800-344-4077 at the first sign you may have trouble paying your bill. The sooner we hear about an issue or problem, the more options are available for assistance.

Interrupting someone's service is always the last resort for Columbia Gas, and we will work with customers to try to ensure service is not interrupted. It is our commitment that no Columbia Gas customer goes without heat this winter. We will work with every household to find a way to ensure service, as we understand the economic climate has had a profound impact on many. We will make every effort to keep our customers and our community warm this winter.

Sincerely,

Chris Kozak Columbia Gas of Ohio

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Many children in our community cannot live safely in their own homes; they need the nurturing and stability that can only come from a family environment.

Won't you help? Consider becoming a foster or adoptive parent. Please call 419.213.3336





African American Legacy Project Annual Luncheon Honors Seven Legends

By Torri Blanchard The Truth Reporter



Sponsored by The Blade and Mercy Health Partners, the sixth annual African American Legacy Project luncheon was held Oct. 23 at the Hilton Garden Inn at Levis Commons in Perrysburg.

The sold out luncheon

was held in honor of seven influential African-Americans leader from the Toledo community who have demonstrated acts of heroism throughout their careers.

"Thank you for paving the way for people like me," said

Mayor Mike Bell as he spoke about how proud he was to be in the company of the award recipients.

The afternoon's events began with a music prelude by Gerald Foster and Robert Greenlee, followed by a welcome by the master of ceremonies, Bill Harris and an introduction of those on the dais and the awardees.

Th is year's awardees include:

·Joan H. Coleman, who served as the Toledo/Lucas County Victim-Witness Assistance Program Director, assisting more than 93,000 victims of violent crimes during her 15-year tenure. Now retired, Coleman is still active in her quest to motivate youth to reach their full life potential and become successors.

Judge, Charles Joseph Doneghy, is a graduate of The University of Toledo, who has served for many years as a judge in the Lucas County Court of Common Pleas. Doneghy is a member of several local boards, where he demonstrates his natural ability to lead.

 Sheryl Anderson Riggs, is the manager and managing director of the Dale-Riggs Funeral Home. In addition to overseeing and arranging a vast amount the funeral arrangement business, Riggs holds Certified Funeral Service Professional and Certified Preplanning accreditations.

•*Rev. John E. Roberts* has been the pastor of the famous

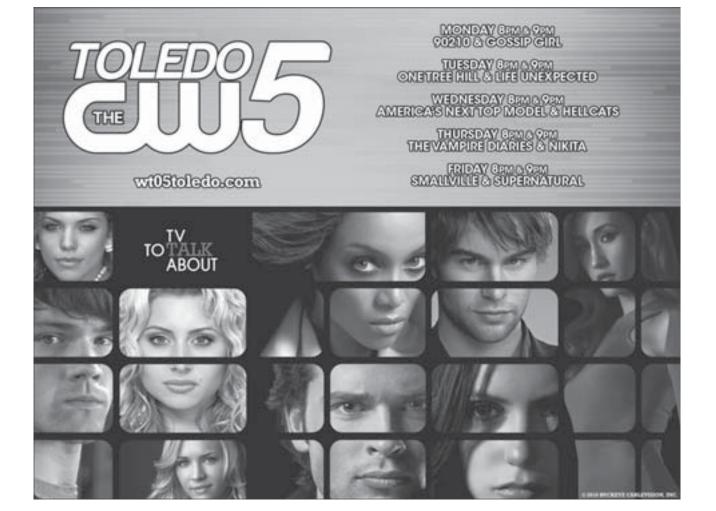
Indiana Avenue Missionary Baptist Church since 1965. Roberts is highly respected because of his continuing faithfulness to his community, family and congregation. He and First Lady Melvina Roberts celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in April 2010

•Prince C. Spencer, who spent 18 years as Red Foxx's manager, was a member of the tap dancing quartet – The

Four Step Brothers. Today, Spencer resides in Las Vegas, which is not too far away from the star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame that he and The Four Step Brothers' received in 1988 for their astonishing tap dancing ability.

Rev. Leon L. Troy, Sr, is the renowned pastor of Second Baptist Church in Columbus. As pastor, Troy and (Continued on Page 14)





NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet: "One Nation ... One Dream

By Brittany Jones Sojourner's Truth Reporter



Reaching 101 years is a rare achievement. When an organization earns that accomplishment, it demonstrates its impact and the support it has had within a community.

This is the case of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People or the NAACP.

With more than half-million members and supporters around the world, the association as a whole has changed history through its civil and humanitarian efforts. The Toledo Chapter of the

NAACP holds those standards high through their actions and their programs.

One in particular is the annual Freedom Fund Banquet. October 29 marked its 95th anniversary of the dinner, which was held at the Parkway Plaza.

This year's theme, "One Nation ...One Dream," brought together leaders of the community as well as those who hold dear the principles of the institute gathered to celebrate.

With Melvin Barnes, Sr., pastor of True Vine Church as the master of ceremonies, the program began with an opening prayer by Kevin Bedford, pastor of Third Baptist. Sybil Edwards-McNabb, president of the Ohio Conference of the NAACP, welcomed and thanked the gusts for attending and for their support.

Toledo Lucas County Public Library Media Specialist Rhonda Sewell presented a guest commentary about why the NAACP is relevant. She was followed by Kirk Clay, the NAACP national staff Civic Engagement Director. He brought greetings from the national unit.

Clay spoke about how in these times of hardships, there is still hope and people should hold on to it no matter what they are going through. "Hope is what gives us the courage to take on our biggest challenges and to

move forward as a community," he stated. "It is not up for debate." Brenda McFall, arctiree of Economic Opportunity Plan-

ning Association (EOPA), performed a musical selection. She serenaded the crowd with the gospel tune "Total Praise." (judge of Lucas County Common Pleas Court), Edna Brown (state representative and running for state senate this year), George Hillard (Lucas County Democratic Party Central Committee chairman), Theresa Fedor (state senator and candidate for state representative), among others.

There was a special presentation of the President's Awards conducted by NAACP Toledo



Barnes offered the invocation before dinner.

Afterwards, Chance Sweeny, author and NAACP Toledo Unit Young Adult recited an original poem appropriately titled "One Nation, One Dream."

With numerous political officials in attendance, it was part of the agenda to acknowledge them. That was the task of Yvonne Harper, second vice-president of NAACP, executive director of the Lucas County Democratic Party and president of the Perry Burroughs Democratic Club.

Those were in attendance included Anita Lopez (Lucas County Auditor), Wilma Brown (President, District 1 Council), Linda Jennings

 Unit President WilliAnn Moore.

Housing Specialist of Fair Housing Center, Keith Foster (Outstanding Community Service), Ella P. Stewart Academy for Girls teacher, Jackie Morris (Outstanding Teacher of the Year), G. Michael Payton, Esq., executive director of Ohio Civil Rights Division (Outstanding Civil Rights), NAACP Lima Unit president Jason Upthegrove (Distinguish Guest recognition) and Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur (Humanitarian Award) received recognition that night.

Senior pastor of the City of Zion, Talmadge Thomas, introduced the keynote speaker of the evening: Congresswoman Kaptur. She spoke about how the NAACP Toledo Unit has accomplished many goals and fought for rights of the minority. Kaptur also talked of current troubles in the nation such as home foreclosures, the greed of the big banks and the disappointing lack of faith in the president. She mentioned that people have to keep mov-

ing forward and be strong. "Our work is never finished," she said. "Although we have come a long way, we know we still have an exten-

sive way to go." The evening concluded with the singing of the Negro National Anthem "Lift Every Voice and Sing" and a benediction executed by Bedford. The mission of the NAACP is to "ensure the political, educational, social and economic equality of all persons and to eliminate racial hatred and racial discrimination." The organization wants to "remove all barriers of racial discrimination through the democratic processes."





A Thanksgiving Dinner For Warnetta H. Hollie

My Beloved Aunt is living in Marietta, Ga and has been very ill for the past 11 years. She was admitted last Wednesday to Tranquility-A Residential Hospice and I am raising money to make the long drive down there with a Thanksgiving Dinner Fundraiser at St. Philip Lutheran Church 3002 Upton Ave Toledo, Oh 419-475-2835 This Friday Nov.5th 11am-6pm Dinners consist of 3 pieces of Turkey, Dressing, My World Famous Mac an Cheese, Greens, Candie Yams, a roll and Pumpkin Cheesecake all for \$10.00 We will start selling at 11am until its gone call 419-514-5260 to place your order or stop by 3002 Upton at Central Also, let me know if you want me to deliver a dinner to your home or work site.



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DANGER - November is Diabetes Awareness Month – DO THIS NOW!

By Diana Patton, FITatudes . Guest Column



November is Diabetes Awareness Month. Now, the question is, how do we move from simply being aware that something exists that can negatively impact our lives to actually doing something about it?

Let me ask you something, do you react differently when you see the word "awareness" versus words like "alarm" or "danger." Or how do you feel when you see the word "watch" versus a "warning." How did you respond recently when the Tornado sirens went off here in Toledo but only a "tornado watch" was issued? I admit I ignored the siren because the newscaster was telling me it was only a tornado

watch

Sadly, we tend to respond to our health in the same manner. We don't take things seriously until it's often too late. Picture this. You set an appointment with your doctor because you've been feeling fatigued most days, have persistent dry mouth, you're thirsty all the time and you've experienced unexpected weight gain. Your doctor tests your blood and finds that your blood sugar is within normal range but advises that your levels are very close to being

out of range. Now what? Do you walk away saying "Whew, good thing I got that checked-all is well" and continue doing what you've been doing. Or, do you stop and say "Whoa, this is a warning sign of things to come, I should begin to change my behavior." I gather most of us will continue doing what we've been doing.

Why? Why don't we listen to the warning signs? Why don't we look at our family history and say "I have to be different otherwise, I am going to end up just like my grandmother," or mother, father, auntie, uncle or whomever suffered from diabetic episodes or even died because of this manageable and sometimes curable lifestyle disease.

I am not writing this article to provide a clinical review of the different types of diabetes, the warning signs and all the devastating statistics. You go online at can www.diabetes.org to learn as much as you want to learn. Rather, the focus of this article is to get at the heart of the matter of why we respond and behave the way we do even when warning and danger signs are flashing in our face? If you are sitting there

scratching your head saying: "yep, I've often wondered why I just don't respond positively and change my ways when I see the warning signs in my life like being overweight, constantly being negative, staying up too late, needing to be busy all the time, eating poorly and feeling depressed most days," just to name a few

Well, you are in good company. Paul, in Romans 6:15 said"I do not understand what Ido. For what I want to do I do not do. but what I hate I do." You see, changing our behavior is so deeply rooted. It takes a ton of work to overhaul our thinking and our behavior. Want to know how fast we make decisions; just read the book Blink by MalcolmGladwell.

I am an optimist. However, optimist or not, we all need a deeper sense of purpose and resolve to change our autopilot, comfortable, familiar way of thinking that lulls into a path of destructive lifestyle diseases. We need an intentional life; that's one that consistently looks to improve and better oneself, setting goals, challenging and resolving to live life to the full; not only for self but for others, especially

those we love, including our children and their children. For those of you who con-

sistently read our FITatudes articles, or if you are reading our FITatudes article for the first time, you know we lean on Christ for understanding to direct our daily life path. We don't trust our own will power because while it may seem like it works. it ultimately fails us every time. We know Paul in the Bible was a man who lived an intentional life, he always asked God to search him so that he knew his anxious thoughts. Paul knew he

was not condemned; that's because he lived for Christ but it was a daily surrender of his will for God's will.

My friends, we must live an intentional life, search for ways to consistently improve, and take warning signs very serious. Be the change you wish to see for your family's sake. Let diabetes be a lifestyle disease of the past!

To learn more of how you can be that change, visit us at www.FITatudes.org.

Sweet Success Gala Set for November 5 in Perrysburg

Special to The Truth

The Carranor Hunt & Polo Club, Perrysburg, will be the setting for the 2010 Sweet Success Gala Friday, Nov. 5, from 6:30 to 10 p.m. The event is the fifth annual fundraiser for Diabetes Youth Services (DYS).

The Sweet Success Gala helps to fund educational services for more than 3,000 children in northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan living with type 1 diabetes. DYS teaches children and their families to manage their diabetes on a daily basis through summer camps and year-round programming. DYS is also the only area resource to local schools in providing training for school staff.

Gourmet grazing stations and a cash bar will be a highlight of the event. Featured will be a wide range of unique and interesting items, offered in silent and live auction formats. Among the auction items will be travel packages, sports tickets and theatre and music experiences. In addition, a live auction will help to fund campers and advisors at the DYS education camps Big Shots and Little Shots each summer.

Serving as host for the evening's activities, and leading the live auctions will be Beth Rose of Beth Rose Auction, Toledo.

"Every day is sweet success when you learn to live with your diabetes," said Angie Rush, DYS gala chairman. "In acknowledging national Diabetes Awareness month of November, our Sweet Success Gala is a celebration of hope and courage."

Tickets for the Sweet Success Gala are priced at \$85 each. For more information about Diabetes Youth Services, to become a sponsor or advertiser or make a reservation for the gala, phone 419.887.8739 or visit www.dys4kids.org.

About Diabetes Youth Services

Founded in 1984, Diabetes Youth Services is the area's sole provider of school support programs and educational summer camps for children with Type 1 diabetes. There are currently more than 3.000 children with diabetes in the DYS service area of 14 northwest Ohio counties and five counties in southeast Michigan. For more information about DYS, visit www.dys4kids.org.

There is a difference IN HOSPICE CARE special THERAPIES All hospices are not the same. Only Hospice of Northwest Ohio has been serving the area since 1981 and has defined the Gold Standard of Care in our community "My mom loved to sing and music therapy brightened her life." In addition to our expert medical care, special therapies - including music, art and maisage - are available to bring joy and comfort to patients family 'Our kids opened up to our counselor to discuss their feelings." COUNSELING Hospice of Northwest Ohio offers counseling services for the entire family to help with emotional issues during and after hospice care. "We appreciated that dad could try hospice care, go off and come back on." is honors the wishes of how patients and families receive care - including the ability to stop or suspend our services if so desired. for the most experienced care, instit on the best. Hospice of Northwest Ohio. To learn more, visit hospicenwo.org. Or call 419-661-4001. WISHES honored HOSPICE ASK FOR HOSPICE OF NORTHWEST OHIO BY NAME

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and quality for our patients

and their families," said Kevin

Webb, president, The Toledo

Hospital and Toledo

Children's Hospital. "As an

organization, we strive every

day to find ways to improve

our processes and outcomes

in ways that benefit our pa-

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Baldrige criteria. Congress

established the Baldrige award

program in 1987 to recognize

organizations across the coun-

try for their achievements in

quality and performance, and

to raise awareness about the

importance of quality and per-

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Award, applicant organiza-

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a self-assessment addressing

items in the criteria. They also

received a site visit by volun-

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trained to help organizations

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The Toledo Hospital and Toledo Children's Hospital Receive Silver Recognition from the Ohio Partnership for Excellence

Special to The Truth

The Toledo Hospital and Toledo Children's Hospital, members of ProMedica Health System (PHS), have each received the Silver Level Award from the Ohio Partnership for Excellence(OPE) following the organization's assessment of the Malcolm Baldrige Criteria for Performance Excellence. The Silver Level Award demonstrates the organization's

performance in the following seven areas: 1) leadership; 2) strategic planning; 3) customer and market focus; 4) measurement, analysis, and knowledge management; 5) human resource focus; 6) process management; and 7) results.

"It is an honor to be recognized by the Ohio Partnership of Excellence for our contin-

Missing Meat?

By Patrice Powers Barker

Ohio State University Extension, Lucas County Guest Column

Why would someone choose to eat a meal without meat? Some personal reasons include increased health benefits, lowering the cost of groceries and as a way to add variety to meals. Just because someone chooses to eat vegetarian it does not necessarily mean they are healthier, spending less or eating a better variety of foods but planning a meatless meal once a week can help meet those goals. This is not to recommend that everyone adopts a vegetarian lifestyle but this article will look at some ways and benefits of fitting in some meatless meals during the week.

Vegetarians do not eat any meat products but there are a variety of vegetarian lifestyles. Vegan means no meat (chicken, beef, seafood) or animal products (like milk or eggs). Depending on personal preference and the reasons for not eating meat, someone may choose to eat fish but no other meats. Vegetarians do eat more than salads and vegetables! For those who are not vegetarians and *do* eat meat on a regular basis, choosing a meatless meal can be an interesting way to add new recipes and variety to the daily diet.

As far as cutting costs at the grocery store, research has shown that a healthy diet can be followed at a reasonable cost by spending less on processed meats and high-fat dairy, and spending more on nuts, soy and beans. The next time you're at the grocery store, keep these tips in mind:

Choose smaller portions of (or only buy every other week) smoked sausage, processed lunch meats, high fat beef, as well as cheese, sour cream, ice cream and whole milk. These foods tend to cost more and be higher in fat. They can fit occasionally into a healthy diet but not necessarily every day. When eating any foods, also keep in mind serving sizes.

Take a look at the nuts — do you prefer almonds, walnuts, mixed nuts? Although nuts are not inexpensive, you don't need much — a little goes a long way, nutrition-wise. A small handful of nuts for a snack or added to a salad can add protein to the diet as well as healthy oils. This counts as food from the meat and bean group so eating nuts will replace some of the meat that you would need every day.

Try tofu or soy-based meat alternatives in your recipes to incorporate more soy in your diet. Tofu comes in different forms and does not have much flavor. It is best added to other recipes with tasty foods and it will take on their flavor. You might be surprised at how well a silken tofu works in a smoothie with different fruits.

Stock up on beans (canned or dry) and incorporate them into casseroles, soups, and stove-top or slow-cooker recipes. Look for ways to eat more beans for your health and grocery budget! Beans also work well in dips such as hummus or refried beans. Once again, if you are eating beans, you are eating a healthy protein and will need to eat fewer servings of meat from the meat and bean group.

· Add a variety of vegetables to your meals and dishes to add more nutrition and flavor.

The recommendation for a healthy diet is to include foods from all five food groups – grains, vegetables, fruits, milk and meat and beans. If someone does not eat meat at a meal it can be part of a healthy diet. If they eat a variety of foods they will get the nutrients they need like:

- calcium from dark green leafy vegetables, broccoli and white beans
- iron from dried beans, dried apricots and leafy green vegetables
- zinc from legumes, nuts and fortified cereals
- protein from dried beans, nuts and soy milk

So, you do not have to eliminate meat from your diet but you can add new and healthy options by including some meatless meals to your meal plan. On traditional days like Thanksgiving, you do not have to give up meat but take the challenge to think about additional healthy side dishes that can also be added to the turkey on the table. Celebrate the season by enjoying reasonable servings and not overstuffing yourself!

This article was adapted from Chow Line, a service of Ohio State University Extension and the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center. For more information please contact Ohio State University Extension, Lucas County at 419-213-4254 or <u>www.lucas.osu.edu</u>

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"The West Comes to Northwest Ohio With Many CHARMS"

By Brittany Jones Sojourner's Truth Reporter

The Toledo Chapter of the Charms held a western dance on Saturday that allowed the organization to continue their endowment fund at The University of Toledo.

This fund has provided many African-American students with a scholarship over the years.

The Charms and their guests dressed in western attire, dined on a delectable western meal and danced the night away at Gladieux Meadows on Heatherdowns.

With a buffet and a 50/50 raffle, the guests and members enjoyed their evening mingling and celebrating the

sisterhood of the organization.

More than 200 attendees came out to support the biannual event.

The Charms were originally named the Midnighters in 1952 by LaVera Heard of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. It later evolved from a social net-



work to Squaws, Inc, which served the needs of their community.

To ensure political correctness, the name was later changed to Charms, Inc. in 1996 at the 15th Biennial Conclave in Las Vegas, Nevada.

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The Toledo chapter cel-

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ence and carries on with its

seven new inductees under

"CHARMS"

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Officers Deborah Washington, Zenobia Faulkner, Yvonne Gayle, Dorotha Stubblefield, Hortense Ward

Currently, the organization now encompasses chapters in 11 states, the District of Columbia and in 2011 Las Vegas will be added.

Yvonne Gayle, current president stated, "the humanitarian efforts both locally and on the national level are many."

Anniversary," celebrating 50 years of sisterly love. commitment and dedication to humanitarian efforts, the Toledo chapter continues to With their 2012 "Golden forge ahead and upholding



the high ideals that is their Lenora Barry.

This constant civic, cultural and social organization grows to "promote unity and harmony" as they endeavor to help others. They do this not only through

their members, but also through their spouses or companions (Charmers) and children (Gems).

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The Flu Vaccine Is A Must For Diabetics

By Dianne Pettis, MS, FNP-Bc

Guest Column



It's that time of year again – flu season. The flu vaccine is widely available now. The Centers for Disease Control vaccine experts voted that everyone six months of age and older should get the influenza vaccine, especially those people with a chronic illness such as diabetes. Influenza (the flu) is a respiratory illness caused by a virus. It is spread by the coughing and sneezing of people who are already sick with the flu.

Getting the flu can be worse for diabetics because they are more likely togetflu-related complications, like pneumonia. The risk is higher for the need for hospitalization or even death frompneumonia. So, apneumonia vaccine is also recommended for diabetics older than two years old. Having the flu can also interfere with managing blood sugar levels.

The vaccine for the 2010-2011 seasons contains protection against three viral strains: the 2009H1N1 virus, the H3N2 virus and the Influenza B virus. People with diabetes should get the flu shot and not the nasal spray flu vaccine.

The flu shot is made from a killed virus, so you cannot catch the flu from the vaccine. I repeat – you don't get the flu from the vaccine. You get the flu from the flu, or you may get a virus not covered by the 2010-2011 vaccine.

This year's vaccine is expected to prevent the flu in 70-90 percent of healthy people and is predicted to prevent 30-70 percent of hospitalizations forpneumonia. Close familyand household contacts of people with diabetes should also make sure they get the flu vaccine.

Symptoms of the flu can include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuff nose, body aches, headaches, chills, fatigue and, possibly, vomiting or diarrhea. If you have diabetes, notify your health care provider if you have these symptoms. He or she may prescribe an anti-viral medicine to help fightthe fluandmake the illness milder. These medicines work best when they are started within 48 hours of getting sick.

It is important to follow your sick-day plan for managing your blood sugars: continue to monitor your blood sugar; keep taking your diabetes pills or insu-

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lin, even if you can't eat, and stay in close contact with your health care provider, as he or she may adjust your medications based on your blood sugars.

Vaccine side effects include soreness, redness or swelling at the vaccine injection site, a low-grade temperature and achiness. Rareallergic reactions include breathing problems, wheezing, hives or swelling.

Dear Ryan,

I have read where you say that you don't have your clients do cardio. Isn't cardio an important part of getting your heart strong and burning fat? I've been doing cardio and I have been dropping weight but now it seems to be at a stand still. Do I need to increase my cardio time or add another day? **Thank-you**

Dear Tonia,

Tonia

I think you misunderstand me when I say I don't stress cardio to my clients. Most of the people who come to see me are trying to drop body fat. I focus primarily on weight training because the more muscle tissue that you have the more calories you will burn through out the day.

I do cardio between sets with clients but not as a "whole"

These usually occur within a few minutes to a few hours after the injection. Seek medical care right away for any allergic reactions.

People who should not receive the flu vaccine are those who have a severe reaction to eggs, or a past severe reaction to a flu vaccine; and those with a history of Guillain-Barre Syndrome (fever, nerve damage, or muscle weakness) after receiv-

part of the workout. We do super sets with jump rope or other cardio exercises between sets with no rest.

Yourbody will also begin to burn muscle tissue if your doing to much of it without the propernutrition to support your calorie expenditure. This in turn slows your metabolism down and causes you to hold on to body fat.

Cardio is important, and I tell my clients to do it after we train or on days that they are not with me. The more cardio that you do along with weight training the more you will improve your overall fat burning.

Cardio helps to get more oxygen to your muscles and theharderyoubreathethe more calories you burn resulting in more fat burning. If you have reached a sticking point then add a little weighttraining or try doing it first thing in the morning.

By doing cardio before your first meal, you begin to burn body fat in the absences of glycogen. You become leaner as aresultof this. Try to operate within 60-80 percent of your target heart rate (220-age) Example: 220-40(yrs)d)=180x.6 & .8 = between 108 and 144 beats per min.

This will help you to make progress again. Also I have a few boot camps going right now and it is a great way to burn fat, tone up, and improve you level of fitness and conditioning. Contact me if you are interested in hosting a boot camp at you place of employment, church, or any other organization you are part of. It's a great way to get in shape, meet new supportive

ing a flu vaccine. If you have a

fever, it is suggested you wait

until vou're fever-free before

ways important in protecting

your health. Try to avoid close

contact with sick people. Wash

your hands often with soap

and water, or use an alcohol-

based hand sanitizer. Avoid

touching your mouth, eyes, and

nose to keep germs out of your

Prevention measures are al-

getting the flu vaccine.

body. Have enough medications, and supplies to last you for a week in case you need to, or have to stay home.

Get your 2010-2011 flu and pneumonia vaccines! Dianne Pettis is a family

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New York Architect Who Grew up in Toledo Returns to Address Area Students

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Toledo native Terrence O'Neal, founder of Terrence O'Neal Architect (TONA) LLA, a New York City-based full-service architectural, design and planning firm, returned to the Glass City recently to visit three area high schools and to speak with students interested in pursuing architectural or design careers.

O'Neal, the son of Brunetta O'Neal, retired educator, and Cleveland O'Neal, Jr, a retired chemist, visited Start and Rogers high schools and his alma mater, Ottawa Hills High School. At Start, he stopped by the classroom of teacher Ri-

Election 2010: What Happened To Urban Green?

By Simone Lightfoot, National Wildlife Federation Guest Column



The weeks leading up to election 2010 were exhausting. From ensuring my grandmother properly filled out her absentee ballot, to reminding our church congregation about the need to vote. There was Get Out The Vote (GOTV) training in Muskegon, an American Association of University Women (AAUW) keynote address in Jackson, and speaking to physicians with the American Osteopathic College of Occupational and Preventive Medicine during opening day of the World Series in San Francisco. Not to mention countless political meetings, debates, strategy sessions and conversations in urban centers whose politics are key to our regions revitalization like Cleveland, Detroit, Cincinnati, Toledo and Chicago

No matter the city or state, attack ads, partisan sensationalism, campaign promises and over-the-top accusations have, yet again, defined the electoral season. References – let alone solutions – pertaining to urban green were basically nonexistent.

Just as public policy often ignores placesatitsperil, public policy makers up for election through out the Great Lakes region barely mentioned urban vitality, agriculture and farmitye energy, oil spills or the impact of climate change. No big push for things like recycling and reuse, smaller but stronger cities, regeneration efforts, preserving viable residential

neighborhoods or green uses for vacant lands and buildings. Mum was the word – but

why?

Well, consider several factors. First, although urban areas are widely recognized as the engines of prosperity and essential to the Great Lakes regions renewed relevance, to date catchy green talking points and campaignslogans have not proven sexy. Secondly, the urban electorate and voter turn out during off year elections play a major role in what political campaigns focus on – or not.

Then there are those in politics who view green advocates as strange tree huggers that lack diversity, in other words, not quite the political mainstream. Lastly, besides resources cited as a barrier, private conversations behind the scenes revealed that many state and federal candidates view urban sustainability as a local issue (city, township, village, etc.) and are not clear about the local implications of climate chance.

So, what do we do now? Having served both as an advocate protesting and agitating for change and then on the other side as an elected official, I suggest a "both" and not an "either or" approach.

Sustainability and climate change advocates must remain eternally vigilant while reconfiguring our strategies based on which party is in control, who won and who lost. We have to keep sounding the alarm that over the last 25 years cities in the Great Lakes region have undergone drastic changes.

The kind that warrant state and federal policies that leverage, reflect and fund these new realities.

Compartmentalization can no longer be the order of the day. For instance, we cannot effectively address:

*climate change absent factors of health concerns specific to a rising senior population *retrofitting absent resi-

dents on fixed incomes *green jobs absent felon reenfranchisement, displaced

autoworkers and single heads of households *air quality absent asthma

rates *technical and scientific needs absent public education *smart growth absent managing land inventories

*linking central cities to their metro areas absent addressing race relations

*comprehensive green planning, environmental justice and brown field remediation absent voices and views of color.

*new sustainable communities absent storm water management, aligned public transportation and insurance redlining

*leveraging our regions university and medical center assets absent higher education affordability

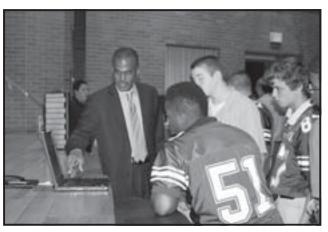
*energy conservation absent utility rates *urban sprawl absent wild-

life preservation

The list goes on and on therefore we cannolonger work through outdated paradigms which provided for the proliferation of suburb vs. inner city political fights and over simplification of complex challenges that now necessitate integrated, holistic and multidimensional responses.

Policy makers are not all knowing so let's not assume otherwise. Send the winners of election 2010 a note of congratulations, introduceyourself and let them know that you will be in constant contact. Attach a list of green solutions, research and talking points then, hold each official accountable. *Simone Lightfoot heads up*

Regional Urban Initiatives for the National Wildlife Federation Great Lakes Region. She integrates the work of the NWF with the regions urban green efforts including but not limited to air and water quality, sustainability, climate change, solid and hazardous waste, recycling, environmental justice, water conservation, invasive species, aged infrastructure, mass transit, windenergy, community college trainings and new economy jobs. Her area includes Chicago, IL; Indianapolis and Gary, IN; Milwaukee, WS, Cincinnati, Toledo, Columbus and Cleveland, OH; Detroit, MI and Buffalo, NY. She can be reached at 313.585.1052 slightfoot2004@yahoo.com



chard Rose who conducts the Computer Aided Design and Architecture class. The principal is Elizabeth Wray who assisted in gathering the classes together for O'Neal's visit.

Duane Elliott is the Wood Technology class teacher at Ottawa Hills High School, in whose classroom O'Neal addressed the students. The Ottawa Hills principal is Benjamin McMurray.

"I was very impressed with the outstanding Con-

struction Careers Academy at Rogers High School under the direction of Mr. Keith Dawson who explained that this is a four-year college preparatory course designed to provide exploration in al skilled trades and construction management as well as an apprenticeship program." said O'Neal of his visit to Rogers, whose principal is Kelly Welch. "The classes I observed were working on types of projects included in first year curriculum of architecture at the college level.'

O'Neal, a graduate of Kent State University, founded his firm in 1993 and some of the major projects TONA has been involved with include a series of renovation in Brooklyn and Queens for the NYC Neighborhood Homes program; complete renovations of several Covenant House New York centers; a unique robotics site for Newark Public Schools and ongoing work for the NYC School Construction Authority.



"Signature Toledo: A Poetic Medley Show" from Tripple Croxx/O.F.P.

Bv Michael Haves Minister of Culture

Earlier this decade I used to run a spoken word/jazz night at Murphy's while I was attending The University of Toledo. During this time poetry and expression were a huge part of how young, gifted and black Toledoans were starting to spend their time.

Many people came through our doors during those Tuesday nights we called The Renaissance and among them are quite a few success stories.

A poet named Sierra Leone was a crowd favorite at our night and her partner, myself and my crew would always talk about how to take the art further. Well, Sierra Leone and

her companies have done

just that

Relocating to the Dayton area, Tripple Croxx (pronounced Cross) Entertainment and its subsidiary, O.F.P, have done a lot to bring quality, urban entertainment from concept to reality. Since the company was founded by native Toledoans, they felt it only right to return home with such an event.

Glass City, I'm urging you to support an event that supports your city.

'Signature Toledo: A Poetic Medley Show" will appear at the Stranahan on November 12 featuring renowned, award-winning Def Poetry Jam success: Georgia Me, along with other highly successful.



2000, Tripple Croxx Enter-

tainment is an independent

company that specializes in

authentic live productions,

client services and artist

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spoken word artists. And if that wasn't enough ... the event also benefits a local non-profit foster agency, A





Home For You.

What more do you want, Glass City?

Oh, you want to know more.. okay. I got you.

Sierra Leone and I were Tripple Croxx Entertainable to catch up, so please ment is "The Keyword for read the interview and get Creativity." The company's caught up on a company headquarters are in the heart doing big things with a purof downtown Dayton, Ohio.

MICHAEL:

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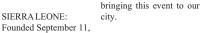
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SIERRALEONE: This event will feature

top talent in spoken word. music and more. It marks the Toledo premiere of "Signature Toledo: A Poetic Medley Show," which has been playing to sold-out crowds in Dayton, Ohio, for three seasons. This cutting-edge showcase features local and national poets, musicians, actors, vocalists, dancers and visual artists

Ohio, the company main-The Toledo show is a tribute to creative artists tains a continuous connection with clients, business and will benefit an agency partners and communities that works with foster care through service-oriented youth. The show benefits innovation. As the pulse of A Home for You, a licensed, urban creative arts the comnonprofit agency that uses pany provides the southern a holistic approach to treatment, helps disadvantaged Ohio community with culture, artist with a platform youth reach their highest potential while successfully and clients with skilled artistic event planning optransitioning to adulthood. All of the funds raised during "Signature Toledo" will support those young

people who are transitioning through and out of foster care. Michelle Savage is the owner & executive director

Service is a large part of the culture at Tripple Croxx Entertainment..... because it was what truly sparked by interest in the arts when I was in school....folk in the community giving back and creating opportunities for self-expression. So

besides easing peoples' minds and lifting their spirits some form of education or charitable effort is always connected to the experience.

MICHAEL:

When it comes to bringing quality urban entertainment to urban communities what are some key points that can bring professionalism back to this kind of business?

SIERRA LEONE:

The purpose of Oral Funk Poetry Productions (OFP Productions) is to revive, share and support as well as to provide and create opportunities for artists to express their gifts through performance and visual expression. Our goal is to cultivate an atmosphere that will connect the performer's aspirations to create with communities that support and nurture professional and emergent creative voices. Most importantly, consistency, treat artist with respect, pay artist or create opportunities to be paid & maintain healthy professional working relationships with internal and external connects.

MICHAEL:

What are some of your accomplishments in the Dayton entertainment scene?

SIERRA LEONE:

The Signature: A Poetic Medley Show is completing its third year of residency at The Schuster Center...Mathile Theatre.

We just finished our second installment of the RACC (Regional Academic Cultural Collaboration) which was headlined by COM-MON 2009 & Lupe Fiasco 2 0 1 0 www.cultureworks.org/

racc Also we have been

named as an authentic "off Broadway" production.

MICHAEL:



Signature

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Toledo is actually bigger than Dayton yet many people feel its far too difficult to succeed in any entertainment capacity here...what are your thoughts on that?

SIERRA LEONE: Our Signature Series was born out of a yearning for an artistic community. Truly it came from be-

Has leaving Toledo allowed you to accomplish things you couldn't have done if you stayed here?

SIERRA LEONE:

Home is always where the heart is and the foundation of who we are. Leaving home was just a part of the process. Spoken Word in Toledo is very progressive and that is why Signa-

Any thing else you want our readers to know?

SIERRA LEONE:

The signature is a healthy balance of artists and variety, the audience never knows how exactly a show will unfold because we aim to keep the environment fun and exciting.

This will be an experience to hopefully make



ing a poet and wanting to fill a void in the Dayton community.

MICHAEL:

Tripple Cross has plans that reach far beyond Ohio, what are some of the moves you're making in other places?

SIERRA LEONE: Our goal for 2010 is to

continue to strengthen our relationships with the creative arts communities through-out Ohio. Having a three-fold company allows us to work through out Ohio and the surrounding six states...presenting the Signature and working with clients

MICHAEL:

ing and fast pace, racy, cutting edge, sexy ... just powerful. That alone helps ... we have been key in urban redevelopment.

ture Toledo will be excit-

MICHAEL:

As a company...Tripple Croxx Ent aims to do business in a more responsible way .. where did that idea come from?

SIERRA LEONE:

In the face of failure, you fail or transcend. But having a strong connection to your local community is very powerful and important, they lift you up and ensure that you have the opportunity to succeed.

MICHAEL:

people forget their phones, their bills, their other demands and just enjoy great entertainment in Toledo. MICHAEL:

Well, it's good to see you doing big things and I'm looking forward to this event

Thanks for the interview.

SIERRA LEONE: Thank you.

All right, Toledo. I see us going to club after club, I see us bickering back and forth only supporting our favorites on the scene and what not Cut that out.

This will be a quality event this city can be proud of. I want to see you in the



"The audience never knows how exactly a show will unfold because we aim to keep the environment fun and exciting."

building.

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his congregation developed a \$1,700,000, 45-unit housing complex for the elderly in his city. Rev. Troy has been married to Berniece Troy for 58 years. They have five sons, eight grandchildren, and one greatgranddaughter.

Posthumously - Frank Charles Clemons is a former

UT standout athlete and letterman. He excelled on the basketball court, football and track field. Clemons graduated from UT in 1949 with a bachelor's degree in education. Following college, Clemons went on to serve his country in the military. Once his national service was complete, he

held several professional jobs and served on several of the UT boards, all the while demonstrating class and character. Clemons passed away in 2008, leaving behind his beloved wife Hortense Clemons and their three children: Frank. Fatino and Edward.

"My father would be

very, very happy if he were alive," said Frank Clemons as he accepted the legacy award on his father's behalf.

Individually, the award recipients have come from diverse walks of life; however together they have united to form an elite assembly amongst the most



distinguished, top men and women who contribute and make positive impacts on the African-American communities throughout Ohio.

Robert Smith

ees has demonstrated a lifetime of service not only to their families, but to their communities as well," said Andrea Price, Mercy president and chief executive

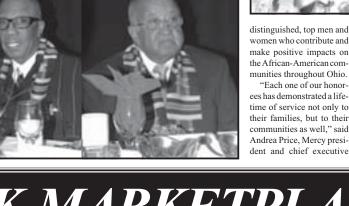
The luncheon's closing remarks were offered by Robert Smith, founder and president of the African American Legacy Project.

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Laneta Goings, former vice president with The Blade, served as this year's Legend's Weekend chair-



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3 bedroom 1015 Norwood \$600 month Pay own utilities 419-261-2397

DRIVER (FT & PT)

Transports children/adults to visitations and appointments. 35 & 21 hrs/wk (hrs. will vary w/evening & weekend work required). Position starts at \$12.38/ hr. w/benefits. REQUIREMENTS: HS diploma/equiv.; valid driver's license, ins., no traffic citations w/in last 8 years and reliable auto. Complete position requirements at www.lucaskids.net. Send resume to Human Resources, LCCS, 705 Adams St., Toledo, OH 43604 or fax to 327-3291 by 9/30/10. EOE valuing diversity

SECURITY OFFICER

Provides security/communication functions to ensure the safety of staff, building and property. REQUIREMENTS: H.S. diploma/equivalent and security-related exp. or educ. (prefer 2-year degree in Law Enforcement). Position starts at \$17.60/hr (hrs. will vary w/evening & weekend work required). See complete requirements at www.lucaskids.net. Send resume to LCCS, Human Resources, 705 Adams St., Toledo, OH 43604 or fax to 327-3291 by 9/30/10. EOE valuing diversity.

Doves Manor Apartments Seniors 62+ and better! One Bedroom Apartments Now Accepting Applications

Rent based on income, utilities included. Newer building has secure entry, laundry, extra storage, central air conditioning, wellness clinics, fitness center and MORE!!

Call for an appointment and more details. Applications are now being accepted with the possibility of immediate move-in.



Doves Manor 1040 Brookview Drive 419-389-9999 Appointments only

NORTHGATE APARTMENTS 610 STICKNEY AVENUE Now Accepting Applications 1 AND 2 BEDROOM APARTMENTS A Senior Community for Persons 55 and Older Rent Based on Income. Heat, Appliances, Drapes and Carpeting Included. Call (419) 729-7118 for details.

RN (FT, PT & CONTINGENT)

Lucas County Children Services is seeking candidates to assess/document medical care of children in care. Requirements: Valid Ohio R.N. lic. Exp. in Pediatrics preferred. Knowledge of ambulatory health care helpful. Work hrs. based on hire status, plus oncall. Additional info available at www.lucaskids.net. Send resume by 7/7/10 to: LCCS, 705 Adams St., Toledo, OH 43604; Fax: 419-327-3291 EOE Valuing Diversity

Payroll Manager

The City of Toledo's Finance Dept. is seeking an experienced Payroll Manager. Salary range is \$50s -\$60s. Details and application at <u>www.toledo.oh.gov/</u> <u>HumanResources</u>. The City of Toledo is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Minorities, females, and individuals with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

Account Payable Rep

Account payable rep needed in our firm. Candidate must have at least high school or college degree. The position offers 200 dollars per week plus benefits.

Send resumes to js1960@live.com if interested

APARTMENTS

Abundant Life of Perrysburg is a subsidized independent housing facility for those 62 or older. We are located in a beautiful, quiet residential setting in Perrysburg. Abundant Life offers one

bedroom garden apartments with private patios, indoor mailboxes, reserved parking and busing to local grocery stores. Applications are now



being accepted. Call 419.872.3510 or 419.874.4371

Or email www.abundantlifeperrysburg.org

Land Survey / Construction Technicians wanted

City of Toledo - Engineering Services needs a full-time **Senior Engineering Aide** and a full-time **Intermediate Engineering Aide** to perform technical field survey work under general supervision. Requirements as follows:

Senior Engineering Aide position, Graduation from high school or General Educational Development (G.E.D.) Tests equivalency and three (3) years of experience on a survey crew as an instrument operator.

Intermediate Engineering Aide, Graduation from high school or General Educational Development (G.E.D.) Tests equivalency and one (1) year of experience on a survey crew within the previous five years.

Good knowledge of current instruments used in engineering survey work. Must be able to safely lift and carry objects weighing up to approximately 110 pounds

Must possess a valid State of Ohio driver's license.

Applications can be acquired at the City of Toledo department of Human Resources, 19th Floor, One Government Center, Jackson Blvd at Erie Street, Toledo, Ohio. Office hours are 9:00am -4:30pm Monday- Friday.

The City of Toledo is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Minorities, females, and individuals with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority is seeking bids from qualified contractors to furnish all labor, materials, and equipment for the following project:

Re-Roofing at Weiler Homes Day Care CenterJob Number210066Walk-Thru DateOctober 26, 2010 at 10:00amBid Due DateNovember 4, 2010 @ 11:00am



Bids will be opened and reviewed in the Modernization Department, at 201 Belmont Street, on the date shown above. Contract documents and technical specifications/drawings will be available from the Modernization Department, and will be provided upon request.

Each bid shall be accompanied by cash, an approved surety company bid bond, or a certified check upon a solvent bank, made payable to the Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority in an amount equal to five (5) percent of the bid, tendered as a bid guarantee (if required) that the bidder will, if the award is made to him, enter into a bona fide contract with Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority for this work and furnish proper guarantee bonding as required under the specifications within a period of ten (10) days after the awarding of the contract.

The prevailing wages for this locality, as established by the Department of Labor as Wage Determination OH20100028, as modified, must be paid all persons employed for this work.

The Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids, or to waive any informality in the bidding. No bids shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of the bids.

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

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Celebrating the Life of Ernest C. Jones February 14, 1943 – October 26, 2010

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scribes Ernest C. Jones Sr. who was called home on October 26, 2010 at Hospice of Northwest Ohio. Ernest was born in Marian, Alabama on February 14, 1943 and was one of 11 children. He attended Toledo's Birmingham Elementary School. As a student at Scott High School, his pen and ink drawing, "Traffic on the Maumee," was published in *Reader's Digest*, April 1962. Upon graduation, he earned his Bachelor's Degree in Education from The University of Toledo in 1966 and received his Master's of Education in 1976 from that university.

Ernie taught art in the Toledo Public School System for 25 years, and also taught elementary students on various elementary levels throughout his career. He has major pieces of his work at various churches and locations in Toledo. His 20-feet high "*Christ Ascending to Heaven*" can be seen at Faith Way Church of God in Christ. Ernie has lectured and exhibited at many universities, schools, and Churches across the country.

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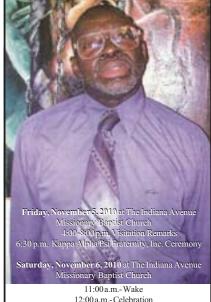
Also, he was a founder of the

Black Caucus of Toledo

Teachers. Another of his ac-

dents create an annual scholarshipdance. The "Afro-Ball" has been the crowning achievement of pride for over 20 years in Toledo. There are over 15 high schools networking to give four college scholarships a year. Mr. Jones has truly touched the lives of thousands of youngsters. Ernie Jones is a long-

standing member of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc and was a member of the Amazon Lodge #4, Order of Prince Hall Masons. Ernie and his devoted wife Gloria have three children: Charvette , Ernest (Alicia) II and Tanara. They have four grandchildren, SeaAira, RonNaysha, Katorian and Ernest Jones III. He stated proudly that "Christ is the head of his life."



12:00 a.m.- Celebration 3:30 p.m.- Repast (Dinner) 2:00 p.m. Interment (Historic Woodlawn Cemetery)



Lottery players are subject to Ohio laws and Commission regulations. Please play responsibly